



# 'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – February 2026  
Emailed to all COARECT members monthly and available  
on the COARECT.com website.

**GENERAL MEETING** – The next COARECT General Meeting is Saturday, February 7th, at 9:30am. Doors open before 9am for coffee and in-person 'rag chewing'. Zoom will be available for those who can't make the meeting in person. There will also be a great Show and Tell, much shorter or more interesting? Don't miss the meeting.



**2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** – began at the November general meeting. **The February General Meeting is the last chance to turn in your renewal in person.** Our COARECT Secretary is developing a new spreadsheet of members' information, which requires an updated membership renewal form this year. This information is used by COARECT to help meet members' needs and provide a list of members'

interests. We hope to eliminate filing a new membership form next year and just collect member updates. The renewal rate is still \$15.00 per person. These funds cover our insurance costs. Please help us complete all member renewals for 2026 in February. The Board has established a policy that member benefits will not continue after March 1<sup>st</sup> for members who do not renew. The new COARECT Membership form is available at the general meeting and on the COARECT website. The COARECT Board will assist members who need GPS, fire zone, Pushover or any other information for their renewal. **Please notify the COARECT Secretary during the year if any of your information changes.**



**BIRD HOUSE AND BAT HOUSE COMPETITION COMING SOON. LOOK FOR THE ARTICLE IN THIS EDITION OF THE RAG NEWSLETTER. WHO CAN BUILD THE BEST BIRD HOUSE OR BAT HOUSE FOR OUR SPRING HAWAIIAN PARTY?**



**HAM RADIO SWAP MEET** – The 2026 COARECT was a Great success thanks to Cliff Hill, NC7CH, and all the team members who helped. It is hard to recognize individual people because so many team members participated. The event had quite a few visitors, good discussions (sometimes too loud) and a few sales. It was also a good public relations event, and we can't wait to see the ARRL pictures that were taken by David Cole, NK7Z, ARRL Representative in Oregon. It was also great to see quite a few Hidarg participants this year. We learn from each event and look forward to a bigger and better COARECT Ham Swap Meet in the future. Stay tuned!!!



**COARECT.COM** – COARECT.COM is the fantastic COARECT website. It was created and is maintained by one of our team members, Paul Lamb, K7PIL. Paul puts in many hours updating and changing information on the website. The 'MEMBERS ONLY' area is packed with great information only available to current Team Members. Information included in the 'Members' area includes bylaws, member rosters, member fire zones, RT programming software, Zoom meeting numbers, and at different times, training information. If you are a COARECT member, who doesn't have access to this area, contact Paul, K7PIL and he will help get logged in. Take the time to

go to the website on a regular basis. New information is posted all the time and there is a BUY-SELL-TRADE section. Who doesn't need another radio?

**REPEATER CHANGE** – All COARECT Radio Rag Chews (AM and PM) and the Thursday evening La Pine Net Check In are now on the Spring River Butte repeater due to weather and technical changes with the Walker Mtn. repeater. The Spring River Butte repeater frequencies are RX 146.640, TX 146.040, Tone 123. This repeater seems to be working well and most COARECT members can reach it, including those in the Bend area. Stay tuned for updates on the local repeaters. Thank you, Jim, AA1JW for providing all of these repeaters for our use and Frank, K7FAM, for his work to keep them up and running. Did you know that there is now a GMRS repeater up on Crescent Butte? Thank you, Paul, K7PIL for the use of his repeater, Chanel 15, no tone.



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**2026 SPRING BANQUET PARTY** – The 2026 Spring Banquet and Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and it will be a Hawaiian Party. Projected food dishes include Pulled Pork with Hawaiian Sauce, Rice, Grilled Pineapple, Coleslaw and Dessert. We ask all COARECT members to bring a dessert. In addition to the fantastic dinner, the party will have a silent auction featuring a BIRD HOUSE / BAT HOUSE Competition, the cartridge pull game, new card game and bucket auction. Doors open at 3 pm with dinner at 4:30 pm. Cost to attend will be announced soon. Hawaiian attire preferred but not necessary, please, no loincloths. Remember to save the date, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**COARECT QUICK RESPONSE CODE** – COARECT now has a Quick Response Code (QR) that sends you straight to the COARECT website, thanks to Alan, KK7MKQ. Here is how you can use the QR code to go to the COARECT website via your phone.

1. **Open Cell Phone Camera:** Launch the default Camera app on your iPhone or Android device.
2. **Aim:** Point the camera so the QR code is visible in the frame.
3. **Tap:** Wait for a banner or link to appear on the screen and tap it to open the content.
4. **Rotate:** Turn your cell phone sideways to get a better view of the website.

Please note that **this** QR code will only link you to the COARECT website. Using your cell phone on other QR codes will direct you to other areas that the owner of the code wants you to see via the QR shortcut.

