



# 'The Rag'

**COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – March 2026**

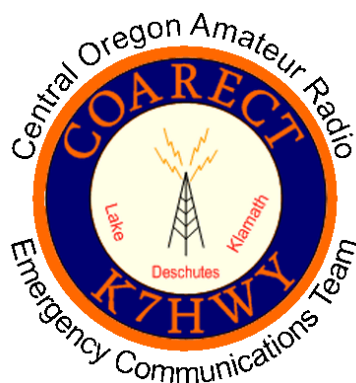
Emailed to all COARECT members monthly and available on the COARECT.com website.

**GENERAL MEETING** – The next COARECT General Meeting is Saturday, March 7th, at 9:30am. Doors open before the meeting at 9am for coffee and in-person 'rag chewing'. Zoom will be available for those who cannot make the meeting in person. There will also be a great Show and Tell. Do not miss the meeting.

**Remember to turn in your reservation for the Spring Banquet. Now is the time to bring all donations for the banquet to the meeting. That way they can be stored in our garage at the sheriff's station. Donation forms will be available at the meeting.**



**Sign in for the General Meeting will be located at the entry into the meeting room. We are trying this instead of passing around a clipboard.**



**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 valuable 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 various times, training information. If you are a COARECT member, who does not 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 does not need another radio?

*Paul's message to you: "There's not a lot new on the website, although I do try to keep the "Events" page up to date. Check it out for dates and times of what is happening. Let me know if you want an event added to the page. Ann and I worked on some improvements to the website, but I am having trouble implementing them. I will keep after it, so stay tuned."*

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**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?**



**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 for the**

**dinner will be \$20, the same as last year.** Hawaiian attire preferred but not necessary, please, no loincloths. Remember to save the date, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Cyndi D., KJ7CPP, COARECT 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President asks: "We're still looking for one or more people to help decorate for our April 25th Hawaiian banquet. If you are interested in helping decorate, please let Tamara or Cyndi D. know. Thanks!

We are also accepting auction donations at both the March and April meetings for our fundraiser banquet. Please fill out an auction bid sheet for each donation along with the minimum bid amount for each item. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please contact Cyndi D, KJ7CPP, to arrange an alternative time to donate. Let us make this the best fundraiser we have had so far and the most fun event we have this year. I cannot wait to see all those Hawaiian shirts and bird and bat house pictures! Thank you!"

**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.

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Calling all Hamsters from N6DFW 🐻

If you are willing to share, please add any of your RT Systems Software to our availability list. Our list is old and needs to be updated.

Thank you, Mama Bear, N6DFW

Mama Bear is always looking for more Rag Chew and LAN Net Controllers. Step on up and volunteer. It is a wonderful way to feel more comfortable on the radio and gain experience running a net, especially when needed during an emergency or a practice preparedness exercise.

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM!** – It seems like COARECT is adding new members to the team every month and that is fantastic. Over the last two months James Wilson, Ryan Williams, Tom & Mary Deeter, and Darcy Roberts have joined the COARECT team. Please take the time to search them out at Fishy Fridays, General Meetings or special events and welcome them to the team. COARECT is a diversified group of ham radio people who have taken the time to join and support our team.



**REPEATERS** – All COARECT Radio Rag Chews (AM and PM) and the Thursday evening La Pine Net Check In, for the immediate future, is thru the Spring River Butte repeater. This change is due to weather and technical issues with the Walker Mtn. repeater. The Spring River Butte repeater frequencies are RX 146.640, TX 146.040, Tone 123. This repeater works 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 these repeaters for our use and Frank, K7FAM, for his work keeping them up and running. Latest news: Cy, KK7AZD and Jim, AA1JW, have come to an agreement on new ownership of some of the repeaters. We still need people to step up and help with repair / maintenance. Please contact Jim if this is an area with which you can help.