



'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – March 2025



COARECT.COM, did you know that our amateur radio team has a website. Take the time to go online and see what it looks like. If you are a COARECT member in good standing you can register for the 'members only' section by contacting Paul Lamb, K7PIL. Paul has done extensive work to put this site together and it is constantly changing and improving. Check in often to see what is new.

2nd Annual COARECT Ham Radio Banquet, May 17th, 4:00 P.M, The Door Church (Right behind Ray's grocery store). Fantastic Food, Silent Auction, Games, and Fun. Last year we raised funds to purchase equipment for the MICU and we hope to do the same this year. If you have an item (doesn't have to be amateur radio related) that you would like to donate for the event, please contact Marc Mirrasoul, KK7KGN, and let him know. COARECT, Inc. is a 501(c3) non-profit corporation and anything you donate to the banquet is tax deductible. Tickets available April First.



Alan Gabbert and Paul Lamb are heading up **The Learning Center**. The **Learning Center** is an amateur radio workshop set up for people to learn more about amateur radio by building antennas, electronic kits, testing antennas, fox (radio) hunting equipment and anything to do with the basics of ham radio. The **Learning Center** is open on scheduled days. Go to the COARECT website and click on 'Events' tab to see the calendar of events.



COARECT members at the March 1st general meeting voted in favor of COARECT, as an organization, joining American Radio Relay League (ARRL). COARECT recognizes ARRL's support of amateur radio operators, amateur radio organizations and the membership wants to be a part of ARRL. ARRL is also the nation's largest amateur radio voice in governmental activities and protecting amateur radio rights / freedoms.



The COARECT Team launched two different **Technician License** classes in the month of March. Terry Perrine is doing one every

Monday afternoon at the La Pine Grange building and Mike McCarter is doing one on Saturday, March 22nd, 9am to noon, at The Door Church. Please contact Terry, KM7SGT, or Mike, KK7NBQ, for information on these classes. The goal is to help more people get their Amateur Radio License. Note, both classes have no fee to attend.

Introduction to Amateur Radio Sponsored by COARECT. We have a new handout introducing Amateur Radio to the public. This pamphlet is available at COARECT general meetings. Pick up one or two of them and have them on hand should someone ask you a question about getting started with Amateur or Ham Radio.



Your Friendly Ham Radio Ragchew Group

calendar for the Tech Chew dates/times.

COARECT team members host a variety of **Rag Chews** and nets throughout the week. There is a regular daily Rag Chew at 8am and 1:30pm each day and a LAN Net every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. All licensed Hams are welcome. In addition, Cliff Hill, NC7CH, will be starting up his 'Tech Chew' again, talking about technical aspects surrounding amateur radios. Again, check the COARECT website

COARECT has a new **'Tech Committee'**, headed by Jeff Scott W7JST. Contact Jeff if this part of amateur radio interests you. The 'Tech Committee' and other COARECT volunteers put up a new antenna at the La Pine Fire Station 101 Sunday afternoon, the 9th of March. This antenna is intended to be combined with the MICU to give better radio coverage in the La Pine area during emergencies. Good Job Team!



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Speaking of emergencies. Are you prepared to deal with a real emergency or are you pretending to be prepared? We are not talking about a massive earthquake or a mountain popping its top. A more realistic emergency is a forest fire or a massive snowstorm. Even a short-term power outage seems strange and quiet. Think about a long-term power outage and ask yourself "Are you ready"? Be honest with yourself and start thinking about what you need to do to be prepared. Amateur radio use is only a small part of being prepared. In addition, are you prepared to help your immediate neighbors?

