

'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – April 2026

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

GENERAL MEETING

The next COARECT General Meeting is Saturday, April 4th, 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.



2026 SPRING BANQUET PARTY

The 2026 Spring Banquet and Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th 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.

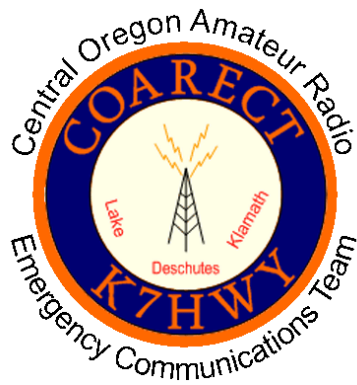
Cost for dinner will be \$20, the same as last year. Hawaiian attire preferred but not necessary, please, no loincloths. Remember to

save the date, Saturday, April 25th. Deadline for dinner tickets is Friday, April 10th.

We are accepting auction donations at the April meeting 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!"

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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 you 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."*

MAMA BEAR



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. This last month **Sam Daniels (KK7BTE)**, **Ken Barber (KM7EIX)**, **Joci Williams (KM7EJI)** and **Scott Harmon** 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.



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REPEATERS AND NETS



All COARECT Radio Rag Chews (AM and PM) and the Thursday evening LAN at 7pm/19:00 takes place on the **Walker Mt.** repeater.

NEW, NEW, NEW! There is a new Central Oregon Emergency Comms NET every Thursday evening at 7:30pm or 19:30 hours on the Mt. Bachler repeater. Frequency 145.450, minus, 103.5 tone and available on EchoLink. This repeater works well for most hams in Central Oregon. Stay tuned for updates on the local repeaters. Thank you, Jim, AA1JW, for providing 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 / Cy if this is an area with which you can help.

10 MINUTE DASH

EVACUATE! You have 10 minutes to collect everything you consider important in your home and evacuate. What would you grab? We have already seen evacuation notices this year because of fires. The time to figure out what you would remove from your home during an evacuation is NOT when you are told to evacuate. Think about it and make a list of what to take. Then, look and see if you can pre-pack certain things making them ready to "grab and go". Most of the evacuations taking place at this time are short term so it may not be necessary to pack food and water. Think about things like cash. If the power is down, ATMs can't give you money. Important papers, prescription medicines and clothing. Let your new fill up mark on fuel gauge be the ½ full gas mark. Again, if the power is down, the gas pumps don't pump. Think about what you can grab in 10 minutes or less. Don't wait until you have to evacuate to figure out what to take.



FIELD DAY



June 27th and 28th. A camping site has been located for the 2026 COARECT Field Days. It is located near Davis Lake on Odel Creek. GPS coordinates will be broadcast as soon as we have them available. 45 minutes from La Pine on the 4660 Road, just off the Cascade Lakes Highway. Great camping / RV spot with close access to water, boat ramp and outhouses. Contact Tamara KJ7HX for this



information. Additional information will be posted in the future issues of the Rag. We hope everyone can attend and enjoy the fun by camping or just taking day trips.

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