



'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – May 2025

2nd Annual COARECT Ham Radio Banquet, May 17th, 4pm, at The Door Church (Right behind Ray's grocery store). Fantastic Food, Silent Auction, Games, and Fun. Menu: Smoked NY steak / Prime Rib with choice of garlic crusted or coffee-chili marinade, roasted potatoes, grilled veggies, spinach & strawberry salad with poppyseed dressing, **potluck dessert**. \$20 per person. Please get your reservation in, don't wait. There is no deadline date to register for the event.



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. Anything you donate to the banquet is tax deductible.

Doors will open at 3:30 pm, bidding on silent auction begins at 4:00 pm and dinner at 4:30 pm. The event ends at 6:00 pm. Be prepared for fun, food and fellowship. Don't miss out on the event.

ELMER – An individual who acts as an advisor or mentor to a newly licensed amateur radio operator.



SHOW AND TELL – We would like to have at least one amateur radio 'Show and Tell' at each general meeting. There are great radio equipment ideas out there that many of us would like to see. Let Mike, KK7NBQ, know if you have an item, idea or invention that you would like to share with the COARECT Team at an upcoming General Meeting. Thanks to Dave Tucker who showed us his multi-frequency HF Hamsticks antenna at the last meeting.

BEAM ANTENNA – A directional antenna, that is rotated to provide coverage in different directions.

Start looking at WinLink in your spare time. New technologies can be difficult to get your head into. Remember the old adage, "To eat an elephant, take it one bite at a time". Digital use of amateur radio is a growing segment of emergency communications. COARECT will be starting classes to help team members with WinLink in the near future. There are also plans about starting a monthly WinLink check-in. The more we use it the easier it gets!



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Thanks to all the COARECT team members who contributed to the lengthy Bylaw discussion at the last few General Meetings. The COARECT Constitution and updated Bylaws have been approved by the membership and are available on the COARECT, com website in the Members Area.

Priority traffic -- Emergency-related messages, but not as important as Emergency traffic.



QST, QST, QST, Emergency Set on Sunday, May 4th, was a big improvement over our first SET in January of this year. 13 amateur radio operators checked in and out on Echo Link, Simplex and UHF radio connections. The After-Action Report will be out as soon as Cliff V. (Incident Commander) returns from California and collects information from everyone. This was the second Emergency SET of 2025. The question has been asked, "How can the COARECT team be better equipped and prepared for emergencies?" The answer is to consistently test ourselves in simulated emergency situations. We learn from our failures as well as successes and move forward. Each Emergency Set needs to be designed to test us in the basics of amateur radio and build confidence that we can handle the unknown when all else fails. Thanks to everyone who participated and the seven (7) team members who worked the SET., Paul Lamb, Jeff Maerz, Mike McCarter, Beverly Irwin, Cyndi Davidson, Cliff Vaniman and Cliff Hill. The 3rd quarter SET is tentatively scheduled for mid-August.

73 -- Ham lingo for "best regards." Used on both phone and CW toward the end of a contact.



FIELD DAYS – June 28th and 29th. A camping site has been located for the 2025 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. Thank you Tamara KJ7HX, Bob KK7ZGO, and Bob KJ7VUL for this



information. Additional information will be posted in the June Rag about scheduled events. We hope everyone can attend and enjoy the fun by camping or just taking day trips.

SET – Simulated Emergency Test



ACTION TABLE – We will have a table set up at upcoming General Meetings for COARECT applications, donation forms, testing request forms, ARRL renewal forms and other information important to the COARECT membership. This is also a great place to put event announcements, buy and sell items or special announcements. **LOOK** for this table at the next General Meeting.

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