

'The Rag'

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

GENERAL MEETING

The next COARECT General Meeting is Saturday, June 6th, at 9:30am. Doors open before the meeting at 9am for coffee and in-person 'rag chew'. Zoom will be available for those who cannot make the meeting in person.



The Sign-in sheet for the General Meeting will be located in the lobby before the meeting room. We are trying this instead of passing around a clipboard during the meeting. You will also find other forms and information on the table.



2026 SPRING BANQUET PARTY

WOW, WOW, WOW, what a party. Great food, fun and fellowship. I'm sorry if you missed it. The Bird House and Bat House building and displays were over the top. Every Bird and Bat House sold, along with many of the donated items. Total revenue for COARECT was over \$3,000.

Special Thanks To:

Tamara and Bob for the Great Dinner
Everyone who brought a dessert
All the team members who helped make the event Fantastic!
Cyndi Davidson, 2nd Vice President for leading the CHARGE
All the Bird and Bat House Builders
Everyone who donated to the event
Billy and James (the cleanup guys)

No comment on William's attire for the banquet.

REPEATERS AND NETS



All La Pine Rag Chews (8:00am and 1:30pm daily) are on the **Walker** Repeater. The Thursday night LAN Net is also on the **Walker** Repeater, frequency 145.47, minus, 123.0 tone, at 7:00pm or 19:00 hours.

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. All rag chews and nets are also available on EchoLink. The Mt Bachler repeater works well for most hams in Central Oregon and there have been some check-ins from the Willamette Valley. Stay tuned for updates on the local repeaters and nets.

Thank you, Jim, AA1JW, for providing repeaters for our use and Frank, K7FAM, for his work keeping them up and running. Cy, KK7AZD and Jim, AA1JW, have come to an agreement on new ownership for 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.

FIELD DAY

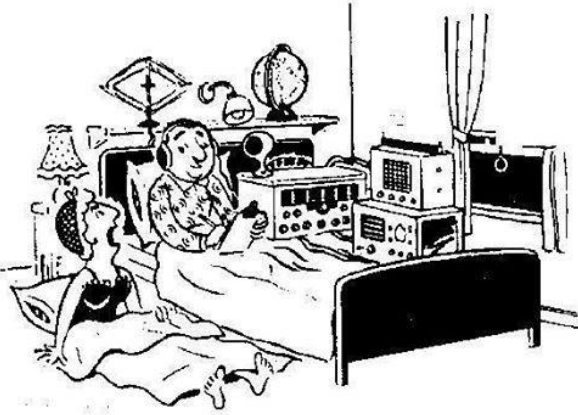


June 27th and 28th. A camping site has been located for the 2026 COARECT Field Day Event. It is located near Davis Lake on Odell Creek. GPS coordinates will be broadcast as soon as we have them available. 45 minutes from La Pine on the 4660 Road, just off the Cascade Lakes Highway. Great camping / RV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



and outhouses nearby. 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.

HAM EQUIPMENT WANTED OR NEEDED



Question? Are you happy with the way your ham station is set up? Do you want to move up to dual band VHF/UHF, HF or from a handheld to a mobile / base radio? In the past, the COARECT team received donated ham equipment or knew about ham gear (radios, antennas, etc.) that is free or at a good price. Our problem, we don't always know who wants or needs it. If you are looking for ham equipment (radios, power supplies, antennas, tower, etc.) contact the COARECT Tech Team, Robert, KJ7ZMT,

flightlesspilot@yahoo.com. AND/OR send a 'wanted' note to Paul, K7PIL admin@coarect.com for the **Buy - Sell - Trade** section of the COARECT website.

WINLINK UPDATE

COARECT members are using Winlink more often and have gotten comfortable using it over the internet. Now is the time to step Winlink use up to another level. If the internet goes down, how are we going to communicate via Winlink? With Winlink over radio frequencies.



COARECT'S Winlink Training Team will be starting up small classes that help team members communicate with Winlink via radio. These will be small one-time classes of 2 or 3 hams at the COARECT Learning Center. Alan, KK7MKQ, has built this Learning Center at his home for team member's use and it is the perfect environment for this type of training.

Paul, K7PIL, sent out a Training Signup Request to all team members currently using Winlink via the internet. You will need to bring your radio, sound card (if needed), connecting cable and laptop to the learning center. A Winlink instructor will work with you (one on one) and show you how to set up and use Winlink over the radio. Just take your equipment home, plug it in and start using Winlink via RF. Please contact Paul if you have any questions about the training schedule or equipment needs.