



# 'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – June 2025



**HAM RADIO SWAP MEET** – Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 2pm at The Door Church in Lapine. FREE admission and for those folks wishing to have a table at the swap meet, the first table is free. An additional table is \$10 with a maximum of two tables. Ham radio and electronic items only! Bigger items, like antennas, can be outside the building at no charge. The goal is to start a small Central Oregon Ham Radio Swap Meet that brings amateur radio operators together to sell or swap radio equipment. This swap meet is sponsored by COARECT.

Contact Cliff Hill NC7CH, [kb7qju@yahoo.com](mailto:kb7qju@yahoo.com), for questions or reservations. The Door Church is located just behind Ray's Market, Hwy. 97 in La Pine at 16430 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Doors open for setup at 8am and to the public at 10am.

**\*\*\*\*\*NO GENERAL MEETING ON JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>\*\*\*\*\***

**SHOW AND TELL** – Thank you, Paul, K7PIL, for showing us the 'J pole' antennas that you make and how they work. In addition, thank you for the 'J pole' antennas you are providing for COARECT Team members. 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.



## RELAY – Pass on a message or call sign

**Winlink ELMERS** - COARECT has started a Winlink ELMER team to help COARECT team members with setup and using Winlink. Digital use within amateur radio is a growing segment of emergency communications. COARECT team members, during a disaster, need to be prepared to communicate via Winlink. If you need help installing Winlink or using it to send messages via the internet or RF, contact Paul, K7PIL. There are also plans to start regularly scheduled Winlink check-ins. The more we use it the easier it gets!



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**FIELD DAYS** – June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. A camping site has been located for the 2025 COARECT Field Days. It is located near Davis Lake on Odel Creek. Location information is available on our website at COARECT.com. It is about 45 minutes from La Pine on 4660 Road, just off the Cascade Lakes Highway. Great camping / RV spot with close access to water. Thank you Tamara KJ7HX, Bob KK7ZGO, and Bob KJ7VUL for this information. We hope everyone

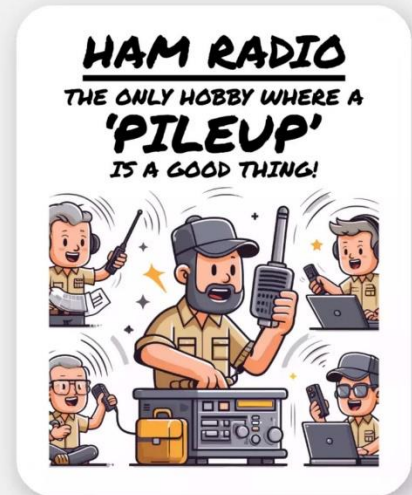


can attend and enjoy the fun by camping or just taking day trips. On a recent mosquito check trip, mosquito count was very low,



**ARRL** – COARECT is trying to get to the required number of ARRL members needed to join ARRL. They have a requirement that a ham radio organization have 51% of its club, group, or team membership be active ARRL members. ARRL is the largest amateur radio voice in the U.S. They are our voice in Washington D.C. when issues arise that restrict and change how we operate our radios. In addition, ARRL offers ham radio organizations very good liability and equipment insurance at a reasonable price. Please keep your ARRL membership active and if you are not an ARRL member, would you consider joining. We are very close to meeting the membership requirements and need a few more ARRL members on our team to become affiliated with ARRL.

**NET CONTROLLERS AND RAG CHEW HOSTS** – Beverly Irwin, N6DFW, is the COARECT Net Controller / Rag Chew Host coordinator. If you are scheduled to be a Net Controller or Rag Chew host and cannot do it, please contact Beverly. Do not try to find a replacement unless asked. Beverly is working with COARECT team members to encourage more Controllers / Hosts. Contacting Beverly when you can't make your scheduled Net or Chew gives her a chance to bring more radio operators into the program. During emergency situations we need as many trained net operators as possible. Please let Beverly, N6DFW, know if you are willing to help in this area.



**"Rag chewing" refers to extended, informal conversations between amateur radio operators. It's a way to connect with other hams, build friendships, and enjoy casual on-air conversations beyond brief exchanges of information.**

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