



# 'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – June 2026

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

## GENERAL MEETING DATE CHANGE

The COARECT General Meeting date has changed to Saturday, June 13th, at 9:30am due to the Walker Range shooting range clean up on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. 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.



## WALKER RANGE SHOOTING RANGE CLEANUP



Walker Range Fire Patrol Associates has scheduled a 'Shooting Range' clean up party for June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. RD has asked for volunteers to come out to the shooting range just north of Gilchrest that morning to help with the cleanup. If you plan on participating, meet at the shooting range. Wear appropriate clothing and bring general clean up tools. Also, bring your lunch & water to stay hydrated!

**Directions to the Gilchrest Shooting Range:** (If coming from the north, La Pine area) Take Hwy 97 south, just pass mile marker 182 turn **left (east)** and cross the cattle guard. This turnoff is on the opposite side of Hwy 97 at Kreel Lane. After crossing the cattle guard, turn left (good gravel road), travel approximately 1 mile on this road. The shooting range is on the right-hand side of the road. Note there is no sign marking the shooting range.

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## FIELD DAY



June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. A camping site has been located for the 2026 COARECT Field Day Event. It is located near Davis Lake on Odell Creek. GPS coordinates and the general schedule of events can be found on the flyer located at our COARECT website. Just 45 minutes from La Pine on the 4660 Road, a few miles 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. We hope everyone can attend and enjoy the fun by camping or just taking day trips.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

COARECT will be conducting an Emergency Preparedness Exercise on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with COARECT'S 2026 Field Day event. More information on this exercise will be available at the upcoming General Meeting.



## CENTRAL OREGON EMERGENCY COMMS NET



**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. The Mt Bachler repeater works well for most hams in Central Oregon and there have been some check-ins from as far away as Eugene in the Willamette Valley.

# ARE YOU REALLY READY FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Thursday, May 28th, several bands of rain, lightning, and wind passed through Central Oregon. Winds up to 70 miles per hour were projected. Storms like this could knock out power, block roads with downed trees and damage property with lightning strikes. This includes damage to sensitive electronics and amateur radios. Many COARECT members disconnected antennas and moved to handheld radios. **Were you ready for this or did you just shut down your ham station?**



The La Pine LAN recorded a very large number of handheld / emergency radio contacts. The La Pine LAN net controller had his hands full checking hams in with lightning, wind and rain in the background. Thankfully none of our COARECT hams had a lightning strike. However, James Wilson, one of our newer members and Crescent's Fire Chief had a strike approximately 25 feet from his place. The Central Oregon Emergency Comms Net, broadcasting through the Mt. Bachelor repeater, was in question when the repeater took a lightning strike 10 minutes prior to the net. No damage was reported and the net continued.

**If you had to move your radio communications to emergency backup at a moment's notice, could you?** Remember, we are supposed to be the people who are prepared for emergencies!

## JOIN THE REPEATER TEAM REPEATER WORKERS NEEDED



I'd use the repeaters more,  
but I'm a little chicken.

Jim Williams, AA1JW, is looking for anyone on the COARECT Team who wants to learn about repeaters and has a desire to help work on them. The repeaters that Jim and Creagh own are an integral part of amateur radio use in and around South Deschutes, North Klamath and North Lake counties. Please contact Jim if you have the time to help with the repeater team.

## BUY – SELL – TRADE

Question? Are you happy with the way your ham station is set up? Do want to move up to dual band VHF/UHF, HF. How about adding a handheld, mobile / base radio? Contact the COARECT Tech Team, Robert, KJ7ZMT, [flightlesspilot@yahoo.com](mailto:flightlesspilot@yahoo.com), for advice and help to update your ham station. If you have extra ham equipment that you would like to buy, sell, or trade, why not put a free notice on the COARECT website. Contact Paul, K7PIL to get something up on the COARECT Buy – Sell – Trade section of the website.

