



'The Rag'

COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – July 2025



HAM RADIO SWAP MEET – Saturday, July 26th, 10am to 2pm at The Door Church in La Pine. 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, kb7qiu@yahoo.com, for questions or reservations. The Door Church is located just behind Ray's Market, Hwy. 97 in La Pine at

16430 3rd Street. Doors open for setup at 8am and to the public at 10am.



FIELD DAYS – A new Field Days site was located for the 2025 Field Days event. Many of our regular Field Day hams needed to attend other pre-scheduled activities and couldn't make this year's event camping location. The COARECT Board made the decision to move the location closer to La Pine. Thanks to Cliff and Evie Hill for hosting the new Field Days location at their homestead near the banks of the Little Deschutes River. This location

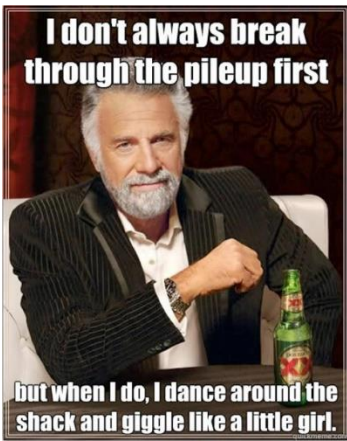


was closer to town and allowed COARECT Team members and guests the opportunity to get on the radio without driving too far.

Tamara Parish, KJ7HX and Cliff Hill, NC7CH made between 50 and 60 contacts during the contest timelines. Great Job! Alan Gabbert, KK7MKQ, brought over a portable air conditioner which kept the MICU radio area at a comfortable temperature. Hopefully, we can increase the number of radios for the 2026 Field Days.

"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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NET CONTROLLERS AND RAG CHEW HOSTS – Why would you want to be a Net Controller or Rag Chew Host? During emergency situations we need as many trained net operators as possible. It takes time on the air to feel comfortable hosting a net or rag chew. Issues pop up with poor transmissions, new visitors, questions, relays and “pileups”. These issues are nothing compared to operating a net during a disaster or emergency. NOW, is the time to get on the air and get comfortable with directing a net or a rag chew. Give Beverly Irwin, N6DFW, a call. She is the COARECT Net Controller / Rag Chew Host coordinator.

2025 Crater Lake Rim Run. Communication help is needed for the Crater Lake Rim Run on August 9th. Please contact Walt, KK7DRL or waltcosta111@gmail.com, if you can help with this need. What a Great Event and a Fantastic setting to work radio communications



Winlink ELMERS – The COARECT Winlink Elmer Team has been meeting on a weekly basis over the last month working on details to increase the number of Winlink users within COARECT. The Winlink Elmer Team’s goal is to build up a group of Elmers within COARECT who can help members get started with Winlink and be comfortable using it on a regular basis. In addition, a Winlink Check-in every Thursday, 6:30pm – 7:00pm has been establish. The first Check-in took place on July 10th with more than 8 people checking in. This is a great start!!! COARECT Team members, during a disaster, need to be prepared to communicate via Winlink. Contact Paul K7PIL, Jeff W7JST, Wayne WB7RVX, Mike KK7NBQ, Cyndi KK7AZD, Cliff NC7CH or any other Winlink Elmer for help.



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND
DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM.**



SHOW AND TELL – We would like to have at least one amateur radio ‘Show and Tell’ at each general meeting. What is the Show and Tell item for the next General Meeting? Show up and find out, it might be worth your while. 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.

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