



# 'The Rag'

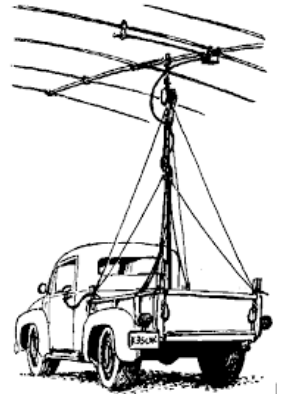
COARECT'S Online Monthly Newsletter – September 2025



**GENERAL MEETING** – The next COARECT General Meeting is Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am. Doors open before 9am for coffee and in-person 'rag chewing'. Zooming the meeting will be available for those who can't make the meeting in person. Please contact Mike if you want to watch the General meeting and he will give you the meeting number and password. There will also be a couple of great 'Show and Tells', plus a special auction. We had some great BBQ meat from the Ham Banquet. Tamara froze it and it is time to auction off some of this delicious meat. Don't miss the meeting.

**“Clear” – Off the Air    “Monitoring” – On Air and listening    “Stand by” - wait**

**GET READY – GET SET – GO!** We have heard these words many times this summer with fires and evacuations taking place in Central Oregon. COARECT has been conducting Simulated Emergency Training (SET) once each quarter during 2025. Our goal, as the Central Oregon Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Team, is to be better prepared and ready to respond to any disaster or emergency in our area. With every SET we learn where we can improve. The September 20<sup>th</sup> set was another example of how to better prepared. Our logs showed 14 team members responded via Winlink, and 14 team members responded via radio with their situation reports. There will be a recap of this exercise at the upcoming General Meeting. The next 'Preparedness Exercise' or SET is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>. Heads Up! Early planning looks like it will be an 'All Radio' SET, VHF, UHF, Simplex, Residential Power, Backup Power type of exercise. GET READY!



**Winlink UPDATE** – More and more COARECT Team members are getting on Winlink every week.



REMEMBER, Winlink check-in takes place every Thursday evening between 6:30pm and 7:00pm, right before the La Pine LAN Net. All you have to do is send a check-in message to Paul (K7PIL) and Jeff (W7JST). If you can't make the check-in time, just before the LAN Net, send it in early. Just check-in!!! Listen to the weekday rag chews to see if Paul makes an announcement about a Winlink special check-in request or send Paul a Winlink message,

asking him if there is some special check-in for Thursday evening. We also have Winlink help set up on Fishy Fridays for anyone who needs assistance.

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**COARECT EmComm Meeting** – EmComm is an acronym for Emergency Communications, and we are an



Emergency Communications Team. If you are one of our team members who takes Emergency Communications seriously, then please attend the COARECT EmComm Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon at the La Pine Library. This will be a meeting to look at why we were created as an emergency communication team (not just a Ham club), what our responsibilities are and what areas we should focus on to be better prepared. It is scheduled to run from noon to 2pm and open to all COARECT members and those interested in emergency communications in Central Oregon.

### **“No Longer Monitoring and Out” – No Longer Listening and Signing Off**

**HAM RADIO SWAP MEET** – Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:kb7qiu@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



**SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH** – August is gone, summer is coming to an end. Are you ready for cooler temperatures, and white covered ground? While everyone is talking about forest fires and earthquakes, we still need to think what is ahead of us in the coming months. Have you checked the snow blower to see if it starts or maybe it needs an oil change? How about the generator? It should be started up at least once a month. Do you have good gas for both these machines? The time to get prepared is not when you need something. Remember the one thing that you wanted to get done before winter and get it done.

CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, says we must be prepared at home before we can respond to outside emergencies in the community. Ask yourself if you are prepared to step out and help someone else.

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