



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Thursday May 7, 2020,
7:00 PM

Medford Police Department
Community Room
219 S. Ivy St.,
Medford, OR

Program: **MEETING CANCELLED**

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Club Notes

The May club meeting has been **cancelled** due to the Corona Virus COVID-19. The club officers will make a decision about the June meeting in about a month.

The 7QP contest has added a virtual multi-operator category. As long as all the stations are in the same county, they can all use one callsign and enter as a multi-multi category station. The only limitation is that there cannot be two stations on the same band using the same mode at the same time. Two stations on the same band using different modes is OK. The virtual station needs to coordinate logs to prevent dupes. This kind of coordination can be accomplished remotely using N1MM+ for example.

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Secretary's Report

There are no meeting minutes because the April meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The May meeting has been cancelled.

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Club Notes

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The ARRL has not issued adequately clear guidance about Field Day at the end of June. Due to likelihood that different states will have different gathering laws in place at the end of June it is essentially impossible to plan a coordinated field activity.

We do not know what things will be like in Oregon by that time, RVARC has thus far not made plans for Field Day.

Well, perhaps things will be opened up in time for the club's annual swapmeet at the end of August / beginning of September.

A number of fall amateur radio events have announced cancellation. Although travel and meeting may be possible after this summer, many organizations need to look at the possibility that folks will wait before booking travel and accommodations, and may not be willing to commit by the conference registration deadline.

Financially, having very low attendance could lead to insolvency for many clubs and non-profit organizations who need to make sure they can break even on a conference or other event. Hotels and other venues have minimum meeting room and food / beverage fees and require a minimum number of room stays during the event, for which the organizer is liable.

FCC amateur license testing has been suspended by the vast majority of examiners. A few clubs have tried remotely administering exams, but apparently it's difficult to handle very many folks and requires appropriate computer software and video services.

Secretary's Report

This Month's Program

1. Cancelled

- **Program:** Meeting Cancelled..

- **Biography:** .

2. Cancelled

- **Program:** .

- **Biography:** .

Planned Programs (now out of date):

- ~~March~~—my favorite RX tools— Presenter Scott
- Mini-program 1917 Ham Station—Presenter Lud Sibley
- ~~April~~—Detailed dive into N1MM+ logger. — Presenter TBA.
- ~~May~~
 - Mini-program Dakota Otto—how to fill-out & use a radiogram.
 - WSJTX update and use—Presenter Pat Cunningham or John Laybourne.
- June—SDR Update, plus Field Day plans.—Presenter TBA.
- August/September—club swapmeet. Details TBD.
- September—Smith Charts, S21, S11. How to use—Presenter Tom McDermott
- October—Antenna measuring workshop using nanoVNA. Bring your (hopefully VHF/UHF and above) antennas for measurement.—Presenter TBA.
- November—Book Review of N6BT's book on antennas. -- Presenter: Allan Taylor.
- December—club holiday party.

May 2020

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31 • CP ERC Net						

Events

Meetings

- **RVARC** CANCELLED.
- **Rogue Hack Lab** UNKNOWN status.
- **CARE** UNKNOWN status.
- **JC-ARES** UNKNOWN status.

Nets

- **JC-ARES** Thursdays 7:30 PM - K7JAX Mt. Baldy Repeater 146.840 (-) [PL 123.0]
- **CARE** Mondays 7:00 PM— KB7SKB Jacksonville Repeater 147.100 (-) [PL 136.5], open, directed net, visitors welcome
- **2 Meter SSB** Tuesdays 7:00PM and Wednesdays 10:00 AM—144.200 USB
- **Central Point Emergency Radio Communications** Sundays 8:30 PM— KB7QMV Medford Repeater 145.410 (-) [PL none]. Move to simplex net on 147.585 MHz when finished. Directed net.
- **Siskiyou County ARC** Thursdays 7:00 PM—Net K6SIS Repeater 146.79 (-) [PL 100.0]

RVARC Membership

RVARC membership dues run from January 1 through December 31. Please bring cash or a check payable to RVARC to a club meeting, or mail (checks only) to:

RVARC Membership
c/o 1940 Stevens Rd.
Eagle Point OR 97524-6523

Regular Member:	\$20.00
Senior Member (62 and over):	\$15.00
Family Member:	\$20.00
Student Member:	\$10.00

For Sale / Wanted

WANTED:

I am looking for a working Drake L4B Amplifier with power supply.

(I have a set of Drake twins (T4XC / R4C) and want to complete the set.)

Thanks.

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2020 Amateur Radio Examinations

In the Rogue Valley, amateur radio exams are provided by the RVARC and the SOARC. New exam participants need to provide identification, while upgrading amateurs need to **provide a copy of their current license** as well as show identification. The exam fee for 2019 remains \$15.00. All license candidates must provide a picture ID. Upgrading amateurs must also provide a photocopy of their current license to send in with their application. To search for other exam locations, see:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml> or our club webpage: <http://w7dta.org>

Medford—Phoenix, OR

Time: Saturdays, Registration 8:30 AM. Exam session at 9:00 AM. Walk-ins welcome.

Location: Fire District 5 HQ. 5811 South Pacific Highway, Phoenix, Oregon 97535

Dates 2020: Jul 25 Oct 31

Contact: Don Bennett, Email: kq7bp@arrl.net Phone: (541) 973-3625

Grants Pass

Time: Fridays Registration 6:00 PM. Exam session at 6:30 PM. Walk-ins welcome.

Location: Fruitdale Grange. 1440 Parkdale Dr., Grants Pass OR 97527-5288

Dates 2020: May 15 Aug 21 Nov 20

Contact: John Stubbe, K7VSU, email: jstubbe7@gmail.com Phone: (541) 218-2244

Roseburg, Bend, Redding, Brookings, Crescent City — Please see our club webpage, <http://k7mfr.org> for updates as we receive schedules for these cities.

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