



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Thursday May 4, 2023,
7:00 PM

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

Program: TBA. Also:
License Exam Session—
registration at 5:15 PM

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 Newsletter & Membership

Club Notes

The program for the May meeting has not yet been announced.

This month there will also be an Amateur License Exam available. Registration starts at 5:15 PM and the exam will wrap up prior to the club meeting start at 7:00 PM.

Secretary's Report

2023-04-06 RVARC Meeting Minutes

21 attendees

7:04pm Meeting called to order by Pres. Don Bennett, KG7BP.

Treasurer's report: \$5429.02 in bank.

Don, KG7BP, and Pat, N7UH, have proposed in-house license exam testing on used Chromebooks using preloaded HamStudy ExamTools software.

With a budget of approximately \$250 for 10 Chromebooks, \$150 for a Pelican Case, and \$50 for a travel router, the system could pay for itself within a couple of years by withholding the allowed \$7 of the \$15 exam fee.

Mike Bach, W6FFC, made a motion to fund the purchase of the test hardware at a level not to exceed \$450. John Laybourne, AC7S, seconded the motion. Vote passed the motion.

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It was asked about how to now renew licenses online, and to summarize the process, here is a link to the procedure:

www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/common-amateur-filing-tasks/common-amateur-filing-task-renewing

7:50pm Show & Tell portion of meeting: Mike Bach, W6FFC, demonstrated the TinySA Ultra spectrum analyzer, as featured in the latest QST magazine. Operating between 0.1 - 800 MHz, or 0.1 MHz - 6 GHz, the cost is around \$140. It has a 4" color touchscreen, internal rechargeable battery, SMA RF connectors, and a USB-C interface to a PC or charger.

John Armstrong, KF7UMK, showed an old 8" Floppy Drive from the mid-1970's manufactured by Control Data Corp.

Pat Cunningham, N7UH, showed some mini FT8 transceiver modules.

8:31pm break for snacks & visiting.

9:20pm meeting adjourned.

Submitted, John KF7UMK, Secretary.

RVARC Email List

RVARC maintains a private closed email reflector for members and friends.

An email sent to the reflector will be sent to everyone else subscribed to the list.

You can also browse past messages and create new messages from the web interface if that is more convenient.

Several folks have been sent invitations, but they have expired unused.

If you are not on the list, send an email to our club webmaster, Tom, N5EG (address on the front page) and he will have googlegroups send you an invitation.

This Month's Programs

1. Program To Be Announced

Program: Program is To Be Announced (TBA).

Biography: .

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 • RVARC Meeting • JC-ARES Net	5	6
7 • CP ERC Net	8 • CARE Net	9 • 2M SSB Net	10 • 2M SSB Net	11 • Rogue Hack Lab • JC-ARES Net	12	13
14 • CP ERC Net	15 • CARE Net	16 • 2M SSB Net	17 • CARE Meeting • 2M SSB Net	18 • JC-ARES Net	19	20
21 • CP ERC Net	22 • CARE Net	23 • JC-ARES Meeting • 2M SSB Net	24 • 2M SSB Net	25 • JC-ARES Net	26	27
28 • CP ERC Net	29 • CARE Net	30 • 2M SSB Net	31 • 2M SSB Net			

Events

Meetings

- **RVARC** 7:00 PM Medford Police Dep't Community Room, 219 S. Ivy St., Medford.
- **Rogue Hack Lab** Varies each month.
- **CARE** 2nd Wednesday 6:30 PM Fiesta Restaurant, 1016 N. Riverside, Medford
- **JC-ARES** 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM, Medford PD Community room 219 S. Ivy St.

Nets

- **JC-ARES** Thursdays 7:30 PM - K7JAX Mt. Baldy Repeater 146.840 (-) [PL 123.0] open, directed, visitors welcome
- **CARE** Mondays 7:00 PM— KB7SKB Jacksonville Repeater 147.100 (-) [PL 136.5], open, directed net, visitors welcome
- **2 Meter SSB** Tuesdays 7:00 PM 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
Dual Member (CARC+RVARC):	\$30.00

For Sale

Hustler 5BTV 5 band trap vertical about 5 months old. Includes Radial plate and Radials. \$150.00

Steve Patterson, KA7CCP
Eagle Point, Oregon

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2023 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 photo identification. **Applicants also need a Federal Registration Number (FRN) and email prior to taking the test.** The exam fee for 2023 probably 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, OR

Time: Registration 5:15 PM, exam session at 5:45 PM. **Pre-registration suggested.**

Location: Medford Police Department Community Room 219 S. Ivy St., Medford, 97501

Dates 2023: **May 5** **Jul 6** **Sep 7**

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

Grants Pass, OR

Time: Fridays Registration 6:00 PM. Exam session at 6:30 PM. **NO WALK-INS.** Please email a reservation request to John.

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

Dates 2023: **May 19** **Aug 18** **Nov 17**

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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