



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Thursday December 7, 2023,
7:00 PM

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

Program: TBA.

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 Newsletter & Membership

Club Notes

Our current slate of officers agreed to run for another year, and were duly re-elected. Thanks to Don, Scott, Mike, and John !

At the September meeting Mike Bach W6FFC was elected a life member of the RVARC. John Laybourne presented a plaque to Mike at the October meeting.

Photos on the next page.

Secretary's Report

2023-11-02 RVARC Meeting Minutes

7:05pm Call to order by president Don Bennett, KG7BP

There were 28 attendees. Attendee introductions were followed by the treasurers report: Bank balance is \$4787.09 not including tonight's exam fees and dues. Tom, N5EG, announced there are new member badges available.

Bruce, KG7TUO, of the CARE club stated that they would approve of combined license exams, if possible.

7:16pm New Business:

Club officer elections for 2024 were opened: Tom, N5EG, nominated Don Bennett, KG7BP, for president. John, KF7UMK, seconded. Voting was unanimous aye. Bill, N7EU, nominated Scott Cummings, NA7OM, for vice-president. Pat, N7UH, se-

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John Laybourne AC7S presenting Life Honorary Member Plaque to Mike Bach, W6FFC at the October meeting.



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conded. Voting was unanimous aye. Bruce, KG7TUO, nominated Mike Bach, W6FFC, for treasurer. Lyle, WB7VUF, seconded. Voting was unanimous aye. Amy, AG7GP, nominated John Armstrong, KF7UMK, for secretary. Scott, NA7OM, seconded. Voting was unanimous aye.

Don, KG7BP, asked for discussion on which should come first: the presentation, or the break. Consensus was to decide each time based on the length of the presentation. Regarding the last club meeting, he also apologized to Raoul, KG6DKA, for limiting some discussion.

Raoul, KG6DKA, made a motion that the October meeting minutes be read. Scott, NA7OM, seconded. The minutes were read and accepted.

7:39pm Presentation from Kurt Nelson, K7KRN, of the Grants Pass flotilla (Division 5) of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 13. To help in support of Search and Rescue (SAR) missions, and Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), Kurt requested VHF & HF operators.

Also the Coast Guard Auxiliary is looking for members, if 17 years of age or older, as well as aviators. He mentioned there are 268 HF stations in the USA, and help is also needed to monitor FRS frequencies. Some SSB HF frequencies authorized for the handling of Distress message traffic and initial contact with United States Coast Guard Long Range Communication facilities are: 4125kHz, 6215kHz, 8291kHz, 12290kHz
see navcen.uscg.gov/hf-distress-uscg-contact-frequencies

if interested, contact Kurt Nelson (member ID 5004108) at: k.r.nelson60@gmail.com, 503-347-0167

Bruce, KG7TUO, asked if uniforms were

Secretary's Report, Continued

necessary. Yes, if representing the CGA, but no, normally. Cost is roughly \$100. FEMA basic courses recommended are the aux comms course, and the telecomms course. More courses are needed for higher levels.

There is no physical fitness standard, but assurance that the job can be done is needed.

A cutterman's pin can be had after serving for 1 day/month for 2 years

7:57pm [much other discussion related to emergency communications from Larry Clark, N7LJC, Van Sias, K7VS, Bruce Cook, KG7TUO, and others. Details upon request]

8:10 pm break for snacks and visiting.

8:41pm adjourn meeting

Ham Radio License Course 2023-02

Bruce Cook, KG7TUO

We're now signing up students for our next Technician/General course. The General license question pool and manual have been revised. This necessitated updating the course to reflect the new material. Additionally, we lost our most recent venue. The good news is that we've got the course materials updated and have secured a new venue.

The start date and time are still not determined but it will most likely be Saturday mornings around 9:00 am beginning in October. Those who sign up will receive additional information via the list of potential students.

If you're interested in attending the course please respond to carehamclub@gmail.com with whether or not you would like to attend this course and how many persons. It's going to start soon so we need timely responses for planning purposes. If you're not interested in this course but wish to remain on the list no reply is needed. Instructions for removal from the list are at the bottom of this message.

Also please indicate whether you will provide your own manuals or intend to buy them through the Club. If buying through the Care Ham Club please indicate whether you need BOTH manuals or only one. The current manuals are 5th edition Technician and 10th edition General. The CARE Club does receive a discount and free shipping so manuals are \$25 each through the CARE Club.

Remember, you don't have to be able to make every single class day but you will need to catch up on your own for any missed classes and the more you actually attend, the easier the tests will usually be.

We're looking forward to seeing your smiling faces.

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. To Be Announced

Program: .

Biography: .

2.

Program: .

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 • CARE Christmas Party
3 • CP ERC Net	4 • CARE Net	5 • 2M SSB Net	6 • 2M SSB Net	7 • RVARC Meeting • JC-ARES Net	8	9
10 • CP ERC Net	11 • CARE Net	12 • 2M SSB Net	13 • No CARE Meeting • 2M SSB Net	14 • Rogue Hack Lab • JC-ARES Net	15	16
17 • CP ERC Net	18 • CARE Net	19 • JC-ARES Meeting • 2M SSB Net	20 • 2M SSB Net	21 • JC-ARES Net	22	23
24 • CP ERC Net	25 • CARE Net	26 • 2M SSB Net	27 • 2M SSB Net	28 • JC-ARES Net	29	30
31 • CP ERC 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 / Wanted

I am looking for a good condition Webster Bandspanner adjustable mobile Antenna, they made a short and a long version, I would prefer the long version but will entertain a short one.

If you have one you know what it is.
Mike Bach W6FFC
Eagle Point, Oregon

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. **Walk-ins Ok. Pre-registration suggested, use the link on our webpage:** <https://k7mfr.org/license-exams/>

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

Dates 2024: Jan 4 Mar 7 May 1 Sept 5 Nov 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. **Walk-Ins Ok.** Please email a reservation request to John.

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

Dates 2024: Feb 16 May 17 Aug 16 Nov 15

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.

Next Club Meeting

Thursday November 2, 2023, 7:00 PM

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