



# The Repeater

## Next Club Meeting

Thursday January 4, 2024,  
7:00 PM

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

Program: TBA.

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## Club Notes

ARRL Straight Key Night (SKN) will be held 0000Z to 2359Z on January 1st. That's 4:00 PM PST December 31st to 3:59 PM PST January 1st. This is an activity event (not a contest). Many folks put vintage radios on the air for this activity. Your chance to hear real chirps and clicks. Modern rigs have pretty much eliminated chirp, but unfortunately still have problems with clicks sometimes.

## Secretary's Report

2023-12-07 RVARC Meeting Minutes

7:08pm meeting called to order by President Don Bennett, KG7BP. 22 attendees

Treasurer's report by Mike Bach W6FFC: \$5002.09 bank balance after \$200 paid for club insurance.

New business: Mike, W6FFC, asked if we might consider category 3A for Field Day next year. The club came in #1 in 2A for Oregon, and #27 for 2A in the USA. 20M & 40M were good all night, and the only limitation was operator fatigue in the late hours after midnight. It was said that more points were made from GOTA than the regular operators. Amy, AG7GP, requested adding another antenna. Bruce, KG7TUO, requested that we have a schedule of operators. Mike, W6FFC, asked if the CARE Club (carehamradio.com) might spearhead organization for the next Field Day.

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## Secretary's Report, Continued

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He also suggested we might put up a 20M, 5-element monoband antenna, if there's enough help to erect it. Consensus was that Lud's (KB2EVN) place in Sams Valley was an excellent location, and hope we can use it again.

Old Business: Bruce, KG7TUO, said the license exam classes were going well at their Sage & McAndrews location. Don, KG7BP, asked whether Saturday mornings could be scheduled for exams. Bruce said they need a better video projector. Van, K7VS, said he has an extra screen, if a group needs one.

Don, KG7BP, said he worked Ecuador on FT8, as well as the states of WA, AZ, & NM. Scott, NA7OM, said there were 4-5 slots open for the DXpedition to Vanuatu in October 2024, see [www.dx-world.net/vanuatu-dxpedition-2024/](http://www.dx-world.net/vanuatu-dxpedition-2024/) for more info.

7:25pm Break for coffee, snacks, and visiting.

7:59pm Presentation on DX by Scott Cummings, NA7OM. Scott demonstrated helpful realtime DX filtering at [dxsummit.fi/](http://dxsummit.fi/) which also has VoaCap propagation prediction service integrated. He showed that much more can be seen by coordinating with [dxmaps.com/spots/mapg.php](http://dxmaps.com/spots/mapg.php) which gives an at-a-glance map for various frequency bands, regions, and modes. Other helpful sites were mentioned including [clublog.org](http://clublog.org), [HamAlert.org](http://HamAlert.org), and [dxheat.com](http://dxheat.com)

8:30pm End presentation

John, KF7UMK, Secretary

## Secretary's Report, Continued

## 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](mailto: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**

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**Program:** .

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## Events

### Meetings

- **RVARC** 7:00 PM Medford Police Dep't Community Room, 219 S. Ivy St., Medford.
- **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

## 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/arrivec/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](mailto: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](mailto: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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