



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Thursday June 6, 2024,
7:00 PM

LOCATION FOR JUNE:
JCLS Library Jacksonville Branch
340 W. C St., Jacksonville, OR.
Naversen meeting room.

Program: RTTY, John Laybourne
AC7S, Tom McDermott N5EG.

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Club Notes

It is with great sadness that we report that our club President and Volunteer Exam Coordinator (VEC) Don Bennett, KG7BP passed away on the date of our May club meeting. No memorial services have been announced. Scott, NA7OM will take over as acting president, and Pat Cunningham, N7UH will take over VEC responsibilities.

The Medford PD Community room is no longer available for our meetings, right now we do not know if this is temporary or permanent. This also affects the amateur license testing location.

We will be using the Naversen Meeting Room at The Jacksonville Branch location of

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Secretary's Report

2024-05-02 RVARC Meeting Minutes

6:57pm Call to order by Interim President Scott Cummings, NA7OM. 23 attendees

Old Business: The possibility of CARE joining RVARC is on hold due to new information. Wait for an update.

Treasurer's Report: \$5407.09 checking account balance.

Field Day: Mike (W6FFC), Scott (NA7OM), John (AC7S), and Mike (N7XBJ), will be heading up Field Day 2024, June 22-23. At the Old Sams Valley School, 102 McDonough Rd, Central Point, OR There will be at least two IC7300's and an FT9800 GOTA station, for 20M & 40M operation. Check carehamradio.com for more info.

Bruce (KG7TUO) made a motion to allocate

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the Jackson County Library System. The address is 340 W. C St., Jacksonville, OR.

Our thanks to John for quickly arranging alternative locations! The club does not have meetings in July or August. We do not yet know what the location will be for September.

This year, Field Day will be held at the same location as last year:

**Old Sams Valley School
102 McDonough Rd
Central Point, OR 97502**

This is Lud Sibley's place, and is a great location for Field Day. It will be held June 22nd and 23, with setup on the afternoon of June 21. Rumor has it that Mike Bach, W6FFC will be cooking again, so the food will be a real treat!

The club received a donation in Don's name. **There will be discussion and perhaps a motion** at the meeting to use a portion of it to pay off the chromebook computers the club bought for VEC exam sessions.

Don was extremely pleased with how Pat was able to automate much of the VEC exam work, and it seems to this editor like an appropriate use of funds.

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\$500 for Field Day expenses for food, gasoline, & outhouse. Dave (KJ7GFS) seconded the motion. Upon a vote, motion passed.

7:06pm Mike(W6FFC) announced that he had just gotten a text message from Lori Bennett that our beloved club president Don Bennett (KG7BP) had just died, after a difficult week or more of illness. It was resolved for the club to get a card of sympathy during the meeting, so all could sign, before giving to Lori. All were stunned at the loss of further companionship with our good friend.

New Business: Pat (N7UH) reminded that there will be a license exam at 2:00 pm on May 4 at the Star Auto location.

7:27pm Scott(NA7OM) noted that the CARE club had voted to donate \$200 to the DXpedition.

Scott (KK7JAD) made a motion that the club donate \$200 to the DXpedition. Tom(N5EG) seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion passed.

7:35pm Tonight's Presentation is "Operation on 160M" by Dick Lemke, AD7AF. Inquire for a copy of the slide deck of his presentation.

Dick mentioned two good books relating to low-band operation:

"Low Band DXing" by John Devoldere, ON4UN. Subtitle: "Antennas, Equipment, and Techniques for DXcitement on 160, 80 & 40 meters." It seems available in a 5th edition (2010) from ARRL.

"Array of Light" by Tom Schiller, N6BT. From his website: "Focused on verticals, empirical testing, VOR development, repurposing old material & more." Available in the 4th edition (2022) from n6bt.com

8:23pm end presentation. Q&A followed, then a break for refreshments

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and visiting.

8:42pm meeting adjourned.

Note: The June 6th RVARC meeting will be at the Jacksonville Library Naversen Meeting room, 340 West C Street Jacksonville, OR 97530 at 7pm. Parking is available to the West and North of the library.

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. RTTY—Radio Teletype

Program: Part 1 of the program will cover some history and basics of Teletype and Radio Teletype.

Part 2 will cover modern computer software and operating in RTTY contests.

Biography: The presenters are John Laybourne, AC7S, and Tom McDermott, N5EG.

The tentative program plan for the rest of the year is:

July	no meeting
August	no meeting
September	Michael AI7UX, Broadband Cable / Video
October	Michael N7XBJ, Balloons, Pico balloons and tracking
November	Mike W6FFC, Moonbounce
December	Steve KW7V, Chevy Volt whole house backup power

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Events

Meetings

- **RVARC** 7:00 PM **JCLS Library Phoenix branch, 510 W. 1st St., Phoenix, OR.**
- **CARE** 2nd Wednesday 6:30 PM Fiesta Restaurant, 1016 N. Riverside, Medford
- **JC-ARES** 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM, **Elmer's Restaurant, 66 Stewart Ave. Medford, OR.**

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

2024 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: **The test location has changed.**

Dates 2024: Jun 22 (#) Sept 7 (*).

Sept (*) Star Body Meeting Room, 600 N. Central, Medford OR. 9:00 AM

June (#) Field Day @ Old Sam's Valley Elementary School 2:00 PM

Contact: Pat Cunningham N7UH, Email: pat@c2.com

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: 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.