



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Thursday November 7, 2024,
7:00 PM

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

Program: Moonbounce, Mike Bach
W6FFC

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Club Notes

The Medford PD Community room is not currently available for our meetings, right now we do not know if this is temporary or permanent. This also affects the amateur license testing location.

Our secretary John Armstrong has secured a room at the Jackson County Library System (JCLS) Jacksonville Branch for RVARC in November. The Jacksonville library location is planned for October, November, and December, subject to availability.

The location changes around month to month to avoid using the Jacksonville location on the same night as a concert at the Britt, otherwise making parking a big problem.

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Secretary's Report

RVARC Meeting Minutes 2024-10-03

24 attendees

7:02pm Meeting called to order by Acting-President Scott Cummings, DU1/NA7OM.

Treasurer's Report: \$5813.09 bank balance
Mention was made of the success of the last SOTA campout. See the 2024 W7O/PNW SOTA Hyatt Lake Campout Recap Video at youtu.be/usMvuoFma2c

7:30pm Scott, DU1/NA7OM, presented a show and tell on web antennas & coax.

7:40pm John Laybourne, DU1/AC7S, mentioned the need to contribute to SOTA, Field Day, and 7QP.

7:57pm break for coffee and visiting

8:15pm John Laybourne, DU1/AC7S, pre-

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The program for this month is on Moon-bounce by our club treasurer Mike Bach, W6FFC.

My amateur license came up for renewal recently, the ARRL sent an email reminding me to renew and providing some instructions. That's a good thing as much has changed since 10 years ago. The ARRL directions were good but not perfect.

An important note is that in addition to the older ULS Universal Licensing System, one also needs a CORES account, that is then linked to your existing callsign. In the process I needed to answer a ULS Personal-Security-Question (PSQ). So you need to keep different login, password, and PSQ information for **both ULS and CORES**.

ULS manages details about your call, while CORES manages payment of the fee and some other items.

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.

You MUST respond to the invitation from googlegroups to join the list. 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.

Secretary's Report, Continued

sented on the WVDXC expedition. See wvdx.org for more info.

Also, see vids on FT8, superfox, etc by DG2YCB at www.youtube.com/@dg2ycb/videos

Scott, NA7OM, mentioned the utility of the Voice of America Coverage Analysis Program, VOACAP. See www.voacap.com for more info.

8:53pm Meeting Adjourned

This Month's Programs

1. Moonbounce

Program: Mike will discuss moonbounce operation, traditionally uses CW and SSB, but is increasingly possible with newer digital modes. The path-loss is very high for moonbounce, so strong transmit signals, big antennas, and low-noise receivers are normally used. Scheduling of stations to work is common, since for some contacts the moon may be commonly visible by the two endpoints for only a short period of time.

Biography: Mike Bach, W6FFC is club treasurer, and is involved in all things VHF, UHF, and Microwave (plus HF too...).

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

November	Mike W6FFC, Moonbounce
December	Steve KW7V, Chevy Volt whole house backup power

Potential Programs for 2025:

January	RTLSDR, Scanner, Trunk Recorder Pat Cunningham, N7UH
February	Michael N7XBJ, Balloons, Pico balloons and tracking— Rescheduled
March	Luke Bryan KJ7BKH, Repeater Directory software.
April	Volunteer <i>a program !! Your name here !!</i>

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3 • CP ERC Net	4 • CARE Net	5 • 2M SSB Net	6 • 2M SSB Net	7 • RVARC Meeting • JC-ARES Net	8	9
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24 • CP ERC Net	25 • CARE Net	26 • 2M SSB Net	27 • 2M SSB Net	28 • JC-ARES Net	29	30

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 2024 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: 9:00 AM—10:30 AM. **Walk-ins Ok. Pre-registration suggested, use the link on our webpage:** <https://k7mfr.org/license-exams/>

Location: 932 Summit Ave, Medford, OR 97501 (near SE corner of Summit & McAndrews).

Dates 2024: **Nov 2**

Contact: Pat Cunningham N7UH, Email: ve@k7mfr.org

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: **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.