



# The Repeater

## Next Club Meeting

Thursday December 5, 2024,  
7:00 PM

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

Program: Chevy Volt whole-house  
power backup.

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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

2024-11-07 RVARC meeting minutes

7:03pm Treasurer Mike Bach, W6FFC, called meeting to order.

15 attendees, plus Scott, NA7OM, on Zoom later.

New Business: Two new licensees (Tech) plus one Upgrade from the latest exam session.

Mike, N7XBJ, and Ronda, N7RDF, extended an invitation to the CARE club's Christmas Party, to be held on: Saturday, Dec. 14th, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Roxy Ann Grange – 1850 Spring St, Medford, OR 97504, (the corner of Valley View Dr.) Raffle TYT TH-9800 Quad Band Radio and Power Supply – Tickets are \$5 each. or 5 for \$20. White Elephant Gift Exchange – Wrapped \$15 value approx. Ham Related? Family and Friends Invited, register at

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## Club Notes, Continued.

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### 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

<https://carehamradio.com/christmas-party/>

Old Business:

7:18pm From the 2024 Field Day, RVARC obtained 4810 points for a 2A category. The next closest OR station logged 1658 points.

7:19pm Club President Scott, NA7OM, appeared on Zoom from the Philippines, where it was 11:19am tomorrow (GMT+8). Scott mentioned that it was the month for club elections. Mike, W6FFC, asked if we could put off the election until next month. Pat mentioned the constitution required elections now. Scott asked if the club wanted to put off the elections until January. Somebody agreed with a second. No vote occurred. Mike, N7XBJ, said we could elect now. Mike, W6FFC, said we could nominate Scott. Scott laughed that he thought being 7000 miles away would alleviate that issue. Scott offered he would reluctantly stand for nomination. Mike, N7XBJ, nominated Scott for President. A second was heard. Voting was unanimous aye.

A call for volunteers to stand for Vice-President was made. Allan, K7GT, volunteered. No others volunteered. Mike, N7XBJ, nominated Allan for Vice-President. A second was heard. Voting was unanimous aye.

Mike, W6FFC, encountered to stand for Treasurer. No others volunteered. Voting was unanimous aye.

John, KF7UMK, reluctantly volunteered to again stand for Secretary, if no others volunteered. No others volunteered. Voting was unanimous aye.

7:29pm Scott mentioned that soon after their antennas were up, a super-typhoon hit the area. Wind gusts hit 60 km/Hr and the rain was horizontal. Around midnight, the water incursion was so bad they had to evacuate John's (AC7S) 2nd floor room.

## Secretary's Report, Continued

The weather restricted the radio propagation during the contest time, but they still managed contacts mainly from the Eastern Europe, India, China, Japan, & South Pacific region. Scott will stay for the CQWW contest in December. John, AC7S, did FT8 quite successfully there. Also, 10M was good.

7:45pm Break for coffee & snacks

7:53pm Presentation on Moonbounce by Mike, W6FFC.

Mike had historic video and pictures of a moonbounce session using the large SRI antenna.

8:47pm End presentation, start of show & tell of moonbounce equipment.

9:08pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted, John KF7UMK, Secretary.

## This Month's Programs

### 1. Chevy Volt whole house backup power.

**Program:** Steve will discuss using a Chevrolet Volt automobile as a whole-house power backup solution.

**Biography:** Steve Bosbach, KW5V will be the presenter. He is involved with our local Jackson County ARES (JC-ARES).

Potential Programs for 2025:

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

# December 2024

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

## Events

### Meetings

- **RVARC** 7:00 PM **JCLS Library—Location changes, see newsletter front page.**
- **CARE** **Christmas Party** 4:00–8:00 PM Roxy Ann Grange – 1850 Spring St, 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

### WANTED

Looking for a QRP hf radio. Prefer an older Tentec QRP radio. Power max of 5 watts. Multi-band cw/ssb unit. But will consider other models.

Van Sias, K7VS  
541 779 0723  
wa7fab@hotmail.com

## 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/arrlvec/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:**            **No remaining test dates in 2024**

**Contact:** Pat Cunningham N7UH, Email: [ve@k7mfr.org](mailto: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:**            **No remaining test dates in 2024**

**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.