



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Thursday April 3, 2025,
7:00 PM

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

Program: History of CW.

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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.

Meeting locations for the next three months:

- April— Jacksonville library.
- May— Jackson County Library Phoenix.
- June— Jacksonville Library.

We are looking for programs for 2025. Please volunteer a program or we will have difficulty filling all the months. Contact the club newsletter editor (contact details above in the masthead).

The Repeater is the official newsletter of the Rogue Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc. It is published 10 times a year—once per month excluding July and August.

Secretary's Report

March 6, 2025 RVARC Meeting Minutes

20 attendees

6:51pm Vice President Allan Taylor called meeting to order.

Treasurer's report: \$5736.59 bank balance + \$30 cash from dues

The license test equipment advance has been paid off from the most recent test fees. Two of the younger test-takers that passed were 9- and 12-years old.

There will be another exam on March 15 at the 940 Summit Ave location.

Field Day will be June 28-29 at Lud Sibley's place in Sams Valley.

7:07pm break for coffee, snacks, and visiting.

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Club Notes, Continued.

Secretary's Report, Continued

7:26pm Presentation by Luke Bryan, KJ7BKH on his multi-platform repeater mapping application.

It shows repeater locations and parameters on an interactive map, and gives step-by-step setup information for a variety of handhelds. See <https://hearham.com> for more information.

From the website:

Repeater-START, the offline repeater listing app is for iOS/Android, Windows, Linux, Raspberry Pi, Ubuntu, Librem Phone.

7:53pm end presentation

7:55pm meeting adjourned

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.

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.

This Month's Programs

1. A brief history of CW.

Program: Allan will be preparing a handout for the presentation (likely about two pages) and a more extensive article to go into the May newsletter. He will bring a portion of his key, bug, paddle, and keyer collection.

Biography: Allan Taylor, K7GT is an avid CW and contest operator. He is currently the club Vice President.

Planned and Potential Programs for 2025:

May	TBD
June	Pat Cunningham "M17 - open source digital radio" - What is M17, Protocol, How to get on the air - Radios, OpenRTX, MMDVMtopic?
July, August	No meeting
September	TBD
November	Michael Fowler. Michael will speak about weather balloon tracking, chasing, re-purposing, and pico balloons
December	TBD
Future	Michael Fowler Digipi and digital modes
Future	<i>Volunteer a program !! Your name here !!</i>

April 2025

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

Events

Meetings

- **RVARC** 7:00 PM **JCLS Library**—Location changes, see newsletter front page.
- **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

Don Montgomery WB7Q estate sale:

- Mosley TA-33-M 3 element 10-15-20 Meter yagi, in almost new condition, aluminum show no corrosion. \$350.00 (new price is \$819).
- Hy-Gain Ham-IV rotor and control box. Only up for a short time, looks like it just came out of the box. \$350.00 (new price \$800).
- 33 foot of tower, 25 foot Tri-Ex aluminum tower, exact same dimensions as Rohn-25, 8 foot top section is steel, Rohn-25, with thrust bearing and rotor shelf and guy anchor frame. \$150.00.
- Bring your pick up. All equipment located in Eagle point For info, call 541-261-5215 or email EaglePoint.Or@Juno.com
Mike W6FFC

2025 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

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 2025: Next Exam Saturday May 17 2:00 PM

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 2025: May 16 Aug 15 Nov 21

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.