



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Thursday September 4, 2025,
7:00 PM

LOCATION FOR September:
Jacksonville Library
340 W C St., Jacksonville, OR.

Program: Vintage Homebrewing
Radio, Bill Ostrander, N7AGX

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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.

The September 4th meeting will be held at the Jacksonville library. Locations for October-through-December are not yet known.

We are looking for programs for one month in 2005, and for all of 2026. Please volunteer a program or we will have difficulty filling all the months. Contact the club newsletter editor (contact details above in the masthead).

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Secretary's Report

2025-06-05 RVARC Meeting Minutes
28 Attendees

6:58pm Acting President Scott Cummings, DU1/NA7OM, called the meeting to order.

After attendee introductions, Bruce Cook, KG7TUO, reminded us that there will be a class session on Saturday, June 7 at 930 Summit Ave.

Scott mentioned the recent solar activity degraded reception, except perhaps for 6M.

Van Sias, K7VS, was wished a happy 87th birthday!

Scott is leaving for the Philippines in a week, returning about April 2026, and is retiring his position as (acting) president. He mentioned that he was #1 in the Philippines for CQWW-CW, but that he lost about 34% of calls due to his split callsign not being copied correct-

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Treasurer's Report: \$5969.27 in the bank.

Bruce, KG7TUO, led a discussion on organization of Field Day, scheduled for the weekend of June 28 at Lud Sibley's in Sam's Valley.

The club has no meetings in July and August, the next meeting will be Sept 4, location TBD.

7:47pm Break for visiting, coffee, and snacks.

8:07pm Presentation by Pat Cunningham, N7UH, on the M17 Digital Mode. Pat had a slide deck accompanying his talk, copies of which may be available by request. See also m17project.org/ and m17foundation.org/ for more info.

8:51pm End presentation

8:52pm Meeting Adjourned.

Johm, 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.

SOTA Campout by Amy Haptonstahl, AG7GP

Hi All,

Everyone recovered from the Summits-On-The-Air (SOTA) 2025 campout? Have fun? Did you achieve some new goals? I sure did.

My personal achievements were passing the 250 Uniques mark which included Mt. Thielsen to Chicken Ledge with Craig KK7RIB, and also Wizard Island. Both were spectacular with unique views you will only see from those summits. Thielsen is the only place to see Crater Lake outside of the park and Wizard, well, who can't beat saying you operated from INSIDE a volcano? Thielsen was not as hard as I anticipated and maybe next time I will go all the way.

The weather was outstanding with some of the best summer views I've ever had of Crater Lake and the surrounding area. Mosquitoes weren't bad in most areas. Lots of playing around on new Quansheng HTs with different bands and modes, including sstv. Some summits were quite popular like Hillman, Kelsay, and Scott and some were activated for the very first time. We counted 70 hams (excluding family and friends), some only chased or visited, so you may not have heard them, but all are equally welcome to the campout. Nothing beats the eyeball qsos with everyone. I think Al, KC4M, was the furthest traveler from NC and we also had Paul, VA6MPM, join us from Alberta. For some operators this was their very first SOTA experience and I bet it won't be their last. We are now possibly the largest annual SOTA gathering in the world! Tim, N7KOM, caught me off guard on video asking about a slogan for the campout. Thinking about one of our common phrases, I now came up with "it doesn't have to be fun to be fun, but I guarantee the campout is!". Or howabout: "Come join the organized chaos". Yeah, maybe not a very catchy jingle, but sums it up.

With a lot of work and planning, Rex KE6MT, was able to achieve Mountain Goat at a first activation heading home Monday in N. CA! The elevation gain and miles hiked in a few days by Rex was very impressive. Great job!! Who gets to put on the goat horns for next year's MG?? We also had a couple funny lost and found incidents. I lost my sunglasses and pill container while taking a break on Thielsen. Bryan K7AMM found them and brought them back to me the next day. Craig KK7RIB lost his rx glasses on Herschberger the first day, Kevin N7EMT found them set aside on a stump a couple days later. There were a couple other things left up on summits but brought down by another op. Just another reflection of the team work involved in SOTA.

We'll see you next year with the plan being Crane Prairie Campground July 9-12th, 2026. Subject to change if needed, but pencil it in. It was a great event and I hope everyone went home with some achievements, new friends, and more memories with old friends. It takes everyone, and a special crowd to have such a successful, positive event! Feel free to share some of your highlights!

73,
Amy-AG7GP

Photos Courtesy Amy Haptonstahl

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This Month's Programs

1. Vintage Homebrewing Radio.

Program: Bill will present on Vintage Homebrewing, or "I have a vacuum tube, that's almost a whole radio...."

Biography: Bill Ostrander, N7AGX, was born in Detroit, MI. My neighbor was a ham, and would let me listen to shortwave when I was around 8. He gave me a bunch of old ARRL books that I treasured. At 10, moved to Arizona. Got my ham license in 1977 finally, and had a shop/operating position in a little building in the back yard. I did a lot of experimenting then. Got an afternoon job at a TV shop at age 15, then a career job doing radio communications work for the City of Mesa until 1990, when I moved to Oregon to work for the Oregon Dept. of Forestry as a radio tech. Retired as a Senior Radio Communications Systems engineer in 2020, and jumped right back into ham radio where I left off in the '80's!

Planned and Potential Programs for 2025:

October	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>

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 • CARE Net	2 • 2M SSB Net	3 • 2M SSB Net	4 • RVARC Meeting • JC-ARES Net	5	6
7 • CP ERC Net	8 • CARE Net	9 • 2M SSB Net	10 • 2M SSB Net • CARE Meeting	11 • JC-ARES Net	12	13
14 • CP ERC Net	15 • CARE Net	16 • 2M SSB Net • JC-ARES Meeting	17 • 2M SSB Net	18 • JC-ARES Net	19	20
21 • CP ERC Net	22 • CARE Net	23 • 2M SSB Net	24 • 2M SSB Net	25 • JC-ARES Net	26	27
28 • CP ERC Net	29 • CARE 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: **Saturday Sept 20 2:00 PM** **Saturday Nov 15 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: **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.