

The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Thursday December 4, 2025, 7:00 PM

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

Program: Flexradio 500w transceiver, VA2MW

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Newsletter & Membership

Club Notes

In order to allow some flexibility in our monthly meeting time and date we will be proposing and voting on a slight change in the wording of the club constitution. It currently states we will meet the first Thursday of the month, minus July and August. A proposal is to reword the constitution: "The Club shall meet regularly on a chosen day of each month, agreed upon by the executive board at a location approved by the President. No regular meetings will be planned in July and August."

The December 4th meeting will be held at the Jacksonville library.

Please, please, we need programs for 2026. If you can present a program, known some-

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Secretary's Report

6:58pm V.P. Allan Taylor, K7GT, called the meeting to order. Attendance and introduction of 26 people.

7:04pm Nominations for 2026 club officers were:

- Amy Haptonstall, AG7GP, for President
- Allan Taylor, K7GT, for Vice President
- Mike Bach, W6FFC, for Treasurer
- John Armstrong, KF7UMK, for Secretary

No other nominations being received, a motion was made to vote by acclamation, and seconded by Allan Taylor. Voting was unanimous to accept the nominated slate.

7:07pm There was a January meeting date discussion, due to the fact that the first Thursday of January 2026 is New Years Day. Allan Taylor proposed we meet January 8th instead, it was seconded by Amy Haptonstall, and accepted by the members.

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one who can, or have a suggestion, we are all ears.

Congratulations to our new suite of officers for 2026:

- President—Amy Haptonstall, AG7GP.
- Vice President—Allan Taylor, K7GT.
- Treasurer— Mike Bach, W6FFC
- Secretary— John Armstrong, KF7UMK

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

Mike Fowler, N7XBJ, invited us to the CARE Club's Christmas party, Saturday, December 13th at 4pm at the Roxy Ann Grange, 1850 Spring St, Medford, OR 97504.

7:12pm Treasurer's Report: \$5769.27 bank balance plus \$30 dues not yet deposited.

The program for the December meeting was announced to be a Zoom presentation on Flex Radio.

7:19pm Break for coffee, snacks, and visiting.

7:47pm Presentation by Matt Stagg, KC7OOY, on the design, building, and operation of his radio trailer.

8:21pm End presentation, start Q&A

8:27pm Mike & Josh from the CARE club requested help for the 2026 Field Day planning. Help is needed to find a location, and more kids could be involved if it was in town. Also, folks are needed to help set up the logging network, and for cooking, and for knowing what ARRL rules apply for 2026 FD.

A license test session is planned for Saturday, Nov 22, at the Star Auto Body location from 9am-2pm.

8:40pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted, John KF7UMK, Secretary.

This Month's Programs

1. Compact 500W HF/6M transceiver.

Program: Flex Radio will present it's new Aurora radio, a compact 500W HF/6M trans-

ceiver in a single package.

Biography: Michael Walker, VA2MW has been licensed since 1974. He is a member of

the marketing and education team at Flex Radio Systems. Mike has explored various facets of amateur radio, including Repeaters, High Frequency (HF), HF Contesting, and Satellites. Currently, he is experimenting with Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) digital modes and 10Ghz microwave technology.

Additionally, he is an avid General Aviation (GA) Pilot, combining his passion for aviation with his love for HF station integration and remote HF operation.

Planned and Potential Programs for 2026:

January The fre

The free, open-source CHIRP radio programming software works on Windows, Macintosh, and Linux PCs. We'll discuss information about the application, how to configure it to connect to your radios, and how to program radio settings including cloning radio programming between devices.

Kameron Gasso, W7KRG has worked professionally in technology for over 25 years in roles including support, network and systems engineering, and IT operations management. He got his start in radio in the late 1980s and early 1990s with shortwave listening and CB, did some commercial VHF/UHF frequency coordination, radio programming, and repeater operation in the early 2000s, and finally jumped into amateur radio in 2020.

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Feburary Patio Radio—a linked VHF/UHF radio system from the 1970's con-

necting Oregon and California. Steve Porter, WA6YSM.

March April May June

Future Michael Fowler Digipi and digital modes Future Volunteer a program!! Your name here!!

December 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	11CARE Meeting deferred for Christmas partyJC-ARES Net	12	13
14 • CP ERC Net	15 ◆ CARE Net	16 • JC-ARES Meeting • 2M SSB Net	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	31 • 2M SSB Net			

Events

Meetings

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

• CARE 6:30 PM, Fiesta Restaurant – 1016 N. Riverside, Medford.

• JC-ARES 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

For Sale:

- 1. Kenwood TS480 \$675
- 2. Drake MN7 tuner, ex cond
- 3. Samples SEC-1223 power sup (2)
- 4. SignaLink USB sound card
- 5. Sony AM/FM tuner, XDR-F1HD
- 6. Optimus SA-155 amp
- 7. ACS41 speaker (2)
- 8. FM radio antenna. 6ft boom
- 9. Par Electronics 6m Stressed Moxon antenna. Works great 6m digital
- 10. Kenwood SP-100 speaker
- 11. Microphone

For Info, contact Randy Miltier, W6NT. Email W6NT@ARRL.net

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).

<u>Dates 2025:</u> No Dates Remaining

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

<u>Grants Pass, OR</u>

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: No Dates Remaining

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.