



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday March 3, 2026,
7:00 PM

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

Program: Satellite Communica-
tions, Lyle Hood, WB7VUF

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Club Notes

Starting in March, the club will now hold the monthly meeting on the first **Tuesday** of the month. That may be difficult to adjust to!

Grants Pass Net Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on 28.350 MHz. Moving sometimes to 1.941 MHz. afterwards.

Secretary's Report

2026-02-05 RVARC Meeting Minutes

7:03pm President Amy Haptonstall called the meeting to order.

21 attendees

Our new meeting dates are now the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting will be March 3 at the Jacksonville Library Meeting Room.

Treasurer's Report: \$5979.27 in the bank.

The CARE club needs help with the 2026 Field Day organizing.

7:08pm Presentation on "Patio Radio" by Steve Porter, WA6YSM

Patio Radio was a linked VHF/UHF radio system from the 1970's connecting Oregon and California. Steve discussed the

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Secretary's Report, Continued

history and status of the Patio Radio system, and displayed a 19" rack full of original hardware, along with documentation & schematics. Many wonderful stories were shared.

7:52pm End Presentation

7:57pm Break for coffee, snacks, & visiting.

8:30pm 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. Satellite Communications.

Program: Satellite Communications. The presentation will discuss how to get started working satellites, and some of programs he uses for tracking the satellites.

Biography: Lyle Hood, WB7VUF has always lived here in the Rogue Valley. He worked as a HD truck mechanic. Lyle was licensed in 1978, and was/is mainly an HF Operator. In 2016 he got interested in VHF-UHF satellites.

Planned and Potential Programs for 2026:

April	Dan Koellen AI6XG	Portable tube radio
May	Steve Bosbach KW5V	Homebrew 40 meter magnetic loop
June	TBD	Field Day 2026
Future	Amy Haptonstall AG7GP	SOTA campout
Future	Rob Locher, W9KNI	Discussing Bencher and his book The Complete DX'er
Future	Michael Fowler	Digipi and digital modes
Future	<i>Volunteer a program !! Your name here !!</i>	

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 • CP ERC Net	2 • CARE Net	3 • RVARC Meeting • 2M SSB Net	4 • 2M SSB Net	5 • JC-ARES Net	6	7
8 • CP ERC Net	9 • CARE Net	10 • 2M SSB Net	11 • 2M SSB Net	12 • JC-ARES Net CARE Meeting	13	14
15 • CP ERC Net	16 • CARE Net	17 • JC-ARES Meeting • 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** 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

Wanted:

I am looking for a radio such as an ICOM 7300 or similar. Don't want a diamond, just something reasonable.

AC7S John
johnlac7s@gmail.com

2026 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). Saturday at 2:00 PM on the dates listed:

Dates 2026: **Mar 21 May 16 Jul 18 Sept 19 Nov 21**

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 2026: **Feb 20 May 15 Aug 21 Nov 20**

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.