



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday April 7, 2026,
7:00 PM

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

Program: SOTA Tube Transmitter,
Dan Koellen, AI6XG

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 Newsletter & Membership

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.

We are again working with the CARE club on a joint Field Day. There will be Field Day-Planning Committee Meetings on both April 11th & 25th, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the White City VA Baseball Field, 8495 Crater Lake Hwy, White City, OR 97503

Secretary's Report

2026-03-03 RVARC Meeting Minutes

7:00pm Meeting called to order by President Haptonstall, AG7GP. 19 attendees. 4 visitors were welcomed!

2026 Field Day is tentatively planned for the Veterans Admin Ballfield in White City, Jun 27-28

A CARE swap meet is planned for Saturday, March 14, at Star Auto Body, 930 Summit Ave.

David, KJ7GFS, asked for volunteers for radio support of the Rogue Run, May 2, at Valley of the Rogue State Park. Contact Dave at kj7gfs@yahoo.com for more info.

Announcement of the ARRL International DX Contest - SSB. Time: 00:00 UTC Saturday, March 7 through 23:59 UTC Sunday, March 8, 2026

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Also: CQ WPX Contest Dates
SSB: March 28 - 29, 2026
CW: May 30 - 31, 2026
Starts: 0000 UTC Saturday, Ends: 2359
UTC Sunday

Mike Bach, W6FFC, said a new repeater is up at Baldy: 147.02 100 Hz PL

Treasurer's report: \$6089.27 bank balance

Luke Bryan, KJ7BKH, has released a new app, HF Pilot, a propagation modeling program.

7:15pm Tonight's presentation on Satellite Communications is by Lyle Hood, WB7VUF. Anyone with a tech license, or better, can work satellites.

Also see KE0PBR's wordpress site for helpful sat frequency tables.

Lyle mentioned the SATPC32 program, the Theodolight app for iOS, the CSN SatTracker antenna controller, and for more info, see amsat.org. Lyle's slide deck may be available, check with him.

7:47pm Q&A

8:02pm Break for coffee, snacks, & visiting.

8:45pm meeting adjourned.

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. SOTA Tube Transmitter.

Program: The presentation is from 2025 FDIM (Four Days in May—held in Dayton during the Hamvention): A SOTA (Summits on The Air) Tube Transmitter - A Project For the Decades.

Biography: Dan Koellen AI6XG was first licensed as a high school student in 1973, eventually obtaining his code required Advanced license. After allowing his license to lapse in the 1990s, he earned his ticket again in 2017. SOTA HF CW is Dan's principal ham radio activity.

Planned and Potential Programs for 2026:

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>	

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 • 2M SSB Net	2 • JC-ARES Net	3	4
5 • CP ERC Net	6 • CARE Net	7 • RVARC Meeting • 2M SSB Net	8 • 2M SSB Net	9 • JC-ARES Net • CARE Meeting	10	11
12 • CP ERC Net	13 • CARE Net	14 • 2M SSB Net	15 • 2M SSB Net	16 • JC-ARES Net	17	18
19 • CP ERC Net	20 • CARE Net	21 • JC-ARES Meeting • 2M SSB Net	22 • 2M SSB Net	23 • JC-ARES Net	24	25
26 • CP ERC Net	27 • CARE Net	28 • 2M SSB Net	29 • 2M SSB Net	30 • JC-ARES 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: All ham radio gear together as one package. \$1250

1. Kenwood TS-480HX transceiver, all mode, 50mhz w/manual/box
 2. Samplex amplifier, SEC-1223 (1)
 3. Samplex amplifier, SEC-1223 (2)
 4. Drake MN7 matching network tuner w/manual
 5. Signa Link USB sound card
 6. Sony XDR-F1HD digital AM/FM tuner
 7. Optimas SA-155 intergrated stereo amplifier
 8. All Tec Lansing AC-541 speaker
 9. Pro Electronics SM-50 Stressed Moxon 6m antenna.
- Randy Miltier W6NT
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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: 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: 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.