



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting

October 6, 2026,
7:00 PM

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

Program: CW—Bob Locher,
W9KNI

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Club Notes

The CARE KB7SKB Jacksonville Repeater 147.100 (-) [PL 136.5] is temporarily off the air because the site where it used to be located has been sold.

CARE has not yet announced future repeater plans. However folks are advised to use the JC-ARES K7JAX Mt. Baldy Repeater 146.840 (-) [PL 123.0] in the meantime.

There will be a discussion at the RVARC October meeting about holding a club social pot luck dinner in place of the December meeting. Details are planned to be discussed.

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Secretary's Report

RVARC Meeting Minutes 2026-09-01

19 attendees

7:02pm Meeting called to order by Pres. Haptonstall

It was announced that the club's 2026 Field Day score was 2908 points.

A question was posed about whether the December meeting should be a special potluck, perhaps even changing the date to a Saturday, if preferred. Tom, N5EG, offered to host at his place, if needed.

7:10pm Treasurer's Report: \$6104.27 in the bank, with \$65 cash dues on hand.

Bruce, KG7TUO, announced that Quartzfest 2027 will take place from January 17 to January 23, 2027, in Quartzsite, Arizona

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Club Notes, Continued.

Secretary's Report, Continued

7:15pm Presentation on the SOTA W7O/
PNW Campout by Amy Haptonstall, AG7GP.

The 2026 SOTA Campout was held July 9th-12th, 2026 at Crane Prairie Campground in Central Oregon. There were 77 operators, including the Brass Knuckle Gang, from places like Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, Colorado, and Connecticut, working 2M-FM, CW, SSB, and even SSTV. Some folks were working on their Mountain Goat goals.

Amy showed many pictures of the operators, summits, and campground activities. There was much sharing by others, including TJ (KK7LVA), Allan (K7GT), and Shannon (KM7GBK). Amy announced that the 2027 Campout might be held at Howard Prairie, so stay tuned for news.

8:00pm End Presentation. Break for visiting, coffee, and snacks.

8:32pm 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. CW the language of Ham Radio. Bob Locher W9KNI

Program: This program will be about CW, and will have demonstrations of various keyers and keys.

Biography: Bob Locher wrote a number of articles on CW DXing back in the 1970s, and a very popular book "The Complete DX'er". Bob is originally from Cedar Rapids, IA, his novice test was signed off by Art Collins. Bob co-founded Bencher Inc., with Jere Benedict. Bencher produced a variety of amateur radio products. He also founded Idiom Press. Bob now lives in Grants Pass.

Planned and Potential Programs for 2026:

November	Allen's QMX Building	QRP Labs QMX Multi-band transceiver kit.
December	Pot Luck Dinner?	Proposal. Let's discuss at the next meeting.

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 • JC-ARES Net	2	3
4 • CP ERC Net	5 • CARE Net	6 • RVARC Meeting • 2M SSB Net	7 • 2M SSB Net	8 • CARE Meeting • JC-ARES Net	9	10
11 • CP ERC Net	12 • CARE Net	13 • 2M SSB Net	14 • 2M SSB Net	15 • JC-ARES Net	16	17
18 • CP ERC Net	19 • CARE Net	20 • JC-ARES Meeting • 2M SSB Net	21 • 2M SSB Net	22 • JC-ARES Net	23	24
25 • CP ERC Net	26 • CARE Net	27 • 2M SSB Net	28 • 2M SSB Net	29 • JC-ARES Net	30	31

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—. Temporarily on the K7JAX Mt. Baldy Repeater 146.840 (-) [PL 123.0] 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: **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: **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.