

# Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society

## The WA7VE

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### Next Class for the Technician License

- Date: July 18th & 19th 2008
- Location: Clatsop Community College South County campus at 1455 N. Roosevelt Next to Diamond Heating.
- Fri. 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Sat. 9:00am to 4:00pm
- Bring a calculator, pencil, and notebook both days. Saturday you also need to bring a lunch, Picture I.D. & SSN.
- Pre-register by E-mail at: redham@aol.com
- Testing Sat. after the Class.

### STARS Meeting.

Sat. July 12th @ Noon — North Gateway Park (Estuary at Hwy 101) This is a potluck lunch meeting.

### The STARS Newsletter-

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### STARS Officers & Board

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## STARS Membership Participation

Thank you to all of the STARS Members that participated in the activities of Field Day and Seaside 4th of July. We had a lot of fun with these activities. There will be additional activities throughout the summer that you can help out with.



### Field Day 2008

Field Day 2008 was held this year at the Camp 18 Restaurant and Museum on June 28th and 29th. Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club had invited the STARS club to participate with them for this event. We set up and operated radios for a 24 hour contest. The purpose of Field Day is to test ourselves and show the public what we can do in a short amount of time for setup and operating

on emergency power. It was a lot of fun, ask Albert KE7OUE about operating the HF radios. Albert was up most of the night on Saturday seeing how many contacts he could make. There were several others that operated as well. Saturday evening there was a Pot Luck dinner, that several members attended. The spaghetti was great, (thanks Bernie KD7UDX for your hard work), as well as all of the other food that everyone had brought.

### Seaside July 4th Perimeter Support

Thanks to all of the STARS & SEARC members that supported the City of Seaside with the fireworks preparation. The city said we did a great job.



## Congratulations to Kelly - N7IXI

Kelly Larkins, N7IXI, placed 11th in the 7QP contest earlier this year. The 7th Call Area QSO Party (7QP) ran from 1300 UTC Saturday to 0700 UTC Sunday (6 am to midnight PDT, the first Saturday in May, 2008).

The rules were simple - 7th call area stations worked everyone and all others only

worked 7th call area stations. After 5 1/2 hours on voice and cw (morse code) she contacted 51 stations in 16 states and 1 DX (foreign) station. This was done with less than 150 watts!

Will she do it again next year? "You bet 'cha". For more information, visit

their web site at [7qp.org](http://7qp.org) You'll find a complete list of rules, a list of participating stations and much, much more.

Kelly will be sending out information on future contests especially for the YL's to become involved with.

"73"

## Seaside CERT Graduation

The City of Seaside CERT program held its second class during June 2008. CERT is "Community Emergency Response Team". Citizen volunteers take 20 hours of training to learn: disaster preparedness; fire safety; disaster medical operations; light search of buildings or areas; rescue of trapped victims; disaster psychology; and about incidents related to terrorism. CERT Seaside is a program of Seaside Fire and Rescue. Firefighter Doug Barker, KE7TAA, spent a day teaching the disaster medical operations units. Students may choose to receive two credits through Clatsop

Community College for successful completion of The Basic CERT course. Terry Williams, KE7QFR, trained with the first CERT class and spent two days assisting with the disaster medical operations and light rescue units. Fred Loser, KE7NXW, also a graduate of the first CERT class, helped with the fire safety unit.

6 of the 7 students in this class are ham radio operators! They are: Carolyn (General) Lee, KE7OXP; Jeannette Nachbar, KE7UIX; Deb Treusdell, KE7NZN; Robin Knoll, KE7RBJ; Guy Williams, W7GUY;

and, Rich Bourne. These students join 13 CERT members who training coincided with the December 2007 hurricane. Hams in the first class are: Bob Graber, KE7OXO; Billie Graber, KE7OXN; Roy Hackett, K7POV; Becky Read, KE7OHU; Jackie Taylor, KE7QQS; Terry Williams, KE7QFR, and Fred Loser KE7NXW. Alice Kero Wood, K7ERO, serves as the CERT program coordinator.

The next CERT class is planned for October- stay tuned for QSTs with details. "73" Alice - K7ERO

## Even A Technician Class Licensee Can Earn It

Sponsored by the Salem A.R.C. for contacting Oregon counties on or after January 1, 2007, the Worked All Oregon Counties Award is there for the asking. The basic certificate is issued for contacting 25 of Oregon's 36 counties. Endorsements for 30, and all 36 counties, too. Endorsements must follow the band or modes used to complete the original certificate (if the certificate was earned with all voice contacts then the endorsement(s) must also be from voice contacts). Endorsements are available for any band or mode combination.

Contacts with mobile, portable or fixed stations on county lines are valid as long as the QSL card or log ex-

tract clearly states the counties involved. Contacts via repeaters, digipeaters, moon-bounce, satellites, packet, pactor, RTTY, and similar systems are acceptable, from any and all locations. Contacts made while mobile or portable in the State of Oregon are valid, and that travelers in Oregon can use repeater contacts anywhere in the state to any of the counties. SWL (short wave listeners) are OK. GCR list (or original cards) and a fee of \$3 to Awards Manager, Salem Amateur Radio Club, Box 61, Salem, OR 97308.

[www.dxawards.com/uscountyawards.htm](http://www.dxawards.com/uscountyawards.htm)

"73" Kelly Larkins—N7IXI

## Ham Radio Happenings

### Hood to Coast Relay Support:

Each year Hams help with the Hood to Coast / Portland to Coast Relay on August 23rd. This is a major event in this county in which we help with communication support while over 16,000 participants are in Clatsop County. There are several checkpoints along the course that require Hams to help communicate any needs. We will keep you informed on this event. For fun and more information, check out the website for this event at [www.hoodtocoast.com](http://www.hoodtocoast.com)

### YL NET & Breakfast

Remember Sunday's at 8pm on the local repeaters and Beach-net system is the YL net. It is open for all YL's (women of any age) to check in and visit with other YL's. Breakfast is on July 19th at 9am at Bagels by the Sea in Seaside. (3rd Sat. 9am)

### Hams & Eggs in Seaside

We currently meet at 8:00am every Thursday at Riley's Restaurant in Seaside. Breakfast talk-in frequency is 146.400 Simplex.

### Seaside Tsunami Net

Wednesday's are the night to check into the Seaside Tsunami net on 146.400 simplex at 7pm.

### Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club -W7BU

SEARC meets usually on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10am. The location varies, location talk in is on one of the SEARC Repeaters. This month they will be meeting on July 26 at the ESD Building in Astoria.