

Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society

The WA7VE

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Next Class for the Technician License

- Date: Jan 2nd and 3rd 2009
- 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: ab7ho@charter.net
- Testing Sat. after the Class.

STARS Meeting.

Sat. Dec 13th @ 5pm —
—CCC Seaside Campus -
Address 1455 N. Roosevelt
Mtg: 2nd Sat Each Month

The STARS Newsletter-

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STARS Officers & Board

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Winter Storm ,Tsunami, & All Hazards Fair



On Saturday Nov 1st of 2008, Seaside TAG - Tsunami Advisory Group hosted an All Hazards fair at the convention center. This was a multi-purpose fair to not only educate everyone about Tsunami's and other Hazards, but also to inspire people to get prepared for future disasters. The fair gave them ideas of emergency kits and what to put in them. One of the Barrels from the Barrel Cache program was opened and available to see the contents. There were booths that had information on emergency items, such as, generators, portable propane heaters, and other items needed for emergency preparedness. Some of the other groups that were there were Clatsop County ARES with the new Communications

Van, the Red Cross, CERT, also Seaside 911 was there with information about the new siren system that went into effect recently. The TAG group had arranged special guest speakers for seminars about Tsunami's and what we could possibly expect here in the Seaside area if we were to be hit by one.

Everyone that participated said they looked forward to the spring Emergency Preparedness fair that we plan on putting on sometime around April. Some local businesses said they would try and participate with what their stores have to offer in the way of Emergency Preparedness items. We will get a date for the spring E-Prep fair as soon as possible.



STARS Election of Officers

Our December meeting is just around the corner so please be sure to download your ballot for election of officers. Please return your ballot by mail, giving to one of the nominations committee or by bringing to the December meeting.

Those running for office are:

President — — — —
Jeff Holwege AB7DN,
Vice-President — — —
Albert Wood KE7OUE,
Secretary — — —
Caroline Lee KE7OXP,
and Treasurer — — —
Vanessa Volland N7ESS.

Please fill out and sign only one ballot for STARS

member. If you object to signing the ballot, you may cut the signature portion off the bottom of the page. Enclose the signature and sealed ballot portion in an envelope. The only persons that could possibly see who you are voting for would be the nominations committee members.

Jamboree-On-The-Air Experience: Contact From Space

Sunday, October 19th, was like any other --- cool, but sunny. I was watching cartoons in my pajamas along with a bowl of my favorite cereal. I slept until 9am. "Ah-this is going to be another uneventful day!" Mom and Dad were already up hours earlier and had settled down in their routine of reading the newspaper and surfing the net.

It wasn't too long after that that my morning routine was broken by the ring of the telephone. Seeing that neither of my parents were budging from their seats I proceeded to head for the phone. Jeff, AB7DN, was asking for me. A welcomed break from my cartoon friends.

As I listened, Jeff filled my head with information about the International Space Station (ISS) flying near by and that they were looking for Jamboree-On-The-Air Boy Scouts to talk to.

Mom entered the downlink frequency into the radio. Wow! There they were. A strong 5-9 signal! We soon realized that our 2m radio couldn't operate splits. Drat! After 15 minutes, she managed to program the downlink on one channel

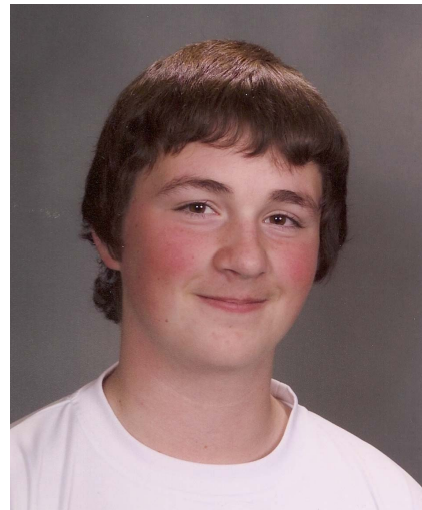
and the uplink on the next channel. Now we're in business.

The next orbit arrived an hour and a half later. She called CQ on one channel and quickly switched to the next to listen for a response..... ..nothing but a bunch of mosquito sounding gibberish. She said it was slow-scan TV. After 10 minutes, the radio went silent. We waited again, another hour and a half went by. This would be our last chance today because in 45 minutes we would be leaving for a drive in the country.

According to the computer the shuttle was within a few hundred miles. Mom started calling "CQ Space Station, CQ ISS, this is N7IXI with a Boy Scout on frequency." The first call was cut short because she was calling on the downlink frequency. Click went the knob and she started calling again. This time on the uplink...click...(listen)...click "CQ ISS..." By the 5th try a voice came over the speaker with Mom's call sign and was requesting to talk to a Boy Scout. We did it!

After a brief exchange of call signs I introduced myself and gave him my

call sign. Richard Garriot, W5KWQ said he was looking for Scouts this weekend. I asked how it looked from space and he said "it was clear skies and that he could see land." After a couple of minutes I said thank you. The air fell silent again. What an opportunity of a lifetime!



Doug Larkins - K7PMG is currently attending School at Broadway Middle School in Seaside Oregon. He was licensed in 2006 and now has the callsign that had previously belonged to his grandfather.

Ham Radio Happenings

Ham Radio Classes for 2009

Here is the dates for the upcoming years classes.

Jan 2nd and 3rd.
March 6th and 7th.
May 1st and 2nd.
July 31st and August 1st.
October 2nd and 3rd

Times and additional information are located on the front page of the newsletter. Please pass on to your family and friends. Register with Roxann Holwege AB7HO at ab7ho@charter.net

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 Dec 20th 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.

Seaside Christmas Parade

The ARES Communications Van is participating in the Seaside Parade on Friday Nov 28th. More information will be sent out about decorating and parade times. The van will have to be decorated in Christmas lights. As parade participants you will need orange vest and flashlight.