



# The WA7VE

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**Next Class for the Technician License**

- Date: May 1st & 2nd 2009
- Location: Clatsop Community College South County campus at 1455 N. Roosevelt Next to Diamond Heating.
- Fri. 5:30pm to 9:00pm
- 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: hamclass@charter.net
- Testing Sat. after the Class.

**STARS Meeting.**

Sat. April 11th @ 5pm  
—CCC Seaside Campus -  
Address 1455 N. Roosevelt  
Mtg: 2nd Sat Each Month

**The STARS Newsletter-**

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## April 20th is the Tsunami & All Hazards Fair

The Tsunami and All Hazards Fair is happening this month on Monday April 20th from 10am to 6pm. This is an Annual event at the Seaside Convention Center put on for area residents. Please take the time to attend. This event is being organized by Seaside TAG—(Tsunami Advisory Group) which is made up of local area Ham Radio Operators, CERT members, and concerned citizens who want make a difference and prepare NOW for future disasters.

Some local businesses will have preparedness type items on hand at the fair that they sell in their stores. This is a

types of emergency gear that may help you in a disaster. You are not able to



purchase from them at the fair, but this does give them a chance to help you learn more about what they have to offer in the way of Emergency Preparedness.



great way for you to learn about different

We hope you plan to attend and learn from the other organizations that will have preparedness information and displays set up for your viewing. There is always new information being made available that will help us survive during a large disaster. Even Information that will help us be comfortable during small disasters. PREPARE NOW, come on down and join us April 20th. 73

## Elsie Jewell Ham Radio Class

On Saturday Sunday April 5th three new Hams were Licensed from the Elsie Jewell area. George Jette (KF7BQT), Carl Barnett (KF7BQS), and Devin Carmichael (KF7BQR) all took the Technician Ham Radio Class that the STARS - Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society taught at the Elsie Fire Station. Not only did Elsie Jewell gain three new Hams, but Mike Carter N7GYX whom also lives out there was able to advance to the General Class License. We already have people signing up for the next class out there. 73



# STARS Member Scott Sperley - WA7SS

## QST at 10 Meters

### *A note from Scott - WA7SS*

Hi Jeff (AB7DN) and the group from PJ2 land, The weather here is about 85 degrees and the humidity is about 20-30 percent, and the water temp has fallen since I was here last, to 80 degrees. QST does not last long underwater, Thank Hal (WA7FIV) for the use of it. I was reading QST in 10 Meters of water, there is also a marker we call Betsy at 10 Meters, so when you come back from a dive, especially at night, you know when to head toward shore. When you see the pictures you will know who Betsy is. Take care and give everyone my best.

73, Scott WA7SS

**Scott Sperley WA7SS always finds time to read QST** no matter where he is, or what he is doing. Scott is a member of the Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society aka-STARS and a resident of Cannon Beach Oregon. Scott says "This is QST at 10 meters". Go to [www.freewebs.com/wa7ve\\_stars](http://www.freewebs.com/wa7ve_stars) for larger pictures.



Scott on a Dive In Curacao Netherlands Antilles - PJ2 Land

## Kelly's Contest Corner

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Upcoming fun Contesting events on Ham Radio  
If you are working on the "Year of the State QSO Party 2009" Then see this website [www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/](http://www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/)  
\*\* Here are some up coming PARTY dates to put on your calendars \*\*

Georgia GA QSO Party Apr 11th 1800z - 0359z Apr 12th and 1400z -2359z Apr 12th Michigan MI QSO Party Apr 18th 1600z -0400z Apr 19th Florida FL QSO Party Apr 25th 1600z -0159z Apr 26th and 1200z - 2159z Apr 26th Neraska NE QSO Party Apr 25th 1700z-1700z Apr 26th Nevada NV Mustang Roundup

May 9th 1700z-1700z May 10th 7th Call Area QSO Party (AZ, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY) May 2nd 1300z-0700z May 3rd New England QSO Party (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT) May 2nd 2000z - 0500z May 3rd and 2400z May 5th

It's not too late to "capture the flag" on past QSO Parties. Just make contact with one station during other contests happening throughout the year. As of March 22nd the following States ran their parties: DE, LA, MN, MS, NM, NC, ND, OK, WI, AND VA  
**Contest Information provided by Kelly - N7IXI**

## Ham Radio Happenings

### Ham Radio Classes for 2009

Here are the dates for the rest of this years classes in Seaside at Clatsop Community College.

May 1st and 2nd.  
July 31st and August 1st.  
October 2nd and 3rd

Times and additional information are located on the front page of this newsletter. Please pass on to your family and friends. Pre-register with Roxann Holwege AB7HO at [hamclass@charter.net](mailto:hamclass@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 April 18th 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. The 1st Thursday of each month with be at a restaurant other than Riley's.

### Seaside Technical Net

#### TUESDAY

Tuesday's are the night to check into the Seaside Technical net. The net is on the STARS repeater on a Frequency of 145.490 PL 118.8 at 7:15pm.

### Seaside Tsunami Net

#### WEDNESDAY

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

# Nehalem Valley A.L.E.R.T. Association for Local Emergency Readiness and Training

A new Preparedness Group is forming in the Nehalem Valley. Lets help spread the word. On Saturday March 28th the Nehalem Valley ALERT had its monthly meeting at the Nehalem Valley Community Church. The purpose of this meeting is for community members that live in the Elsie / Jewell area help prepare themselves and their neighbors for future Disasters. The main points of the meeting were to help organize the new ALERT group and develop a list of community resources, learn about Ham Radio and the upcoming class in Elsie.

Roxann AB7HO and I (Jeff AB7DN) were asked by the ALERT Presi-

dent to attend the meeting and talk about what Ham Radio can do for them and their community during future Emergencies and Disasters. We let them know about the upcoming class at the Elsie Fire Station April 4th & 5th. Then we taught



that class and the results are on the page 1 Story of this Newsletter.

This last winter the Elsie-Jewell area was hit hard by bad weather, power outages. They were left without regular communications and had to rely on Ham Radio. Anyone that lives in the Elsie - Jewell area should attend future ALERT meetings to help in these efforts. If you know someone living in that area, please let them know about the monthly ALERT meetings held the last Saturday of each month at the Nehalem Valley Community Church.

**ALERT President & Contact:**  
Carl Barnett 503-860-6313

## “SHOCK ZONE” See it at the April 11th STARS mtg

We will be watching the Canadian Documentary movie **“SHOCK / WAVE”** for the educational element of our STARS meeting. Currently this is only being shown in Canada. You may not get another opportunity to watch this movie for a long time. Who know if or when it will be shown in the United States.

This is a FANTASTIC 1.5 hour Documentary that our Seaside TAG - Tsunami Advisory Group has purchased the rights to show in public. A few of us who are also members of Seaside TAG have already viewed this movie. **This is a great documentary about the Cascadia**

**Subduction Zone Earthquake and subsequent Tsunami that strikes here in the Northwest about every 300 to 500 years.** Many parts of this film were shot right here in Seaside Oregon and the surrounding area with some of our TAG members being in the Documentary.

By OMNI Films Limited  
Produced by: Jerry & Betty Thompson

**STARS next meeting is April 11th, 5pm  
At Clatsop Community College in Seaside**  
Address: 1455 N. Roosevelt (Hwy 101) Seaside Oregon

## 2nd Annual Ham Radio Spaghetti Feed - SEAPAC Weekend

H i e v e r y o n e , Its almost time for the 2nd annual spaghetti feed that STARS and SEARC put on together as a combined clubs fundraiser. It was a great success last year. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the event that takes place at the Seaside Fire Station. This years event will be Friday June 5th starting at 4pm and lasting until 8:30pm. Like last year there will be lots of Door Prizes given away as well as lots of Spaghetti to eat. Tell your friends and neighbors to come and

join in on the dinner.

**Calling all STARS and Calling all Hams to help out with the 2009 Spaghetti Feed during S E A P A C**

Last year we had lots of help setting up, serving, and cleaning up. We need that same help and support this year. So please sign up to help out again. Please let Jeff AB7DN the STARS President know if you will be able to help with the Spaghetti Feed. Come and enjoy the fun. 73



Glynis W7GAC Age 8 last year  
The Youngest Ham at the 2008