

# Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society

## The WA7VE



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### Board of Directors Election Returns are In!

A Technician Class license classes is scheduled for Jan 14th & 15th. Please contact Roxann at ab7ho@charter.net

**Hams & Eggs in Seaside** currently meets at 8:00AM every Thursday at McKeown's restaurant. The first Thursday of each month we will meet at a restaurant other than McKeown's. The location will be announced the night before on the STARS Net.

**The ARES net operates** on the WA7VE repeater at 145.490 Mhz. at 7:00 PM Wednesday evening.

**The monthly STARS Meeting** is scheduled for Sat. Jan 8th @ 5pm at the Clatsop Community College Seaside Campus

#### STARS Officers & Board of Directprs

Trustee	Hal Denison
President	Robin Knoll
Vice-President	Pat Haggard
Secretary	Pat Tanner
Treasurer	Vanessa Knoll
ARES-EC	Jeff Holwedge

President Knoll won re-election in a landslide vote. V.P. Haggard carried the day by a narrow margin. Pat Tanner was unanimously re-elected to the office of Secretary and Vianne Patterson won the office of Treasurer. (Photo by John Patterson)

The vote tallies are listed below:

**President**  
Robin Knoll – 24 votes  
Pat Haggard – 1  
John Patterson – 1



**Vice President**  
Pat Haggard – 22 votes  
Fred Loser – 1  
Greg Filiger – 1  
Steve Larkins – 1  
Ken Lucke – 1  
**Secretary**  
Pat Tanner - 26 votes  
**Treasurer**  
Fred Loser – 6  
Vianne Patterson – 20

Thanks to all the members who voted by mail or in person. Please note that the Office of Trustee will be open in twelve months. If you are interested in learning how to repair the repeater and can respond to problems in a timely manner please contact Hal, WA7FIV.

A special thanks goes out to Ken and Joan Butterfield, et al for their assistance in handling the vote count.

### Christmas Brunch a Big Hit



About sixteen of us met at the Camp 18 restaurant on Highway 26 for our holiday get together brunch. We all had great food and a good time. We hope to see all of you at our next Christmas get together. The fireplace felt fantastic and we all had to admire the gigantic log construction of the building.

(Photo by Ken Butterfield)

At the December meeting later that day Fred Loser was the winder in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate for Ham Radio Outlet.

## Nuggets For Newbies

There is so much seemingly odd stuff to remember in ham radio. Well, perhaps it is not so odd after all. You may not have been exposed to the phonetic alphabet in your work or hobbies before ham radio, but it is used by many professions. Pilots use it to identify their aircraft via their tail number or registration number. The number of my old Cessna 172 was November 7178 Tango. Police officers also use the NATO phonetic alphabet to clearly spell names, etc. I use the following memory aids to assist me in the memorization of the letters and their associated words that assist with clear communication. I hope this list may benefit some of you.

A = Alpha. You can think of it as the first name of an Italian sports car (Alfa Romeo).

B = Bravo! Congratulate yourself for remembering the second letter of the alphabet.

C = Charlie. As in Charlie Manson or Victor Charlie. It is also the first of only six names used in the alphabet.

D = Delta. It is the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet. It is the mouth of a small river and one of only two geography terms used in the alphabet. It is also used in engineering to indicate change.

E = Echo. Just let this one echo...echo...echo through your mind.

F = Foxtrot. This is one of two dances used in the NATO alphabet. DO not let it outFOX you.

G, H & I = Golf, Hotel and India. Remember these three together as a sentence. Play golf at the hotel in India.

J = Juliet. One half of the love struck pair Shakespeare wrote about.

K & L = Kilo and Lima. I purchased a kilo in Lima.

M = Mike. As in Mike Tyson, Mike Ditka, or as in a micrometer.

N = November. Never fail to remember November. It is the only month used in the alphabet.

O = Oscar. Think of an Oscar Meyer weiner.

P = Papa. There is no Mama on this list, just Papa.

Q = Quebec. It is the only Canadian province on the list. It is pronounced Kebek.

R = Romeo. The second half of the above mentioned fateful pair of lovers. Remember Romeo and Juliet?

S = Sierra. It is a mountain range like the Sierra Nevada.

T = Tango. It is the second of two dances on the list. Remember Foxtrot and Tango.

U = Uniform. Picture firefighters and police officers in their uniforms to help you remember this one.

V = Victor. Think of victory without the Y or RCA Victor TV's and record players if you are old enough..

W = Whiskey. Too much of this stuff and you won't remember anything!

X = X-ray. X marks the spot, but I hope they don't find one on your x-ray.

Y = Yankee. Don't pull your hair out trying to remember this one. Just yank on those Yankee's.

Z = Zulu. As in Zulu time. We will tell you more about that soon. You might also remember the movie about the African chief named Shaka Zulu that took on the Brits.

## STARS Is Now a 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Entity

Nobody wants to hear from the I.R.S., but we are glad we did! The Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society has been granted tax exempt status. *Generally speaking*, that means that donations of money, equipment, etc. are tax deductible for the donor. Whether any donation will qualify for tax exemption is for your tax advisor to decide. Because our club now has this special status there are restrictions on what we can and cannot do. Read the info below from the IRS web site. We will have a more lengthy discussion at a future members meeting.

To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, it may not be an action organization, *i.e.*, it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.

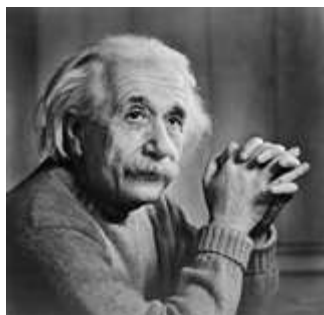
Organizations described in section 501(c)(3) are commonly referred to as *charitable organizations*. Organizations described in section 501(c)(3), other than testing for public safety organizations, are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Code section 170.

The organization must not be organized or operated for the benefit of [private interests](#), and no part of a section 501(c)(3) organization's net earnings may inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. If the organization engages in an [excess benefit transaction](#) with a person having substantial influence over the organization, an [excise tax](#) may be imposed on the person and any organization managers agreeing to the transaction.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations are restricted in how much political and legislative (*lobbying*) activities they may conduct. For a detailed discussion, see [Political and Lobbying Activities](#). For more information about lobbying activities by charities, see the article [Lobbying Issues](#); for more information about political activities of charities, see the FY-2002 CPE topic [Election Year Issues](#).

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/article/0,,id=96099,00.html>

## Ask An Elmer



**What is "Zulu" time?**  
"Zulu" time is that which is more commonly known as "GMT" ([Greenwich Mean Time](#)) or Universal Coordinated

Time. There are 25 integer World Time Zones from -12 through 0 (GMT) to +12. Each one is 15° of Longitude as measured East and West from the Prime Meridian of the World at Greenwich, England. Some countries have adopted non-standard time zones, usually 30 minutes offset which have a \* designation. In Oregon, we are at GMT -8 for Pacific Standard Time. Each Time Zone is measured relative to Greenwich, England. Our natural concept of time is linked to the rotation of the earth and we define the length of the day as the 24 hours it takes (on average) the earth to spin once on its axis. As time pieces became more accurate and communication became global, there needed to be a point from which all other world times were based. Since Great Britain was the world's foremost maritime power when the concept of latitude and longitude came to be, the starting point for designating longitude was the "[prime meridian](#)" which is zero degrees and runs through the Royal Greenwich Observatory, in zones was agreed to be the Royal Greenwich Observatory.

Unfortunately the Earth does not rotate at exactly a constant rate. Due to various scientific reasons and increased accuracy in measuring the earth's rotation, a new timescale, called Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), has been adopted and replaces the term GMT.

The Navy, as well as civil aviation, uses the letter "Z" (phonetically "Zulu") to refer to the time at the prime meridian.

[NOAA](#) satellites use Zulu Time or Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) as their time reference. The satellite images that appear on NOAA's Web sites are stamped in Zulu time.

The Department of the Navy serves as the United States official timekeeper, with the Master Clock facility at the [U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.](#)

## Dues Are Due

Dues are due and payable now. Just \$15.00 per person or for a family. Help your club remain strong by paying your dues in a timely way.