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TILLAMOOK COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES

# TEARS Newsletter

## TEARS Meeting 911 Center February 11th, 2010

### TEARS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING

Anyone Interested In Ham Radio  
Is Welcome To Attend

**THURSDAY, Feb 11th  
7 P.M.**

**TILLAMOOK 911 Center  
Conference Room**

2311 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Tillamook.  
Entrance is on the East side of the  
building.

### Program

***TsunamiReady,  
TsunamiPrepared***

*Mr. James Roddy, Oregon Dept. of Geology  
and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)*

There is an informal pre-  
meeting gathering at Main Street Pizza in  
Tillamook around 5:30 p.m.

No reservations, no host, just drop  
in. Anyone headed for the TEARS meet-  
ing is welcome.

The TEARS ARES Net is on the 147.220  
repeater every Thursday at 7 p.m.,  
except on club meeting night.

The net is open to visitors and out of  
county check ins

## SALEM HAMFAIR

The Salem Repeater Association is sponsoring the 30th Annual Salem Ham-fair on Saturday, February 20th, 2010. The doors open at 9am, ticket sales start at 8am, and the raffle drawing will be held at 2:30pm. This year's raffle prizes are a Yaesu FT-8900R Quad Band Mobile with a Separation Kit and a Yaesu FTM-10R 2m/70cm Mobile.

The location is 10 miles west of Salem, where Hwy 22 meets US 99W, at the Polk County Fairgrounds, then 1/2 mile south on 99W. The address is 520 S. Pacific Hwy West. Talk-in is on 146.86- PL186.2.

For additional information about the Salem Repeater Association, see:

<http://www.w7sra.com>

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## What is *TsunamiReady, TsunamiPrepared?*

It is a partnership led by DOGAMI with the goal of reaching every resident and visitor at the Oregon coast with a message of how to prepare for and respond to an earthquake and tsunami generated by a rupture of the Cascadia Subduction Zone. This 600+ mile long earthquake fault sits about 75 miles offshore and has the capability of generating massive earthquakes up to a magnitude 9. This is very similar in size to the devastating earthquake that struck the Indian Ocean area in December 2004. Look at the recent events in Haiti with a magnitude 7.

An earthquake of this size has not happened in recorded history, yet geologic evidence indicates they have occurred with alarming frequency in the past, with the last great earthquake happening just over 300 years ago. Scientific research looking back 10,000 years into the geologic past suggest we can expect another of these great earthquakes and devastating tsunamis at any time. Our coast is also vulnerable to distant tsunamis, as was seen in 1964, following a great subduction zone earthquake off their coast of Alaska, in which five Oregonians lost their lives.

During this month's meeting we are privileged enough to have Mr. James Roddey, the Earth Science Information Officer from DOGAMI, a very dynamic and entertaining speaker and expert in the field, coming to give his presentation which is second to none. I encourage everyone to attend this very professional and educational presentation. This is one you'll NOT want to miss.

There is an article link below that will provide additional enlightenment: [http://wwweek.com/editorial/3612/13620/#comments\\_add](http://wwweek.com/editorial/3612/13620/#comments_add)

## Time to Prepare for the 2010 Field Day Activities

### **FACT:**

**From 1975-1997  
there were only four  
states that did not  
have any  
Earthquakes:  
Florida, Iowa, North  
Dakota, and  
Wisconsin**

### *2010 Field Day Packets Now Available*

It's that time of year again—time to start gearing up for ARRL Field Day, June 26-27, 2010! ARRL's flagship operating event—always held on the fourth full weekend in June—brings together new and experienced hams for 24 hours of operating fun. Field Day packets are now available for download and include the complete rules (including changes for 2010), as

well as other reference items such as forms, ARRL Section abbreviation list, entry submission instructions, a Frequently Asked Questions section, guidelines for getting bonus points, instructions for GOTA stations, a kit to publicize your event with the local press and more. Tillamook County Amateurs have participated in the previous years including 2009 when we had a station on top of Gobblers Knob and another station near the Tillamook County Public Library.

It is now time to start the planning process for this year (2010). I will provide more planning information at the TEARS Meeting Thursday but we need to start thinking about what we are doing and start the plans now.

For additional information and to view the forms, goto:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/fd-2010-packet.pdf>

## *Ham Radio assistance for Haiti repelled*

*(Taken from the internet)*

Eight radio amateurs from **Radio Club Dominicano (RCD)** who were operating under the callsign **HI8RCD/HH** have had to abort their operations after the convoy they were travelling in was fired on. EB9GF, who is integrated in the Spanish Red Cross contingent, was able to contact the colleagues from the Radio Club Dominicano (RCD). The RCD has currently two VHF repeaters in use for operations, placed in the Dominican Republic. New repeater active near the border with Haiti. RCD initially reported that their team crossed the Haitian border at 10:50 hours Haitian time arriving at the Dominican Embassy in Haiti at 14:29 hours when they started installing and testing their equipment. Within a few hours though, reports via

the RCD Facebook page confirmed by a long telephone conversation between Hugo Ramón HI8VRS and Ramon Sanyoyo V, XE1KK reported that the HI8RCD team of eight amateurs, were back in the border town of Jimani (Dominican Republic). Their convoy, which included other non related Dominicans, was assaulted and one person reported dead. The Radio Amateurs were uninjured but decided to leave the capital for safety and return to the border unescorted. They report the situation as extremely unsafe and scary. The repeaters they have installed remain in service linking the Haitian and Dominican capitals, and are being used by the Red Cross and Civil Defense since there is no other way to communicate. The station at

the Embassy in Haiti could not be activated though. To confirm, all members of the HCD team are safe and have returned to Jimanji in the Dominican Republic. In other reports, John Henault HH6JH who is engaged in Missionary work with homeless children in Port au Prince continues to make contacts on 20m using power from a neighbour's generator and very pleased that amateur radio enabled him to let his friends in the USA know he was alive. Another radio amateur in the country, Pierre Petry HH2/HB9AMO who works for the UN food program is also safe. However nothing is known at this stage of about another ten hams in Haiti.

*Did you know:*

**The largest recorded earthquake in the U.S. was the magnitude 9.2 quake that struck Prince William Sound, Alaska on March 28th, 1964**

## Upcoming Events and News

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The next Lincoln City Ham Radio Breakfast is Saturday, March 6th, at Sambo's, 3262 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City. The informal group gathers at 7am in the private dining room towards the back. Order of the menu with individual checks.

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**Tillamook County Emergency Management webpage:** <http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/EMGMGNT/default.htm>

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Latest OCRG Weather Stations from Astoria to Yaachats. See the link at [www.ocrg.org/telemetry\\_feed/ocrgwx.html](http://www.ocrg.org/telemetry_feed/ocrgwx.html)

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**Quarter Century Wireless Association—Oregon Coast Chapter 175**

*Luncheon on Saturday, February 27th at 1pm in Lincoln City. Contact Roger Lincoln (W7HH), [roglinx@inbox.com](mailto:roglinx@inbox.com).*

*If you were licensed in 1985 or earlier, then you are eligible!*

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VE License Exams are given in Lincoln City the first Saturday of each month. Testing starts at 8:30am, applicants need to arrive no later than 9am. Exam room is in the Senior Center on south side of Community Center building. Fee is \$15. Contact VE Carl Somdahl,

**W7LI,**  
[carl@oregoncoast.com](mailto:carl@oregoncoast.com),  
503-965-7575 for additional information.

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**Wednesday RACES Net**  
147.160+ PL188.8 at 7pm

**Thursday TEARS Net**  
147.220+ PL100.0 at 7pm

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State required training can be obtained online from:  
<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

Required courses include IS-100, 200, and 700.

Offered On-Line and FREE, certificate sent via email once test is successfully completed.