

March SEA-PAC UPDATE
Registration is open

Registration is open for SEA-PAC, the largest Ham Radio convention in the Pacific Northwest. If you register online or by mail, postmarked by April 15, you will save \$5 and receive a bonus entry in the prize drums, giving you two chances for some really great prizes. Extra prize tickets can be purchased at the convention. Hotels are filling up fast, so make your reservations soon and don't forget to ask for the special SEA-PAC rate. A list of Sponsor Lodging is available on the <https://www.seapac.org> web site.

With your paid admission to SEA-PAC, you can attend any of dozens of seminars related to operating, radio equipment, antennas, digital modes, getting on the air and many other topics. There are sure to be seminars you'll want to attend. A complete list is available on the SEA-PAC web site.

The Friday workshop "*Power and Communication When Everything Goes Dark*" is presented by Mark Breakey, KB7RHI. The workshop is filling up, but places are still available. The workshop runs from 9AM to 4PM and is \$18.

The SEA-PAC Banquet, on Saturday evening, will feature keynote speaker Jeri Ellsworth, AI6TK. She will also present "*The Challenge of Doing*" at the Saturday YL lunch. The Saturday DX lunch will feature Joe Kelly N7BF, Russ Mickiewicz N7QR, Everett Curry W6ABM and Peter Moore ZL2HM presenting their 2018 DXpedition to *Norfolk Island*.

Friday's night special activity is "*Radios on the Beach*". Bring your portable radios and enjoy the sunset with other hams. Also Friday evening local area Hams will be hosting their annual "all you can eat" Spaghetti dinner from 5PM to 8PM. \$1 off admission with ham license or SEA-PAC registration. Details are available at <https://www.qrz.com/db/WA7VE>.

There will be VE testing for new licenses and upgrades at 9AM on Saturday, pre-registration is required. The 7th Area QSL Bureau will be on hand, throughout the convention, for QSL card checking.

The prizes in Saturday's drawing includes a Yaesu FTDX-1200 HF, Icom IC-7100, IC7300, Kenwood TM-D710G and several HT's. The Sunday drawing includes an Icom IC-7300 HF radio, Kenwood TS-480 HX, Yaesu FTM-400XDR and several other HT's. Both drawings will include many other mobile and VHF/UHF transceivers and other ham related items. There will also be many outstanding hourly door prize drawings on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as early bird and banquet prizes. Register by April 15 to be entered in the early bird drawing.

The Seaside Convention Center construction continues at a rapid pace but unfortunately it will not be totally completed by the time of the convention, so we ask your indulgence as we work around the construction changes this year. The Flea Market area will be the most impacted and is already filled up. To see photos of the construction, visit <https://www.seasideconvention.com> and click on "expansion" in the top banner.

Speaking of the Flea Market, all of our tables are sold but we're still taking names for our waiting list. There're always cancellations, so don't hesitate to add your name to the waiting list.

SEA-PAC general registration is open. Remember, your \$10 online adult admission is valid for both Saturday and Sunday. (The Friday workshop is extra.) The student rate for ages 13-17 is only \$5. For children 12 and under, admission is FREE with a paid adult admission. Bring the family for a great vacation on the Oregon coast. The Pacific Ocean beach and many area hotels are only a short walk from the convention center. Make your hotel and convention reservations now!

Please pass this email to your friends and encourage them to attend. They can also sign up to receive these email updates by sending a request by email to info@seapac.org including your name and call sign. An informative SEA-PAC 2019 brochure is attached to this email or you may download a copy from the website.

For SEA-PAC information and updates please visit our website at www.seapac.org.

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