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## **AUGUST MEETING - THURSDAY, 8/1 AT 7 PM**

**Nike Base Clubhouse,  
2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg.**

Bring a lawn chair.

## **STARS PICNIC**

**The STARS picnic will be held Saturday, August 10th from  
12pm-7pm at the Nike Base Clubhouse,  
2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg.**

Bring a lawn chair. Please consider bringing a dish to pass. The club provides hot dogs, burgers, rolls, condiments and beverages. There will be raffles of donated merchandise from local vendors.

Please RSVP yes, no or maybe on this website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E48AFA92EA5FE3-stars>

The access code is WB2ELW

## **20 METER BAND CONDITIONS AND FT8, by Gerry KA2MGE**

Are you into DXing? Do you have FT8 capabilities or are you thinking about trying it? There's been some interesting band conditions on 20 meters lately. There is propagation to Japan and Southeast Asia from 7am-9am local time. This just started recently and hopefully it will continue for a while. According to a propagation model I ran, there is an equal likelihood that the propagation is short path vs. long path. I use a fixed (and low) dipole antenna, so I can't tell which path I've been hearing. See the April Telstar for more information on getting into FT8.

