

STARS meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Hamburg Youth Center except for the months of July and August which will be announced in the summer. Meetings will start at 8:00 PM. STARS holds a net every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM on 3925 KHz. All are welcome to check in and find out what is happening in the STARS organization.

"The articles published in the TELSTAR are not necessarily the opinion of the Board of Directors or that of STARS."

Letters to the editor are solicited and encouraged but must be signed. Names and addresses will be with-held if requested. We are in need for articles for the TELSTAR. Any material for the TELSTAR including for sale and trade items or any articles you may have, should be sent to:

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The deadline for the TELSTAR is on the 3rd Saturday of each month as that gives me some time to put it together.

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COMING EVENTS IN 1984

General Meetings (Club)	Jan 5th at 8:00 PM at Youth Center
Board Meeting	Jan 24th at 7:30 PM at Youth Center
STARS Net (75 Meters)	Each Saturday at 10:00 AM 3925 KHz
Club General Info. Net (2 Mtrs)	Every Wed at 7:00 PM
Code Practice (2 Mtr)	Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

THE PREZ SEZ.....

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With the Xmas Holidays and the New Year just around the corner, it sure is a busy time for all of us. But, hopefully, 1984 will be as great a year as the past few years for S.T.A.R.S. which Ernie - WB2GIM presided over.

As you have heard many times before, any organization is only as good as it's participating members. I do hope that all members get involved in club activities.

The S.T.A.R.S. officers and board of directors are listed elsewhere in the Telstar. Confirmed committee chair-people are as follows:

Telstar Editor	Betty Steff - KA2MJX
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Hamfest <del>Chairman</del>	Bill Martin - KC2XV
Asst. Hamfest <del>Chairman</del>	Joe Procton - N2BGJ

I repeat, the above are confirmed. The balance of committee-heads will be contacted at the January club meeting.

Last Saturday, we were without Ham-O-Rama Representation. Today, I am pleased to announce that Bill Martin and Joe Procton; have volunteered and accepted the responsibility. Very pleased with that pair. And just look at that board, another experienced crew.

XMAS PARTY AND OFFICER INSTALLATION

It was held at Bemiller's Hamburg Forum Saturday - 12/17. The weather was terrible, but 18 very brave people showed up for the social activity. Larry McNeil (xyl Barbara) performed the official installation. Everyone had to tell a little joke. The XYL's were asked how it is to be married to a "Ham". We heard some surprising answers. Many people went home with a door prize. They were donated by Betty Steff.

I do hope that all you hams were good enough all year long so Santa brought you your Xmas wish.....

We will be trying a few new wrinkles this year with S.T.A.R.S. activities. This is the year for you to "Get Involved"

GET INVOLVED IN 1984

Chow.....

Tony - WA2ZFU

It is sure hard to believe it is the start of a New Year. Hope everyone had a Merry Xmas and hope everyone will have a Happy, Healthy and a Prosperous New Year.

The Xmas Party had a lot of competition with the weather. There were eighteen people who were brave enough to venture out. I, myself, did enjoy it but everyone seemed to be on edge about getting back home. When one feels that way, one cannot enjoy a party regardless.

Thanks to Betty KA2MJX and Tony WA2ZPU for arranging the party. Also, for the nice prizes they donated.

Tony and I talked about, maybe, later on, we could set a date for another get together. One thing, I would like to see is a special party fund set up. The members that enjoy parties could kick in a dollar a month or whatever. Those that are not interested would not have to participate. Just a little something to think about.

I was lucky to hear Dr. Owen Garrett W5LFL from the Columbia. About 9:32 AM Tuesday Dec. 6th, he called CQ North America on 145.55. I waited for the odd minute and threw out my call on 144.91. Hope he got it on his tape.

Hope to see you all at the January meeting.....

73's and 80's,

Ernie WB2GIM

#### CLUB GENERAL INFORMATION NET (2 METER)

As the year is coming to a close, we would like to take time to thank all of you who checked into the Wednesday 7:00 PM 2 Meter information net. Back in July, WB2GIM asked if we would act as net control; since then, we have had a lot of enjoyment and fun with the net.

The format for the net is first, we take check-ins, then give out club and amateur information/activities. After that, we have a round table, which has had various topics from antenna installation to fixing an electric stove. At all times, the net has been informal, but with control.

Our net log book shows that we have had over 300 check-ins and a special thanks to the fellows that check in each week without fail. If there is a topic you would like on the round table, let us know. Be happy to do it.

And for those who have not checked in, make a note - each week at 7:00 PM 147.09 MHz + 600 kHz WJ2ELW repeater. You are missing a lot of up-to-date information and a lot of fun! We will be looking forward to putting your call in our log.

Season's Greeting to All!

73's John KA2RFT and Randy KA8RFW

STARS GOSSIP COLUMN

Well, first of all, congratulations are in order to the new incoming officers. I am sure they will pitch in and make 1984 a very successful year for the club, with the full cooperation of all the members, of course.

Now, let us catch up with the latest FCC changes which seems to be getting more and more frequent. First of all, the pleasant ones. F.C.C. , PR DOCKET NO> 83-337 has been passed, which means amateur license terms have been extended to ten years. The renewal grace period is two years. All of this goes into effect at the expiration of your present license. We are fortunate to have the full cooperation of our local F.C.C. office and they will send you the necessary forms by calling them at 846-4511. You must submit your renewal form at least 60 days before the expiration of your license. One word of caution, if you want to keep your present call DO NOT put any mark in Box 2F. One of our members had his old call for 25 years and he must have put a smudge in the box and they changed his call. But, it worked out OK for him. They gave him a cute call and he likes it very much. By the way, it is up to you to make sure when your present license expires and take care of it. It is not like your driver license or car registration. There is no advanced notice, so please keep that in mind and avoid some embarrassing moment when your Ham Buddy comes down to your shack and happens to glance at your ticket and finds it expired quite some time ago. Dont laugh, it does happen.....

The next change is new Emission Designations for the type of mode in your log. These latest designations can now be used in your log.

Old	DESCRIPTION	NEW
A-1	Morse Telegraphy	A1A
A-1	Teletype Telegraphy	A1B
A-3	DSDAM Telephony	A3E
A3J	SSB Telephony	J3E
F-1	Morse Telegraphy	F1A
F-3	Teletype Telegraphy	F1B
F-3	Telephony	F3E

How many of you have read the "Washington Mailbox" article on page 72 of QST for December? There is one question in there which is very interesting and puts to rest quite a few different versions. It states "A local repeater has a special provision whereby it automatically retransmits a local NOAA weather reporting station broadcast on the hour. Is this legal? "No, The rules specifically prohibit retransmission by automatic means of programs or signals emanating from any class of station other than amateur(97-113)

At this time, let us join the Amateur World in mourning the passing away of Vic Clark W4KFC, president of the ARRL. He became a silent key on Nov. 23, 1983.

I have received the information for the Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) program. Hope we have some Philadelphia lawyers in the club.. It sure looks complicated the way the FCC and our Government wrote it up and it does not look like it will be an easy job to put it in action. Oh Well, after it is thrashed out a little, it might not be so bad. Will bring the papers to the meeting.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE JAN> 5th MEETING<  
GUZ - WB2EZU

FOR SALE: Large Vice with 4 inch jaws-WGT 30 Lbs and has a lot of years on it. I have overhauled it and it has a new paint job. Will trade for Kenwood III Low Desk Mike or other equipment like memory keyer, set of paddles, CW filter etc..... GUZ - WB2EZU 627-3724