

STARS meet on the first Tuesday 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.

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Letters to the editor are solicited and encouraged but must be signed. Names and addresses will be withheld if requested. We are in need for articles for the TELSTAR. Any material for the TELSTAR including for sales and trade items or any articles you might have should be sent to: Betty J. Steff KA2MJX 3350 McKinley Pkwy. Blasdell N.Y. 14219.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE TELSTAR IS ON THE THIRD 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)	Apr. 5th. at 8:00 PM Youth Center
Board Meetings	Mar. 27th. at 7:30 PM at Youth Center

STARS net (75 Meters)  
Club Gen Info. Net (2 Mtrs.)  
Code Practice (2 Mtrs.)  
HAM - O - RAMA  
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Each Saturday at 10:00 AM 3925 KHZ  
Every Wed. at 7:00 PM  
Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM  
September 7th & 8th.  
April 27,28,29th.

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GOSSIP COLUMN

Well it is with great sorry that I must report that one of our members is a Silent Key. He is Leo Eddy WB2SDA. He has been with the Club for quite sometime and lived in Gowanda, N.Y. and kept us in touch with the ham activities of Gowanda and the surrounding country.

Another disappointment was the weather for the March meeting and it was necessary to cancel the code proficiency test at 19 WP<sup>m</sup> until the April meeting, oh well it gives the contestance more time to sharpen up on their copying speed. If time permits after the 19 WP<sup>m</sup> code test I still have the 15 WPM tapes and will run them for all members that want to try out their speed. It will not be a test as I will read the test of the message right after it is over and you will correct your own paper. If you can get 70% right at this speed you are ready to try out for your general class license. Good luck to all.

Well now let us answer a few question on antenna tuners that were asked after the article on them was published a few months ago in TELSTAR. First is a antenna tuner absolutely necessary? No not if you only use one band and certain frequencies that the antenna is cut for, or you have a separate antenna for each band. What advantage is a antenna tuner? Well in the old days when much of the transmitters were tube type it was easy to use a all band antenna and sacrifice some out put to work on all bands, but with the new types of transceivers that are solid state they have a protective device that shuts them off if you exceed a 2 1/2 to our SWR or larger so by using a antenna tuner you can fool the transmitter into looking into a lower SWR and it will transmit without much trouble, so keep it in mind for all around transmitting it is in your favor to use a tuner. Also there are some automatic antenna tuners, some of them can be built into the transceiver while others are a separate unit and can be used on various transmitters they work with motors and it is necessary to connect them to a power source. The automatic tunners for mobile are a great help and make for more pleasant mobile contacts.

You know Easter will pass before the next meeting, so hope you all will enjoy a Happy Easter and the Easter Bunny is very good to you all (PS I like Chocolate bunnies the most).

See you April 5th. Guz WB2EZU

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HAMFEST REPORT

"I have been asked many times "When is it?" Well! Sorry Folks! It would help if you all knew. SEPTEMBER 7th and 8th 1984.

At this stage we are working our way toward our goal of increased attendance at Ham O Rama '84. Our mailings will be directed to all Amateurs from here to Syracuse, Cleveland, Western PA. and Southern Ontario using the Callbook mailing lists.

We also are mailing fliers to every school in the Western New York area to advertise the show to the student, teacher radio and computer buffs.

As was mentioned last month, our theme is around "Computers and Ham Radio" and we want to concentrate on the local computers users. We need information on every User Group in the Western New York/ Southern Ontario area so we can contact thier leader with our proposal (one free table with power in the Exhibitor/Vendor Area). Getting the User Group to display in our show is very important to our end goal. We must concentrate on getting their cooperation.

Again if you are a member of a local or national User Group give your Hamfest Rep. or me Kevin Kedzierski WA2FKV (ph. 834-3042) a call so we can get the proper information to contact the group leaders. See you next month.

73' Kev WA2FKV

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### SCOUT O RAMA

On Saturday, May 19, 1984, at the Buffalo Convention Center, there will be held a Scouting Exhibition.

The Exhibition will display all of the activities that Scouts participate in.

The Greater Niagara Frontier Council has invited Stars to participate by setting-up an operating radio station depicting the Jamboree on the air.

The hours are from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and exhibitors will have access to the Convention Center after 4:00 PM on Firday, May 18th, and after 8:00 AM on Saturday morning for set-up.

The only cost to STARS will be in the form of man-power and the club equipment. We will need volunteers to set-up and man the booth during the show hours.

Please see Tony Piscitello at the April meeting, or contact me at my business phone 662-9813, or evenings at home at 649-9233.

Let's have a good turn-out because this can be a very good recruiting activity for amateur radio as well as scouting.

73' Joe Faraguna K2QHQ

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### TELECONFERENCE RADIO NET

Did you miss the March 8th, 2 meter Teleconference? If you did, you missed a very interesting meeting of amateur radio operators.

The North American Teleconference Radio Net featured as speakers, three attorneys. All are licensed radio amateurs and one is the ARRL legal council in Washington D.C. The topic focused on our relationship with the F.C.C. and our local governments.

One comment of interest to me, was the advise not to take our problems to the F.C.C. We should try to solve our own problems and we should not call attention to the F.C.C. of problems about which they are not aware. In other words, what they don't know won't hurt them or us.

The problem of local zoning limiting radio towers height, was also discussed. Their solution to this problem is to seek ARRL help while the zoning law is being developed. The lawyers recognized that it is very difficult to get the law change, after it is enacted.

By the way "swap nets" was discussed. The opinion of these lawyers is that discussing price or trade value is not legal. Just because we are selling amateur radio equipment, does not exclude us from the regulations of prohibiting commercial activity.

The technical expertise of amateur radio was displayed by the "tie in" of various clubs from around the country. Questions were submitted by the various clubs and discussed by the attorneys. STARS can be proud that our club participated by broadcasting the conference on our repeater.

There will be more Teleconference, organized by ARRL. Don't miss the next meeting of your fellow "hams" on 2 meters, from all parts of the country. The date is June 14th at 8:30 PM.

John Waterhouse KA2GXS

THE PREZ SEZ.....

Some 16 brave souls braved the elements to attend the March club meeting at the Youth Center. Illness of one from or another really hit the officers of the board. We were unable to hold a monthly board meeting. Joe Prockton N2BGJ was brought into service as acting secretary for the club meeting. Took it easy on Ole Joe as it wasn't a very long meeting. Did not have a program. Looks like everyone is back in good health now.

Bernice Prockton KA2KDL has volunteered to assist husband Joe with his Hamfest Rep job. Now thats what I call togetherness - saves on gas, driving to meetings and who knows, Bernice might get Joe to spend a buck or two for dinner before the meeting at Dennys. Thanks, Bernice, for taking the Hamfest Alternate's job.

All committee heads are filled as of now. Paul Steff KA2DDP, will take over as Repeater Chairman for the coming year. With better weather coming, serious discussions are in order now to get the repeater working properly. A new antenna, feed lines and a new tower plus a tune-up for the repeater will be discussed at the board meeting and April club meeting. Come prepared with any suggestions and printed material if possible.

The 2nd phase of the NOAA weather program will be at the April Club meeting courtesy Of Craig WA2PCH. The February session was most interesting.

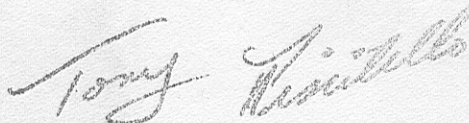
The Durham Region Amateur Radio Flea Market will be held in Pickering, Ontario on Saturday - April 14 - 8AM to 2 PM. Pickering is at Exit 400 on the HWY 401 just East of Toronto. Flyers for this hamfest will be at the club meeting.

The teleconference held March 8th was excellent. Please read John Waterhouse's article on this.

We lost a member of STARS - Leo Eddy WB2SDA of Gowanda in now a Silent Key. Leo was active on the 75 meter net on Saturdays.

The April 5 meeting is very important to all of us. Decisions will be made on the repeater improvement. It will be the top subject so I suggest that you be there.....

THIS IS THE YEAR TO GET INVOLVED.....



Tony Piscitello - WA2ZFU