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THE PREZ SEZ.....

Well, Spring has finally sprung and I am sure that all that planning in front of the fireplace this past winter for your amateur station improvement, is probably in it's first stage or almost completed. Course, the heavy duty stuff like the tri-banders and new towers will take awhile.

Again, we would like to thank Mr. Don Wurch from NOAA Weather for the excellent movie and most interesting talk on tornadoes and severe electrical storms. After looking at the devastation in some of those cities and states caused by tornados and storms, we can consider ourselves pretty fortunate in this area.

Club Rosters were handed out at the last meeting. If you didn't pick one up, ask Betty - KA2MJX for one.

Went to the last Hamfest Meeting with Joe Procton and Ernie and things seem to be going great this year. All committees are filled at the chairperson level. They will be asking for assistance soon. Remember that the Rochester Hamfest will be May 19, 1984.

See in QST where Wayne Green's petition to the FCC for periodic code retesting every two years until you can demonstrate code proficiency at 35 wpm, didn't even get a number for the FCC to even discuss. The FCC must have really giggled when they got that petition. Just wonder how many thumbs-to-the-nose gestures he got at the Dayton Hamvention.

Drove by the Nike Base site the other day and looks like the clamp on a outer element on the tri-bander has loosened. It will have to be leveled and clamped tight again. This will be a project for this summer.

The Repeater Chairman - Paul - KA2DDP has things hopping. The tower is being delivered soon. Paul will be at Dayton and will be bustling with info on repeater systems, antenna, etc. He also will be looking for help on work parties at the repeater site as equipment comes in.

Scout-O-Rama - May 19 is coming up this month. Joe Faraguna-K2QUQ is looking for a few hams to man the exhibit at Buffalo Convention Center. Hours are from 11 AM to 6 PM. Some set-up will be required previous to exhibit time. Joe's telephone numbers are 662-9813 and 649-9233. Joe will be at the club meeting May 3. Please contact him at that time.

We are looking for a volunteer to accept the Director's position on the Board which was left vacant by the resignation of Tom Little KC2XE. Tom's present job is on the afternoon shift and he feels since he cannot attend meetings, he cannot contribute to the board activities. If you feel you would like fill out the balance of the term of office, please give me a call.

If asking for volunteers and assistance on club projects seems to be the theme for this month's TELSTAR, you are absolutely right. The club is yours. It certainly cannot function properly without you. It seems the same people are always involved in the club activities. Don't sit in the back of the room at the club meeting and BITCH about how the club is being run and just tell the person next to you. We would like to hear your opinions. My phone number is 649-3211 and my address is S-6780 Vail Drive, Hamburg, N.Y. 14075. Write a letter or call me. I sure will listen to your advice and do my best to do anything for the good of the club. Yeah, I know, resign.....

THIS IS THE YEAR - GET INVOLVED.....

*Tony Pisitello*  
WA2ZFU



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 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 (clubs)	May 3rd. at 8:00 P <sup>m</sup> Youth Center
Board Meetings	May 22nd. at 7:30 at Youth Center
STARS Net (75Meters)	Each Saturday at 10:00 A <sup>m</sup> 3925 KHZ
Club Gen Info. Net (2 Mtrs)	Every Wed. at 7:00 P <sup>m</sup> .
Ham-O-Rama	Sept. 7th & 8th

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SKYLON MARATHON

The 1984 Olympic Marathon Trials will take place on May 26 of this year, over the same course used for the Skylon Marathon. The event will be covered by ABC Television, and will receive nationwide publicity. In order to fill all the emergency communications requirements of the event, some 50 radio amateurs will be needed.

As a radio amateur who has participated in previous Skylon Marathons, we are hoping that you would be willing to contribute your time and expertise to insure the safety of the runners and public at the Marathon Trials.

If you are willing to participate and have not already volunteered, please call Kevin at 837-1445.

Kenin Ward, N2IE

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GOSSIP COLUMN

Sure hope everyone enjoyed the March full packed meeting. The weather watch program was presented very nicely and some of our members joined this watch alert program and received a special phone number to call when some unusual type of weather is sighted.

Not only that Paul KA2DDP, Chairman of the 2 Meter repeater presented the up coming plans to improve the signal and performance of the repeater. Some of the equipment and tower which he said is needed were long overdue. You know the meeting was so long there was no time left to run the code proficiency test, due to the fullness of the programs for the next few months we will cancel the code tests until September when things should calm down a little.

Last year the Nike Base was open every Monday evening at 7:30 PM for the use of the equipment by the members. If there is a different evening that the members would like just bring it up at the meeting and we shall see if it could be arranged. By the way it makes me feel very happy to see how close the members read the club paper. How many of you noticed the last line in my article?? Well one member did and I have the pleasure of receiving a nice solid chocolate three inch bunny. It took me some time to find the clue to who send it. Thanks Lillian W2HCL, it sure brightened up the Saturday morning net when I informed the members about it, by the way the street numbers in Hamburg were changed since you left Erine W2GIM is 4356, Tony WA2ZFU is 6780 and Guz is 5084 same street.

Vick WA2JWY donated some Amateur and Computer magazines to the club for the use of the members. They are at our Youth Center Club room. If interested look them over and take them home for a month and bring them back at the next meeting so that some of the other members can make use



of them.

With the nice weather approaching very rapidly it is time to take inventory of our outside equipment and figure on a way to improve the antennas and towers and all masts that took quite a beating this last winter and also take in some of the local hamfests to break up the monitiny (and your pocket book).

See you all May 3rd. Guz WP2EZU

HAM O RAMA

A "Ham and Computer Extravaganza" - "The Best Show In The Area". The word is out about Ham O Rama '84. We look toward a huge increase in attendance by both vendor and attendee. This is all because of you. Your participation in the past has insured us of a high rating amongst the Hamfest attendees.

As we continue to prepare for Ham O Rama this September 7th & 8th, we now turn to the task of assuring enough workers for the many committees needed to insure continued success. The word is "The More The Merrier".

We always find that the work goes much faster with more helping which give everyone a chance to enjoy the Hamfest they worked so hard to put on.

Coming up in July will be the Bulk Mailing Party. We anticipate a mailing of 15 to 20 thousand mini brochures to the area hams. I will let you know when in the May or June installment of this report. Other committees in need of large numbers of personnel include Set up, Take down, Security, and parking. Other committees will need help throughout the day. I will provide a more exact list in future installments.

Flyer distribution will begin soon as the flyers are at the printer now. If you plan to attend any function, either Ham or Computer, please take a few with you. Contact Nelson WA2ZSJ 634-6394.

That all for now. See you next month.

73' Kevin Kedzierski,  
Chairman, Ham O Rama '84

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Books Leo used to study		

From the Silent Key of Leo Eddy WP2SDR 1-532-2169

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FIELD DAY

After three years of participating in field day activities, I could not pass up the chance to be the chairman this year (and volunteering my father N2RXH). I have found field days to be one of the most exciting and interesting activities the club participates in.

The site for this years field day is Woodpecker Hill !!!

This land was kindly given to us to use for field day by Harold Refner, a friend to Tony WA2ZFU. It is located near Uncle Donalds farm two miles out of Boston. More detailed directions will be given at a



later time.

I am looking for fun-in-the-sun (or rain, sleet, fog, snow, etc.) workers and equipment please contact me (Brian KA2KYG) at 823-6765 (after 3:00). It may seem early, but now is the time to start getting organized. We are looking forward to another great year at field day.

73' Brian KA2KYG Chairman

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Our new roster is out for this year and we are not going to send them out this year. If you want one please see me at the meeting or if you can't make it please let some one else pick it up for you. Thank you.

73' Betty KA2HJX

IMPORTANTS TO SOME - MAYBE WB2ELW-

There is a proposal before the town board of Orchard Park to limit Amateur Antenna heights to 60ft. Hearings will be at the Town Hall at 8:30 PM on May 16. STARS should consider a delegation.

Paul KA2DHF

WB2ELW - REPEATS

Hi everyone well thanks for the approval and support with the repeater committees proposal.

As of now the tower is in my garage, the 220 control receiver is in order which I obtained at Dayton. Total cost thus far is \$553.15. I will be sending out for the antenna tomorrow and as soon as we decide what feedline to use we will be sending out for that.

Different thoughts have been going thru my mind along with some suggestions from others. One which thought is not to spend additional money on our old repeater, but to purchase a new one. By the way, I found out that VHF engineering who manufactured our repeater is no longer in business. We could possibly hobble along until after our next hamfest to obtain additional funds if we could only get the schematics back!!!!!!!!!!!!

I have at this time \$1146.85 left of the approval funds, and a new Hamtionirs repeater with autopatch ready to power up is \$1200.00. If we install the equipment as was proposed on our old system the cost would be about \$400.00 therefore about \$800.00 additional for a new repeater. Just a little food for thought. Hopefully, we can talk about this possible option at the next regular meeting.

A work party will be needed on Saturday May 12 to layout, dig and assist in pouring concrete for the base. Time we will start will be 8:00 AM and the cement truck will be there at 11:30, so you can see that we need people and will have to hustle. Coffee and donuts in the morning and beer at lunchtime. The following Saturday if all goes well and we have the antenna and feedline we will erect the same, starting at 8:00 AM.

A few things we will require for our tower party are as follows. About 40 or 50 ft of reinforcement rod, this is for the cement base. Some 2x4's or whatever for parrerns and supports for the base while the cement dries. Someone to make up a antenna standoff for our 220 receive antenna



to mount on the towers. Some tools to dig the hole for the base and a pickup truck to haul the tower and antenna. You all know what we are trying to do so help as you can. The more people we have the more fun and the easier it will be.

One last thing, we have been promised NOAA weather on the repeater for some time now! It should be no problem having it by summer at very little expense. If someone could donate a working weather cube or whatever, that is about all we need.

73' Paul KA2DDP