



# TELSTAR

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## SOUTH TOWNS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### COMMITTEES

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| Nike Clubhouse and.....   | Nick Stanko KA2SEZ     | = | Repeater.....               | Bill Siska N2GAD      |
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| Program Coordinator.....  | Matt Gorski NS2M       | = | Fair Station.....           | ????                  |
| Insurance.....            | John Waterhouse KA2GXS | = | Club Info Net (2 meter).... | Norm Jones KD2KK      |
| Sunshine.....             | Malcolm Vallone WA2VER | = | Const. Trustee.....         | Dave Bouman KD2EY     |
| Club Net (75 meter).....  | Guz Guzinski WB2EZU    | = | Publicity.....              | Randy Schueler KA2RFW |
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| Membership.....           | Joe Faraguna K2QND     | = | Coffee Pre-Meet.....        | Louis Esposito KB2AMD |
| Youth Center Sta Mgr..... | ????                   | = | ARRL New/Renewal.....       | Joe Faraguna K2QND    |

### COMING EVENTS 1987

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| General Meeting     | 5 February at 7:30 PM Youth Center  |
| Board Meeting       | 24 February at 7:00 PM Youth Center   |
| 75 Meter Net        | Each Saturday at 10:00 AM +/- 3925 khz  |
| 2 Meter Info Net    | Each Wednesday 7:00 PM 147.69/.09   |
| RAVE phone 838 3961 | Upgrading information   |
| Local VE testing    | 29 April Wednesday 7:00 PM = Hamburg Junior High Rooms 117 and 119 = 610 form needed as well as copy of license and acceptable form of ID and check (\$4.35) made out to ARRL VE. |
| Erie County Fair    | 14 - 23 August  |
| Ham - O - Rama      | 12 September = Niagara Falls Convention Center  |

### COMMENTS ON THE NEWSLETTER

Will welcome any input that could be beneficial for the members. The due date will continue to be the third Saturday of the month. This committee list that is seen earlier I would suggest that you save same for future reference, have no desire to print it every month and will enter only the new committee heads and any changes that may occur through out the year. I know for a fact, as I have done it as well, that everyone tends to skip over the first page so a lot is missed. I also feel that the space utilized could be put to a much better use. If anything reaches me too late to enter in the current issue it will be found the following month.



If the material is timely please do not delay and wait until the last minute as it could be too late. My address is listed here:

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### STARS GOSSIP COLUMN

Well it looks like 1987 will be a year of personnel changes in the club. First, Betty, KA2MJX, editor of the club paper, after six years of devoted service covering the change from a ditto machine to a computer generated paper, will no longer publish the paper. Betty's Avon business has greatly expanded and she no longer can devote any time to the paper. Believe me, I, for one, will sorely miss her and her fine editing of my articles as they have looked better after she edited them. Hi Hi. Next, Paul, KA2DDP, our two meter chairman, regretfully had to give up the chairmanship. It sure taxed all of his expertise to get a repeater and make it work as well as Paul did. Our first repeater was in kit form and it took three years before it was made to work. Paul came along and persuaded the club to get our present machine and everything sure turned around fast with his advice. At present it is one of the best operated machines in western New York.

How did everyone enjoy the mini flea market? Sure was a lot of articles for sale, with four transmitters, one amplifier, RTTY equipment and cassette tape players for code practice as well as an Info-Tech complete unit with monitor for sending and copying CW, RTTY, ASCII, etc., it may be some time before anything such as this occurs again.

How many of the members have explored all the various modes of transmitting? You know that SSB and CW are the most popular, but there is also SSTV and FSTV which are video forms of getting on the air and radio teleprinter (RTTY). Then don't forget satellite communications and the new digital forms of getting on the air (AMTOR, packet, EME(earth moon bounce)), have only touched on the most popular ones.

STARS will once again have FCC amateur license examinations - the date is a Wednesday, April 29th, and will be held 7:00 PM at Hamburg Junior High where we always got good service from the staff. For more info contact Dick, W2UJR, chairman VECs. Please don't put it off any longer as we may be in for more changes. These tests are for all amateurs and potential amateurs whether or not they are members.

See you all February 5th  
Guz - WB2EZU

### ARRL BULLETINS (FCC RELATED)

#### ARRL bulletin NR 2

The FCC has issued a correction regarding the effective date of credit for written elements above the novice class, PR docket 86 63. The effective date of December 15 indicated in the report is not correct. No actual effective date has been established; it is contingent on approval of changes to FCC form 610 by the Office of Management and Budget, OMB. The FCC will issue a public notice announcing the actual date upon OMB approval. At the present time, no written examination credit can be issued by volunteer examiners. When OMB approval is secured, the



effective date will be reported by W1AW, the ARRL letter and QST.

#### ARRL BULLETIN NR 4

In PR docket 85 1961 the FCC announced that it would be turning over maintenance of question pools for the amateur examinations to the volunteer examiner coordinators, VECS, as of January 1, 1987. Under the FCC decision any VEC could have made it somewhat easier or harder. The FCC released a further public notice encouraging VECS to use the existing pool throughout 1987 and cooperate in creating a new one.

\*\*\* (ed note = you may find contradictory statements regarding these bulletins as many magazines are printed somewhat ahead of time and as a result they are not too timely. Joe) \*\*\*

#### ANNUAL BARRA AUCTION

The auction will be held Monday evening, 16 February, in the basement of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, corner of Brighton and Fries Roads, directly across the street from Kenmore East High School in the Town of Tonawanda. The doors will open at 6:45 PM and the auction will begin at 7:30 PM. All items to be auctioned MUST bear a tag which lists the name or call of the owner, and the minimum bid expected. BARRA will retain ten percent of the selling price but not more than \$5.00. We are asking a \$.75 donation at the door. Coffee and doughnuts will be available for a nominal charge. The agreement with the church dictates that THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING in the building.

#### THE PREZ SEZ

The check ins on the Saturday and Wednesday nets have really been up, Guz WB2EZU and Norm KD2KK certainly do a professional job. They are very, very dependable and always make sure everybody has a turn. If you have not checked in, this is a good excuse to fire up the rig. I hear some of you have not touched theirs in months! Shame, shame.

Our last meeting was all business and dues. Over 70 have paid up for the year, 1987, our membership continues to grow. We should go well over 100 mark in 1987. If you do not pay, March will be your last Telstar and your name will be dropped from the Stars "Good Standing" list.

Please, please read the cover page; things are always changing. Note, the membership chairman is Joe Faraguna, K2QNO, 4886 Old Milestrip Road, Blasdell, NY 14219.

Also if you happen to run across an article or hear some info that may be of interest to the club, send it to Joe Prockton, N2BGJ, Box 87, Orchard Park, NY 14127, our new Telstar editor. We all know that not many people send articles in to help to make the paper more interesting and helpful.

A tip of the RFT cap to Randy KA2RFW. Randy has been working with Junior High kids, they are just about ready for testing.

Ham-O-Rama is still in need of a treasurer. This is NOT a job for an inexperienced bookkeeper or accountant. If you have skills in this area, they sure would be appreciated. Contact myself or Joe K2QNO for more info.



The weather watch is moving along very well. The next meeting the weather department will give us a talk on spotting. This could be a fun and helpful way to use Ham Radio. All interested people please sign up, I will turn the names in that night.

See you all next meeting  
Stay involved  
John KA2RFT

#### AMATEUR RELATED GEAR

FOR SALE: Heath SB-401 transmitter = Heath SB-301 receiver = speaker =  
Heath SB-610 console patch = low pass Drake filter = Heath VTOM meter  
Contact: Shorty Comstock 649 2685

#### A LOGIC PROBLEM

##### " THE HAMS "

Five hams -- Allen, Bob, Charlie, Dave and Ed -- each from different states -- Maine, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia -- are all working for their "worked all states awards". Each has a different total of states worked. Their last names are Franklin, Green, Hopkins, Ingles and Jacobs. From the clues that follow, can you deduce each hams full name, state he lives in and numbers of states that he has worked?

1. Charlie Franklin's total states is not 35.
2. Mr. Jacobs, from Texas has not got a total of 40 states.
3. Allen is not from Oregon.
4. The ham from Virginia has 45 states worked.
5. Mr. Ingles from Maine, does not have a total of 40 states, and his first name is not Ed.
6. Dave is from Pennsylvania.
7. Allen's last name is not Ingles or Green.
8. Bob's state total is not 35 or 30.
9. Ed's last name is not Green or Hopkins and he does not have a total of 35 states.

The chart listed on the following page should help you solve the problem. Put an (X) in where you know that a NO will apply. This will help you to eliminate some possibilities. Put a (O) where there is a definite YES.

A to E = first names  
F to J = last names

ME, OR, PA, TX, VA = approved post office abbreviations  
25, 30, 35, 40, 45 = amount of states worked



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ORIGINATED FOR RTTY BY SANDI, WB4VEU, HURT, VA

*THE ANSWER*

Will hold for a future issue, hopefully in some cases it doesn't cause you to tear out your hair as I will not share any responsibility for the net results. Don't have too much in the line of the above as there doesn't seem to be much that comes my way.