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FIELD DAYS

Contest begins 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 27 and ends 2:00 PM, Sunday, June 28, it will be held at the Hamburg Moose Lodge on Church Street in Hamburg, NY. We will begin setting up the equipment, i.e. antennas, rigs, generators, etc. at 10:00 AM on Saturday so as to enable us to begin contesting promptly at 2:00 PM. We had a few volunteers at the STARS June general meeting requesting to help with the equipment set-up and/or operation during contesting hours. There is no doubt that more members are needed to help make this a successful STARS event.

Please contact Dave, KD2EY, or Ron, KA2WCU, if you can help. Also, we will be picking up the club vertical antenna, HF rig, tuner, coax, etc. at the Hamburg Nike base on Monday evening, June 22 at 7-7:30 PM. This may be a good time for field day participants who are able to meet briefly to iron out and, hopefully, prevent potential Field Day problems. The Field Day rules and regulations are published in the May 1987 QST magazine on page 87. Hope to see you on Saturday, June 27th.

Dave KD2EY

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CW FOREVER

You must have, at times, thought into the past,
where some things go out, while others last,
what comes to my mind is the old Morse code,
that has weathered the storms from many abode.

To talk with one's fingers is surely an art,
of any info you care to impart.
In most conditions the signals get through,
while the same about phone is simply not true.

Those dits and dahs get through the trash,
of nearby noise or lightning crash,
to the sensitive ears of the ham receiver,
who records this data with arden fever.

He knows he's doing something unique,
(in such poor conditions that's quite a feat)
to roger the message that came off the air,
those brass pounders sure do have that flair.

They say Morse ops are a dying breed,
but don't despair, there's always that need,
when conditions get rough for the new automation,
rest assured there'll be need for your station.

CW is dying? Believe it never,
this mode will be around forever and ever,
but one thing is sure, what we really need,
is to relay our knowledge to the younger breed.

To carry the torch long after we're gone,
to send Morse code thru the air like a song,
when at last, silent keys pull that final lever,
we can rest in peace, it's CW forever.

(via RTTY)

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REPEATER NEWS

Those attending the June general meeting made a number of good comments regarding the club 2 meter repeater, including problems experienced with the use of the repeater and ideas for repeater enhancements.

Since that time I have done a considerable amount of research on repeaters, controllers and repeater options. At the July general meeting I will be presenting the results of my research. I am again asking for your attendance at the meeting and your inputs regarding my findings. We have the chance to make the "STARS shine" with a top notch repeater. Let's not let this opportunity slip through the cracks. See you at the next general meeting.

See you at the meeting

Bill, N2GAD

Vice-President

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STARS GOSSIP COLUMN

Welcome to the July edition of the STARS club paper. Once the field days are over we will be able to concentrate on the special event station (July 18th). Get in touch with Gary, KB2YJ, for the times and operating places; he would like to get a list of all the members who wish to assist and the times of their operations. If you do not have a transmitter, the Nike base will be opened and hopefully operating on at least two bands. A special commemorative certificate will be



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given out to all who contact our station and submit a QSL card.

Congratulations to John Murray, KB2ACZ, who was elected to fill the position of secretary for the balance of the year.

I am sure that everyone will help make it an easy job for him. Hi! Hi!

Our repeater chairman, Bill, N2GAD, gave a nice report on the status of our repeater and everyone seems to agree that it needs upgrading. Get in touch with Bill for dates and time to go to the repeater sight for checking and overhauling it. Also see Bill should you have any ideas to help improve the only open patch repeater in Western New York.

The Nike base sure needs plenty of help; presently we need a crew to install shelves in the storage area; trying out antennas; and operating the club equipment. The one to see is Nick, KA2FEZ, for times and dates. If there is a demand, we may open up more than one day a week. There is still some antenna wire left in the storeroom for members only.

Don't forget October 14th = our VE examination date for the upgrade of your license = pre-registration is a **MUST** by September 14th. Send completed form to Dick, W2UJR (address is in club roster).

See You All July 2nd
Guz, WB2EZU
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HAM GEAR NEEDED

FOR SALE: GLB PK-1 Packet radio Terminal Node Controller (TNC) \$70 - call Bill N2GAD after 5:00 PM = 668-6480
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From the desk of Nike Clubhouse chairman

On June the 8th, another season for the WB2ELW Nike Chairman had arrived, and I am glad to announce, "No Winter Damage". We are fully operational, on line, and all systems are Go. At this time I'd like to pass along my thanks to the clean up crew for the great job they did. The special efforts of everyone involved are deeply appreciated. Thanks again.

As with all organizations, we are not without areas that need improvements. We have a tremendous need to keep this place open for more than one evening (Monday) a week. We are anxious for any INPUT that we can get on this. Probably more members can be authorized to open the place other days. Please contact either the club chairman or any officer of STARS if you have any ideas on this. As of now, we will be open only on Mondays at 6:00 PM to ? I would also like to bring up the fact that for those who hold novice, and tech tickets and do not have their own amateur gear to come down

and try their hand on some DX contacts allowed them under the recent FCC's Novice Enhancement Program (10 Meter PHONE). The contacts are very easy to make with our tri-bander and the 72 foot tower. Technical assistance will be available on this. For those whose interest moves them into other areas, we have things such as a sound movie projector, copiers, slide projectors, and of course the old A T and T whatever you call it.

So here's hoping to see you at the Nike Base
73 and 88s
Chairman, KA2SEZ, Nick
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COMING EVENTS 1987

<u>General Meeting</u>	2 July at 7:30 PM Nike Base
<u>Board Meeting</u>	28 July at 7:00 PM Nike Base
<u>75 Meter Net</u>	Each Saturday at 10:00 AM +/- 3925 khz
<u>2 Meter Info Net</u>	Each Wednesday 7:00 PM 147.697.09
<u>Telstar deadline</u>	20 July
<u>Town of Hamburg</u>	18 - 19 July = 175th town anniversary
<u>Erie County Fair</u>	14 - 23 August
<u>Ham-O-Rama</u>	12 September = Falls Convention Center
<u>VE testing</u>	14 October = Hamburg Junior High = Wednesday 7:00 PM *== ==*

HERE'S THE BEEF

About the birth of the burger in
Hamburg, New York - 1885

In 1885 at the Hamburg Fair (now site of the Erie County Fair), a concessionaire, Frank Menches and his brother, Charles, brought their new gasoline stove to the fair to make their specialty, a pork sausage sandwich. But the local meat marker, operated by Andrew Stein, had run out of pork sausage so Frank returned with five pounds of ground beef. Frank proceeded to get the stove in operation while Charles formed the beef into patties. The brothers taste-tested the first patty off the grill and decided it needed more zest. Salt didn't seem to help so almost in a devil-may-care spirit they sprinkled a little light brown sugar onto a frying patty. The result was tasty and tempting.

Frank began mulling over a new name for the new sandwich. He thought of Hamburg, the German city this village was named after and its history as a city that raised and exported holstein cattle all over the world dating back to the 14th century. Perhaps the tinkling of cowbells he could hear were around the necks of grazing holsteins on nearby pastureland and maybe the beef he was cooking was from a holstein steer.

As Frank mused, Charles sold his first chopped beef sandwich. The customer said, "Gutte schmeck! Was ist?" Frank no longer in doubt. "Hamburger," he replied, added, "das allerbeste!".

Thus was born and christened right here in Hamburg, New York, the hamburger which has become America's favorite sandwich.

NOTE = there may be some error or errors in the foregoing but was copied off a RTTY mailbox and thought it should be entered about here = joe

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THE PRES SEZ

July will certainly be a busy month for STARS. That is if you consider June 27 and 28 as part of the month of July. That's when Field Days will take place. Once again it will be held at the Hamburg Moose Club on Church Street. Set up will start at 10:00 AM and go on the air at 2:00 PM until 2:00 PM the 28th. It is still unknown at this time whether we will go all night, but if there is enough interest, why not?

If you remember we are going to do the bulk mailing for Ham-O-Rama. As the mini-brochure will not be ready in time (July 8th), it has been moved to Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00 PM sharp at the Senior Citizens Center, Hamburg Nike Base. Mark your calendar accordingly and bring your YL, XYL, son, daughter, etc. You know what a big job this is.

Come July 18th, WB2ELW will go on the air as a special events station, we will be operating from the Nike Base. Be sure to check out July QST and read about us. If we can get mother nature to have 80 - 10 meter quiet and open, it should be a real good time.

See you all at field day and also see you again at the next general meeting, July 2nd, at the Nike base clubhouse. Till then.

Stay Involved
John, KA2RFT
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VE TESTS AND TEST SITES

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| 12 July 1987 | Batavia hamfest, Alexander NY |
| 12 September 1987 | HAM-O-RAMA, Niagara Falls NY, details unavailable at this time |
| 14 October 1987 | Hamburg Junior High = 7:00 PM = contact John KA2RFT 648 0341 = NO WALK-INS |
| 14 November 1987 | contact Jim Collier, K2QB, 688-8293 |

- 1) Contact the VE liaison covering that particular session.
- 2) Have a copy of your license and certificate of completion should you have one.
- 3) Bring your ORIGINAL license should you be asked to produce same.
- 4) TWO sources of identification; preferably one with a photo.
- 5) The proper fee (\$4.35) made out to whoever listed.
- 6) In some cases, walk-ins may not be permitted.
- 7) Techs who have passed element 3 (prior to 21 March 1987) it will be your responsibility to prove it with your original license or you will have to take element 3(B)

in order to upgrade.

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ARRL NEWS

45 = 200th - CONSTITUTION

Amateur radio commemoration of the bicentennial of the US Constitution began in Washington DC and Philadelphia PA on May 25. These same locations will air special event activities on national Independence Day, July 4. The times and frequencies will approximate those listed on page 90, May 1987 QST, under the reading, Washington DC. Listen for NN3SI, W3DOS, and K3MTK. The three stations will use /200 after the call letters. Special QSL cards will be offered for the May 25, July 4 and later celebrations in each of the original 13 states. Watch QST as well, especially the September 1987 issue, for other information on the bicentennial of the US Constitution.

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only me! VOLUNTEERING

If you don't want the position yourself = don't volunteer anyone else = ESPECIALLY without their knowledge or consent. It is a shock to attend a meeting and find that you are chairing an event you know nothing about, only because a position needs to be filled. It may be someone's idea of a joke but in-as-much there being no warning about it, it is to me no basis for humor and that is putting it mildly.

joe, n2bgj
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DON'T FORGET
JULY 15th = 7:00 PM
BULK MAILING
Senior Citizen Center
Nike Base