

General Meeting = 1st Thursday = 7:30 PM = Youth Center  
Board Meeting = 4th Tuesday = 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 147.63/.09  
Telstar deadline = 20th of the month

SOUTH TOWNS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY  
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President = John Leitten KA2RFT  
Vice pres. = Bill Siska N2GAG  
Secretary = " " "  
Treasurer = Malcolm Vallone WA2VER  
Fin. secy. = Chuck Louise KC2SB  
Director = Matt Gorski N52M  
Director = Nick Stanko KA2SEZ

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NEW MEMBER

Kenneth P. Brown = KA2QLH  
53590 Grafton Ave  
Blasdell NY 14219

CORRECTION = LAST MONTH'S ENTRY

John W. Cullum Jr = (no call)  
6871 E. Webster Rd  
Orchard Park NY 14127

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HAM GEAR

- WANTED - 2 meter beam antenna - contact Sam, N2HHE, at 827-5820.  
WANTED - Operator's manual for the Realistic PRO 2009 - 8 channel programmable scanner - call John, KA2RFT, 648-0341  
WANTED - High impedance headphones, Matt, 876-3259  
FOR SALE - Butternut 2MVC-5, 5db 2-meter base stn vertical, only outside one month. \$22, Jim, K2QB, 688-8293  
FOR SALE - 2-meter Isopole Antenna \$40. Set of xtals 146.28/146.88 (for SR-C-146A ht), \$5.00. Heath 6D 1112 telfo amplifier, \$15. Coax blitz bugs, \$2 each. TV cable converter w/remote control, \$30. CB 104" whip ant, \$8. TV uhf converters, one ham-ready, free. Dial phone, black, \$7. High voltage Pwr sup capacitors, call.

Matt, K2MAC, 876-3259

FOR SALE - ARRL code kit, 5-13 wpm. Book, UNDERSTANDING AMATEUR RADIO PRINCIPLES & CONSTRUCTION. 1985 ARRL handbook. Norm, W2VEX, 877-0223.

FREE - tube checker, capacitance checker, old tube manual. Norm, W2VEX, 877-0223

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### VE TESTS RESULTS

The South Towns Amateur Radio Society held their semi-annual VE test session on Wednesday evening, October 14, 1987. The results were much better than in previous sessions. Thirteen candidates were tested, three upgraded to Technician, one to General, three to Advanced and two to Extra. In all, seventeen elements were given. Breakdown is as follows:

Element #	# taking test	# passed
1C (20 wpm)	2	2
1B (13 wpm)	3	1
3A (T=theory)	6	4
3B (G=theory)	2	1
4A (A=theory)	3	3
4B (E=theory)	1	1
<b>totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>

The session went very well and we were completely finished in two hours = thanks to the excellent efforts of John - KA2RFT, Dave - KD2EY, Matt - NS2M, Joe - N2BGJ, Guz - WB2EZU, Vince - KC2NY, and Joe - K2VXV.

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### STARS GOSSIP COLUMN

November 5th shall be election nite for filling the positions of the club officers for 1988 so sharpen up your pencils and plan to attend. The candidates thus far on the ballot are as follows: President = N2BAD, Bill Siska; Vice President = K2KVS, Larry Shannon; Secretary = K2RDD, Dick Dukat; Treasurer = WA2VER, Mal Vallone; Financial Sec = KC2SG, Chuck Louise and KA2SFE, Frank Modzelewski; Director = KA2WID, Voit Drankan. Expect a large turnout at this important meeting.

Another successful VE program was launched October 14th at the Hamburg Junior High School. This has been the best run program thus far. Dick, W2UJR, had everything control and the VE's did a splendid job. If you have missed this one we will be running another one on April 13th 1988, same place, same time. However, there are other clubs conducting tests

throughout the area so check the RAVE hotline for more details. Sixteen had taken the tests and nine were successful in upgrading, keep up the good work and get more hams.

The Thursday evening classes are going along exceptionally well and Rick, KA2WIM, reports he has some excellent students in the group.

By the way STARS is the proud possessor of a very nice ground plane plow that was donated to the club by Norm, KD2KK, it is of deluxe quality and very well constructed. Next spring you may be able to borrow same for installing ground wires. The construction is such that you pull out the cable and attach it to a stake placed in the direction of travel - then sit on the platform behind the electric motor that propels it forward - the plow then cuts a 3" deep slot in the ground and feeds the wire along with it. I haven't figured out how the slot gets covered as yet, maybe you will have to stomp on it, hi, hi. (Ed note = you're right). It needs a station wagon or truck for transporting it as the wheels make it too large to put in the trunk of an ordinary car.

Another year at the Nike base clubroom has ended and Nick, KA2SEZ, should be congratulated for the nice improvements that came about. No more Fibber McGee's closet attack everytime you open the storage room door. Nick and some other members were able to obtain some metal shelving from a super market that was being remodeled. The shelving was installed and it sure looks good and makes it a fine storage area = a lot of planning brought it to a successful conclusion.

See you all November 5th

Guz WB2EZU

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SILENT KEY

Bob Farrell, KC2VW, passed away October 16th and the club sends its heartfelt sympathies to his family.

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THE PREZ SEZ

Our next general meeting will be the election of officers. No matter how the election turns out, with the people who are running for office, STARS will have a very experienced board for 1988. The high quality and vast experience that our club has in its members is very impressive. 1988 should be a very exciting and fun year.

We will also be showing the new ARRL video "New Adventures in Amateur Radio". This tape is club property and any member is welcome to borrow it, VHS format. The tape is oriented to the younger person, but will

interest any age group. Interested groups may view it free of charge. Follow-up for interested persons, of course, is our novice classes in the fall. The teens of today don't know what CB is, yet alone amateur radio. Have you ever been asked if your 2 meter handheld is a scanner with a calculator on it? If we don't promote our hobby, who will? If our ranks get small, the commercial boys will take our bands over. Talk our hobby up, bring a non-ham to our next meeting. See you all November 5 - Hamburg Youth Center.

stay involved

John, KA2RFT

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EDITORIAL

This month appeared to be another disappointment. By the 20th or October only a couple of items were received for the newsletter. All of this leads me to think: 1) a newsletter is not needed. 2) appears too frequently should either be bi-monthly or quarterly. 3) nothing of interest in it. 4) don't read it anyway. 5) you tell me

COMING UP NEXT MONTH = ? ?

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VE RAVE HOTLINE = 876-6593

14 November 1987 == 10 AM - Saturday = Niagara Com. College = contact

Jim Collier, K2GB, 688-8293

13 April 1988 == 7 PM - Wednesday = Hamburg Junior High School

**COMING UP SOON**

**PAYMENT OF DUES**

dues should be in  
by the 1st of January