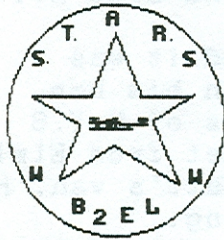


October 1990 #119

# TELSTAR



The Monthly Newsletter of S.T.A.R.S

Southtowns Amateur Radio Society

Club Station WB2ELW

Next Meeting : October 4, 1990

Steve Yekich KB2ERU  
716-825-8049



**Bob Johnson W2WVC**



will be at the October meeting to give a presentation on the topic of Interference, the causes, and possible solutions for the various problems that we as Hams encounter in our Hobby. Bob assists the FCC in troubleshooting this area for complaints and is very well known for his expertise in this complex area and this should be a meeting that we all could find of great interest, so plan on attending and being there !!!!!

Due to the possible length of the presentation, we ask that all members arrive early for a 7:30 P.M. SHARP Start.

**Congratulations to our new Directors;  
Dave Baco WA2TVT and Frank Weinstock K2VTK on  
being elected to the Board of Directors.**

GOSSIP COLUMN - GUZ WB2EZU

It is with great sorrow that I must start this column on a sad note. Matt Gorski NS2M became a silent key on Aug. 26th 1990. He was one of our members and I am sure we will miss him very much. He had a fantastic memory and could quote prices and a rundown on most of the ham equipment around.

I was his elmer and when he got his general license helped him get his first new rig on the air. You know, my car was in the garage for repairs and Matt came down to my QTH in Hamburg and took me to Lancaster to get it going. He had antennas up and ready to go. After successfully running through the set and making some contacts from Europe we celebrated with a nice dinner.

Matt was a member of various ham clubs around W.N.Y and was on committees at STARS and Lancaster ARC. He was also a Volunteer examiner and participated in the F.C.C test held by STARS & LARC. He assisted in the novice and general classes throughout the years.

His antenna farm had two towers and various vertical and dipole antennas on it.

Matt liked to go to hamfests and it was a pleasure to meet him at these functions, all the way from Dayton, Ohio through Pennsylvania and also N.Y state.

He kept up with the state of the art with his equipment and it was nothing for him to have two or three transceivers at one time in his ham shack. On the Sat morning net Matt checked in from various parts of N.Y.S while mobiling around. I had the pleasure of running the Sat. net from Elmira at a hamfest and it was a good signal throughout the net from Matt's van. He will be greatly missed and our sadness is two-fold at his parting.

Matt did not only have amateur radio as a hobby, but also took up Skeet shooting as a diversion and one cabinet in his QTH is filled with cups that he won at various shootouts. Not only that, he and his brother were horseshoe pitching champs also. You know he had a set of horseshoes made of stainless steel and they were easy to keep clean.

Now on a more pleasant note: One of the founders of our club, Val Orgera K2KQC is ready to retire in a few months and is anxious to get back on the air. She is in her own QTH at 4776 Lilydale in Hamburg, phone # 649-3154. At present she has no antennas or means of putting them up. Val was in an auto accident and is unable to drive. In fact, she goes to work in a taxi. She needs a helping hand to get going. Much to my surprise she still has her transceiver. It would be nice for someone to get a group over there to find out what is needed and get her back on the air. Val loves nets and at one time ran the STARS Sat. net and also message handling nets which she was manager of. Please call her on Sat. or Sun. to make arrangements for assistance before the weather gets bad.

As an added feature to this column we will publish the name & call of new members as they join our ranks.

Congratulations to:

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| Jay F Clark       | -              |
| Dennis J Langheir | K2CEC-GENERAL  |
| Paul Chmiel       | KB2KKG-TECH    |
| Richard Webber    | N2KSG-TECH     |
| Gregory Young     | N2KQT-ADVANCED |

Good Hamming Guz - WB2EZU

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FROM THE EDITOR

Well I hope everyone is enjoying their Telstar. I would like to thank Bob KB2JHY for providing the nice front and back cover for the last couple months. If anyone is interested in writing about different modes, please send it, or any other information you would like to see in the Telstar. Also, we are going to be nominating officers in the upcoming meetings, so please attend.

Steve - KB2EQV

**VEC TEST SESSIONS - DICK W2UJR**

STARS will hold a VE test session on Oct. 10, 1990 at the Hamburg Junior High School, 360 Division st. Hamburg NY, Rooms 117/119 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Technician through Extra exams will be given. All candidates must be pre-registered and there will be NO WALK-INS. Please send your 610 application, a copy of your license, a check for \$4.95 made out to ARRL/VEC and a copy of any certificate that is applicable.

Send all information to VE contact:

Norm Jones KD2KK  
204 AURORA AVE.  
WEST SENECA, NY 14224-1127  
PHONE # 824-1148

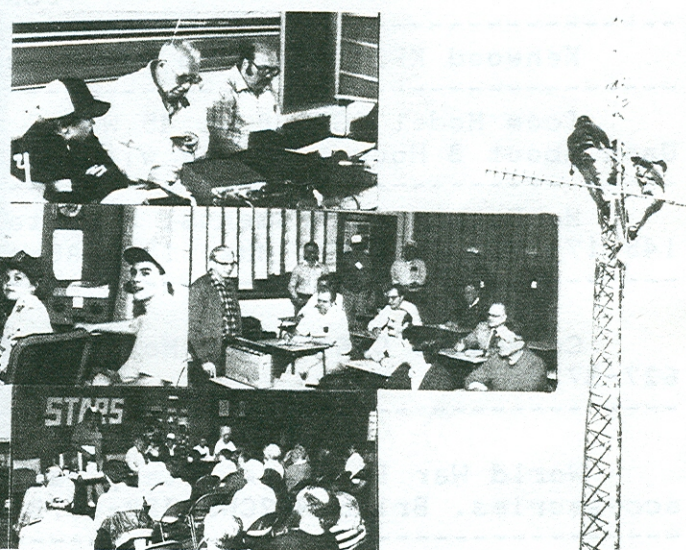
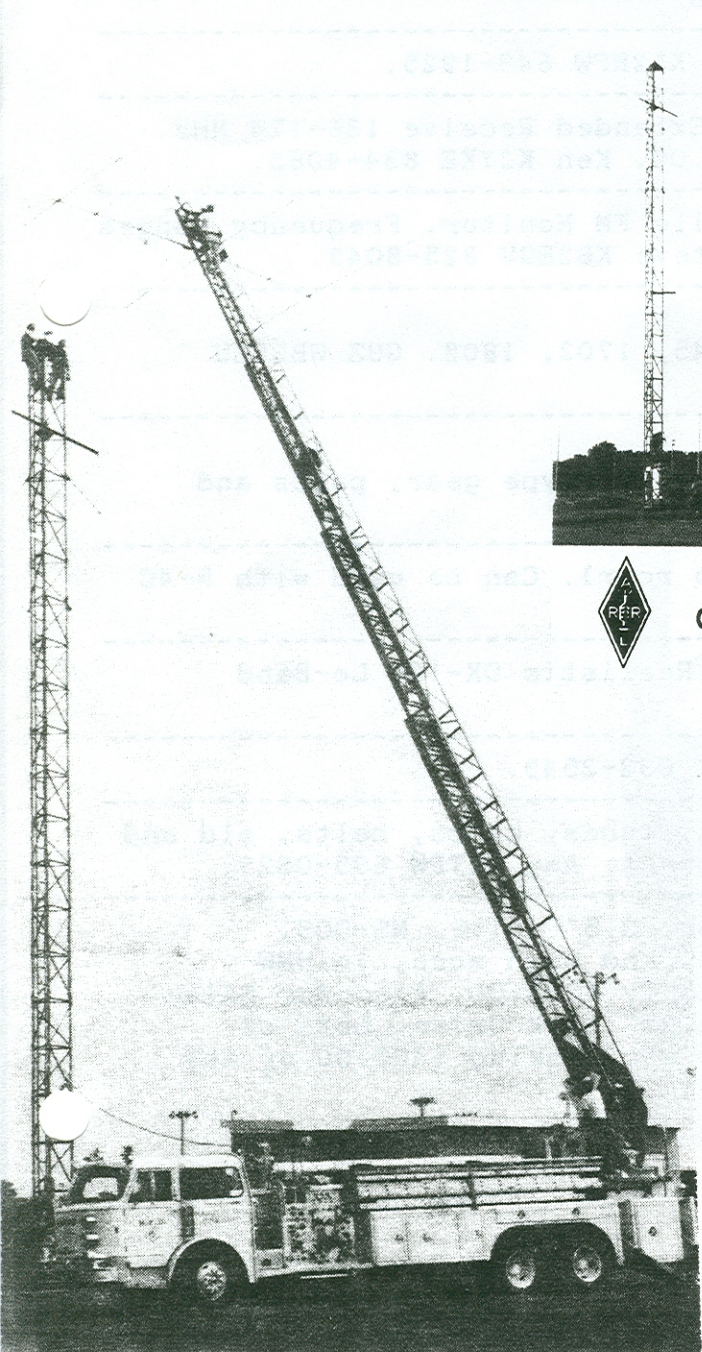
Lancaster ARC will hold VE test sessions on Nov. 21, Dec. 19. Send 610 applications etc to VE contact:

Dick Haungs W2UJR  
11315 CARY. RD  
ALDEN, NY 14004

For more information on Lancaster ARC VE test sessions, Call Stan Tomczak N2IAE at 887-6608.

Dick Haungs W2UJR  
VE Liaison

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1990**



**ERIE  
COUNTY  
U.S.A.**

**WB2ELW**

**South Towns  
Amateur Radio Society  
Hamburg, N.Y.**

**Look, Up In The Sky**

Two volunteer organizations working together - The Hamburg Volunteer Fire Dept. and the South Towns Amateur Radio Society - joined forces recently to install a powerful new antenna at the STARS club station at the Town of Hamburg Nike Base. The station is used to communicate across the country and around the world, and stands ready to be used to provide emergency communications should the need arise. Club meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center at 7:30 p.m.

## NIKE BASE

Well, the past month at the NIKE BASE has been great. On Sept. 1st the STARS club and the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Dept. teamed up to put the Hygain TH6 beam on top of the tower, and take down the 3 element beam that was up there before. We also cleaned the outside area of the shack, that had huge weeds and lots of scaffolding placed in the weeds, Was that a JOB!! The following people were present. BOB WA2IQX, BOB KB2JHY, BOB KB2HWY, JOHN KA2RFT, JACK KB2ESM, RANDY KA2RFW, MAL WA2VER, GARY KB2YJ, JAKE, BOB K2PPK, and STEVE KB2EQV. Thanks for helping. During the past weeks we have worked INDIA, CYPRUS, USSR, EUROPE etc. with 59+ signals. On Sept. 8th, Bob WA2IQX and I went to the NIKE BASE for a couple hours and installed our new Batternut 2 meter antenna. We installed brackets and put it up about 40 feet on the side of the tower and fed the coax into the shack.

Hopefully before the end of the year we are going to put up 40 & 80 meter diopole antennas, weather and time permitting. We are still open, and if we get heat in the shack, we might be open all season. So take a ride out to the NIKE BASE (Hamburg Recreation Center) on Lakeview Rd. in Hamburg one of these Monday nights 7-9 PM and see what you're missing. I would like to thank everyone for stopping by. We also have new Co-Chairmen for the Nike Base, Mary N2KDW and Bob KB2HWY. Thanks for helping out.

Steve KB2EQV Chairman

## FOR SALE COLUMN

Kenwood KPS-12 12 amp power supply, Randy KA2RFW 649-1925.

Icom Model IC-228-H, 45 Watt, 20 Memory. Extended Receive 136-174 MHz. Used about 3 Hours, in Box with all Info. \$325.00. Ken K2YKE 834-4083.

MacDonald instruments, 8 Cystal Base, Mobile FM Monitor. Frequency ranges 148-174 MHz, 450-470 MHz. 120 VAC or 12 VDC. Steve KB2EQV 825-8049.

## WANTED

Commodore C-64 Color Monitor, Model # 10845, 1702, 1802. GUZ WB2EZU 627-3724.

## WANTED

World War II era military radio, telephone, teletype gear, parts and accessories. Brian WA2CWF 838-1673.

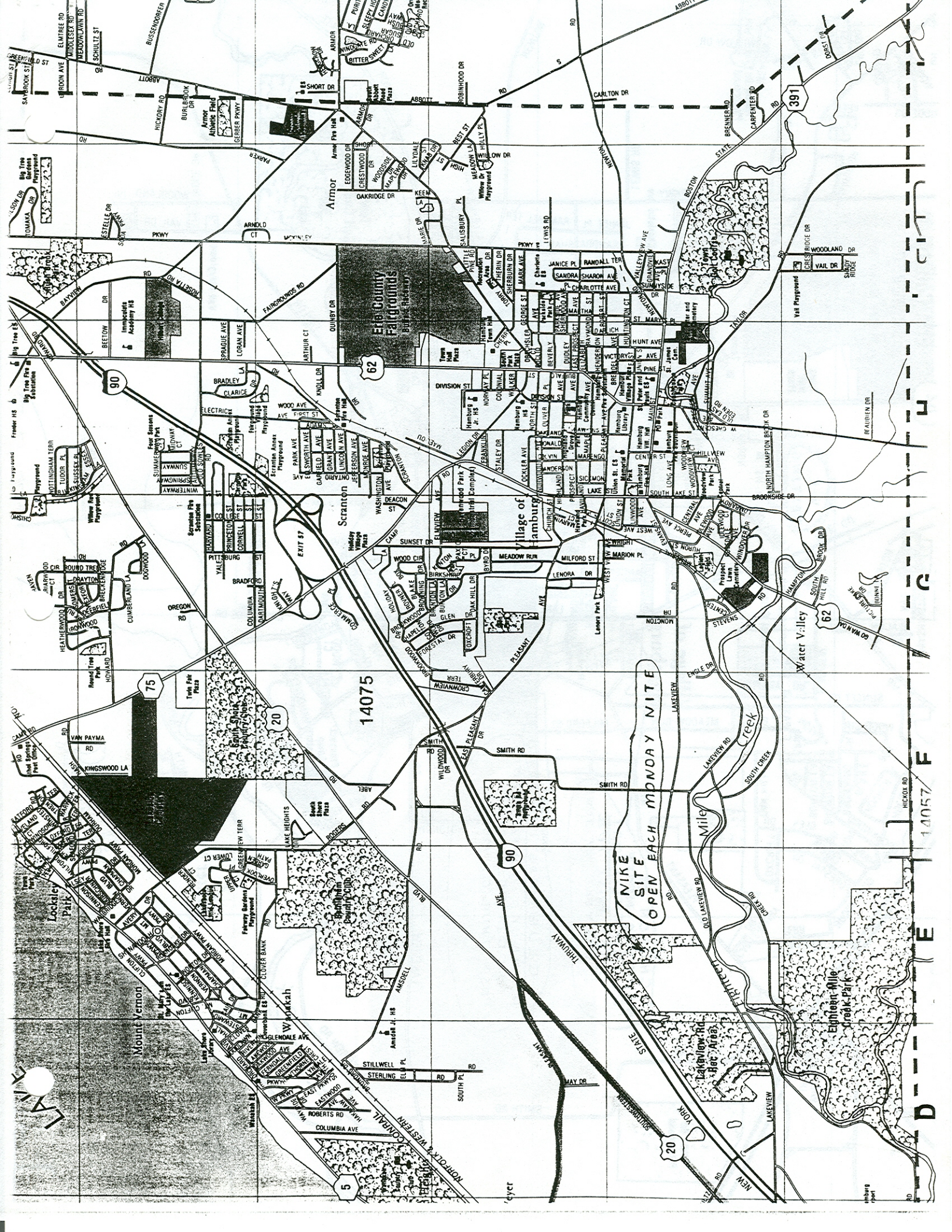
Drake AC-4 power supply and T-4XC xmtr (no rcvr). Can be used with R-4C or R-4B rcvr. \$200. Jim K2QB 688-6293.

B&W 370-10 2m-40mtr whip antenna. \$25.00, Realistic DX-160 Lo-Band Receiver \$50.00. Gary WA2PUO 283-3791.

Kenwood TS-430S HF Transceiver. Bob WA2DRY 692-2549.

Old radios, keys, sounders, test equipment, tubes, knobs, belts, old and new parts, books, catalogs, and other ham equipment. Ang W2TPW 695-0329.

Tandy 1000 EX PC, Tandys best color monitor, 3.5" drive, MS-DOS, Deskmate, Menu, Text, Paint, Worksheet, Telecom, and much more, in NEW condition, the perfect starter system. All for only \$395.00. Also for Sale: Commodore C-64 Computer, Color Monitor, #1541 5.25" Disk Drive, Lots of Software including Packet and Games, all books, etc, asking \$300.00 or any good offer. Bob KA2MXH 773-2157.



Erie County Fairgrounds

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OPEN EACH MONDAY NITE

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JOTA  
Contributed by Ralph K2ZUW, from the April 1990 Scoutgram. See below

JOTA stands for Scouting Jamboree on the Air. This year it is going to be held on October 20th and 21st, 1990. If any member of STARS is involved in scouting or knows of a local troop, pack etc, NOW is a good time to make arrangements with them to start planning Local JOTA Station operations. Everyone makes a difference! Some hams invite small groups of scouts to their home stations and limit the amount of operating they do on the JOTA weekend. Other ham groups set up at a scouting weekend campout and operate for the entire weekend. Any way that you can do it is great. If you have never operated a JOTA weekend you ought to try it! whatever you decide, you can make a difference. **GET INVOLVED - CALL YOUR LOCAL SCOUT TROOP ETC NOW!!!!**

SCOUTGRAM LARRY K2NA  
90 HAWK LANE  
BOULDER COLORADO, 80304

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT YOU CAN UTILIZE THE NIKE BASE FOR JOTA. JUST GIVE ME A CALL AHEAD OF TIME TO OPEN IT FOR YOU. IT WOULD GET A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN HAM RADIO, AND BENEFIT THE CLUB. STEVE KB2EQV 825-8049.

### USA RADIO SCOUTING EVENTS:

Art, WB9JKZ, reports his district has asked for a demonstration station at their spring Camporee! We hope to see some pictures of the event. Look for W9LM - Whiskey Nine Loud Mouth in late April and in May.

The Greenwood's District of the Oregon Trail Council will hold their annual camporee on 19 - 20 May. Greg, K7ZX, will set up a tent with HF and packet radio. Look for them!

K4JWG is hoping to put K2BSA/3 on the air for the Scout Show in Washington, D.C. They will operate 144 and 28 MHz. SCOUTGRAM will publish a picture of their QSL card in the next issue. (If K2NA receives a sample.)

The St. Louis Area Council Jamboree on 1 - 3 June is looking forward to demonstrating radio scouting. They may operate K2BSA/0 - SCOUTGRAM had not heard from Dan, W5URI, Trustee of K2BSA, at press time to confirm issue of permission for use of the call. For more info on the Jamboree: Dick Grady, N0JYU, 5976 Keith Place, St. Louis, MO 63109, is the one to contact.

Utah - Flaming Gorge - Jamboree - 8 - 11 August 1990. The Borderline Amateur Radio Club will set up amateur radio! Radio Scouts contact Leo Clark, KF7AG, 95 E 975 South, Vernal, UT 84078, if you can help out.

### BIG GUNS?!

Ray, WD8JKV, is looking for some "Big Gun" stations to put Radio Scouting USA on the air for JOTA. If you can recruit a station, please let him know. Ideally, stations should be well equipped for HF DX operation and accessible to visiting scouts. JOTA operation will consist of both putting scouts on the air and contacting many foreign scout stations. Does anyone have an idea for a USA Radio Scouting game/puzzle for the 1990 JOTA weekend??

### AGREED WORLD SCOUT FREQUENCIES:

CW - 3590; 7030; 14070; 21140; 28190 kHz.

Phone - 3740; 3940; 7090; 14290; 21360;  
28990 (28350) kHz.

US Frequency different from World:  
Phone - 7290 kHz.

OCTOBER 21-22, 1989

1989 BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR (JOTA)

**K2BSA/6**

FAIRFAX COUNTY VIRGINIA

DATE	STATION	GMT	RST	MHZ	MODE	QSL
10-22-89	K2BSA/6	2141	44	28.353	SSB	TRX

RIG: Kenwood TS-440  
PWR: 150 Watts  
ANT: G5RV/Butternut Vert.

*WJL*  
WILLIAM T. "RED" FREE W3FTG  
Control Operator  
3627 GREAT LAUREL LANE  
FAIRFAX, VA 22033-1212

Jamboree

On **K2BSA/6**

The **Ridgecrest, CA 93555**

October 21-22, 1989

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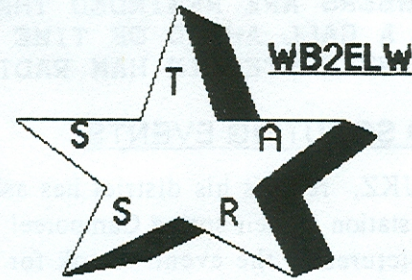
Control Operator: Bill Burns, WA6QYR



# S.T.A.R.S

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## Club Meeting Place

Hamburg Youth Center  
Located at Prospect and Hawkins St.  
Club Meeting, First Thursday of the Month at 7:30 PM

Business Meeting, Fourth Tuesday of each month at the Youth Center  
at 7:00 PM.

## Southtowns Amateur Radio Society

## S.T.A.R.S

Steve Yekich  
4340 Chisholm Trail  
Hamburg, N.Y. 14075

### STARS RADIO NETS

75 Meters - Every Saturday  
at 10:00 AM, 3.925 +/- MHZ

2 Meters - Every Wednesday  
at 7:00 PM, 147.69 / 09 MHZ

### Dues

Single \$15  
Family \$23  
Student \$8

## TO ARS:

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