



## Field Day 1997

There is a smell of spring in the air, and its time to look at those antennas and see if the winter has been kind to your favorite. If not, now is the time to get it back up to snuff.

Spring also means its time for Field Day, a good time to get out and work some of the frost out of the old bones and have some fun while you are doing it. You may learn how



to get that favorite wire up in the air without climbing a tree or pole or tower, if you have never been to, or participated in Field Day, this year is a good opportunity to make it your first.

Field Day is a great way to improve your operating skills and work your own pileups. Everyone

always has fun working other stations across the US on Field Day, and they have fun working you. If you are new to HF, now is the time to get acquainted. You can't make any mistakes because this is a learning experience, and there are a good number of first time operators out there making the same kind of errors. If you like CW and you want to try your fist, the opportunity prevails; and if you want to watch some of the experienced brass pounders, we have them available also. They are always ready and welcome to help anyone who has any questions, or maybe some assistance in CW. It really can be fun.

Field Day is held each year during the last full weekend in June. As before, it will be at the Moose Lodge in Hamburg. Bring the kids and let them roam the grounds and have fun. Saturday night someone usually builds a fire,

## May Meeting

This months club meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 1 at the Hamburg Youth Center (Prospect Ave. at Hawkins Ave.). All interested in amateur radio are invited; neither club membership nor an amateur radio license is required.

During the meeting we will be discussing our new repeater project, Field Day, the repeater fund, reimbursement of the repeater donor, etc. We will also be taking a preference poll to determine our new club logo (see pages 4 and 5).



Our guest speaker will be STARS member Terry Rockhold K200 discussing radio direction finding.

and, if you happen to have a few hot dogs or marshmallows, so much the better. Ed KB2KVA brings his guitar with him and some times singing around the fire can be enjoyed. We operate all night, so you night owls, now is your big chance to do your thing. Lunch will be served on Sunday and Jack KB2ESM serves the best roast-beef sandwiches you can get anywhere.

We need dinning flies. If anyone has a dinning fly that they could let the club borrow, it would greatly be appreciated. If so, please contact John KA2RFT or be sure to attend the May meeting to work out the details. Let's plan for a good turn out this year; its worth it.

Gene KE2LO

## STARS & ARRL Memberships

Membership in STARS is open to anyone with an interest in amateur radio. A license is not required. Membership applications may be obtained by sending a SASE to Judy Levan N2TEZ, 120 University Blvd., Depew, NY 14043, from the newsletter editor or from board members.

Annual Dues are payable on January 1 and are \$21 for a single membership, \$27 for family memberships and \$8 for a student membership (through grade 12). The dues are pro-rated on a monthly basis for new members plus there is an initiation fee of \$5 when first applying to the club. For example, a new member joining in July would pay \$10.50 (6 months X \$1.75 per month) plus the \$5 initiation fee for a total of \$15.50.



Applications should be returned to Judy N2TEZ along with the appropriate dues. The applications will be reviewed and voted on by the Board of Directors at the business meeting. The applications are then voted on by the general membership at the next regular club meeting.

Members should send their ARRL renewal memberships to Jack Cullum, Jr. KB2ESM, 6871 Webster Rd., Orchard Park, NY 14127 along with a check made out to STARS. No extra cost to you and STARS benefits!

## Club Nets

STARS club nets are open to all to exchange information on local amateur radio activities.

STARS HF net meets at 10 AM local time on Saturdays on 3.925 MHz +/- QRM. Net control is usually Guz WB2EZU.

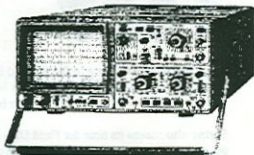
STARS VHF net meets at 7 PM on Wednesdays on STARS club repeater WB2ELW 147.09/69 output/input. Net control is usually Tony KB2OUT.

STARS Swap Net meets at 7 PM on Tuesdays on STARS WB2ELW 147.09 repeater. Net control is usually Leo KB2TIY.

## New Repeater Project

The new repeater project was delayed when the new controller developed problems. After discussions were held with the factory support staff, the controller was returned to the factory for servicing. They repaired the controller and have returned it to Paul WA2IYW, our Repeater Chairman. Paul will be placing the new repeater and controller in place as soon as his time allows.

STARS President Tony KB2OUT has informed us that the antenna, tower and rotator donated by Ray Silver N2NXX for the Repeater Fund has been sold for \$800!



We also received a very generous donation for the repeater fund from Lin Brownell WB2HCL of Cambridge, NY. Lin is a Life Member of STARS and is one of the original Charter Members of the club. He also wanted to say "Happy Hamming!" to our other Life and Charter Member - guess who that is!

We want to thank all those who have donated to the Repeater Fund. It was noted, however, that there are still quite a number of members who haven't yet donated. Even if you can only afford a small donation, please send it as they all count up. Donations should be sent to Jack Cullum Jr. KB2ESM, 6871 Webster Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

## Club Member News

We were informed that STARS Member Warren Heerd N2INA passed away recently. Rick Lepkowski N2VZ also suffered the loss of his mother recently. We want to express our sympathy to both of these families.

Joe Claus KB2JDB has been working with students at his school as well as with Boy Scouts to get their amateur radio licenses. Several have already accomplished that at the last two VE sessions, and a few more are still trying. We will attempt to get a complete report for you.

# STARS Gossip Column

It is with great pleasure that I can say that Norm Jones KD2KK has come home from the hospital with flying colors, and we can welcome him back again.

How many of you get the QST magazine? It sure will be to your advantage to get a copy and study the new regulations, as there may be a lot of changes made in the licensing structure which should be an advantage to the hams. Remember this is a hobby, and it is nice to have a large organization to keep us on the up and up to make it more pleasant. So make sure you keep yourself on the up and up on the up-coming new rules and regulations.

Well, let us get back to the STARS repeater which is getting together bit by bit. Thanks for the donations that are coming in to help defray the expense also.

By the way, all you DX'ers please send two sets of your old and new call letters so that your DX stations can send your

cards without too much trouble. Understand that the DX call book will not be published in 1997, so let your friends know about it.

Remember that there is going to be some work done around the Nike Base. One large job is painting the 70 foot tower and tightening up the guy wires. Summer is a nice time to do these little things, so please volunteer if you can and get it done in no time at all. So remember the more we can do by ourselves, the better the job.

Happy Hamming Guz WB2EZW



## Rochester Hamfest

The Rochester Hamfest and Computer Show combined with the ARRL Atlantic Division/New York State Convention will be held May 30-June 1, 1997 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds on Route 15A in Rochester. Traditionally this is the largest hamfest in this area, and it is attended by many of the local hams.

The outdoor flea market opens at 6:00 AM on Friday and runs continuously all weekend. New this year will be that the indoor vendors at the Exhibit Hall will be open from noon until 6:00 PM on Friday. The Exhibit Hall will also be open 8:30 AM till 5:30 PM on Saturday and 8:30 AM till 1:30 PM on Sunday.

There will be programs all weekend. An ARRL forum will be held at noon on Saturday featuring Kay Craigie WT3P, ARRL Atlantic Division Director (she is the person who holds our vote on ARRL decisions!) and Bernie Fuller, ARRL Atlantic Division Vice Director. STARS member Judy Levan N2TEZ will represent the National Weather Service and will discuss "Doppler Radar-Realities and Myths" at 3:00 PM on Saturday. Additionally, there will be programs on DX, MARS, the new RF Laws, traffic handling, VHF, antenna building, and much more.

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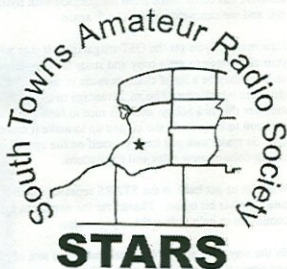
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# New STARS Logo



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STARS 2

On this page and the next there are seven possible new logos for STARS. We will be taking a preference poll at the May meeting to determine which one we will be using.

If you can't make the May meeting and want to express your opinion, send a packet message to Judy N2TEZ at the STARS KE2VW BBS or by telephoning Terry K2OO at 656-0865 before 5:00 PM on May 1.

## STARS Board of Directors

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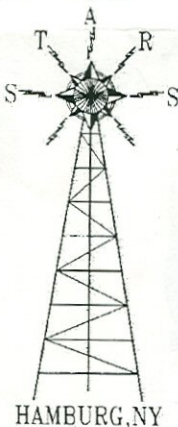
## AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATIONS

STARS will hold a test session on 5/10/97 at the Grace Lutheran Church (McKinley and Newton Roads). Walk-ins should arrive by 9 AM and pre-registered candidates should arrive by 9:45 AM. For information on STARS test sessions, contact Vern Siegel AA2AC at 693-5977 (days) and 634-5276 (nights).

Lancaster ARC will be holding test sessions on 5/21 & 6/11 during 1997 at the Aurora Middle School, Lancaster, NY. For information on Lancaster ARC exams, call Chuck Koester WD2AIK at 937-3592.

ARATS will be holding test sessions on 5/3 & 6/7 during 1997 at the North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters at 495 Zimmerman St. For information on ARATS exams, call Vern Siegel AA2AC at 693-5977 (days) and 634-5276 (nights).

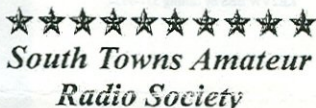
Most sessions except for STARS non-hamfest exams do not allow walk-ins, so call ahead and make a reservation.



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## CLUB REPEATERS

The club repeater (WB2ELW/R) is located near Colden, NY (147.09/.69 output/input). Autopatch privileges are available to club members.

The southern club repeater (KE2VW/R) is located in Perrysburg, NY (146.97/.37 out/in, with a PL of 151.4 Hz).

The club UHF repeater is located near Hamburg (442.325 MHz with a PL access of 151.4 Hz).

## CLUB PACKET

The STARS KE2VW BBS, located in Colden, NY is accessible on 145.71 MHz (direct) or on 145.61 MHz or 145.65 MHz (indirect) by typing: C BBSVW, using 1200 baud. Or connect using 19.6K baud on 441.050 MHz (direct)

Using a telephone modem, you can reach the STARS KE2VW BBS by calling 537-9334.

## CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of the month at the Hamburg Youth Center (Prospect Ave. at Hawkins Ave.) at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Nike Base Club Station at 7:00 PM and are open to all club members.

## CLUB HF STATIONS

The club Nike Base HF Station (WB2ELW) is located on Lakeview Road 1.75 miles east of Route 20 next to the Hamburg Town Arena. The station is operated on most Saturdays between 1 and 3 PM local time. A second club HF station is located at the Hamburg Youth Center.

## CLUB WEB PAGES

The club has a home site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.cmp-express.com/stars/>.

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