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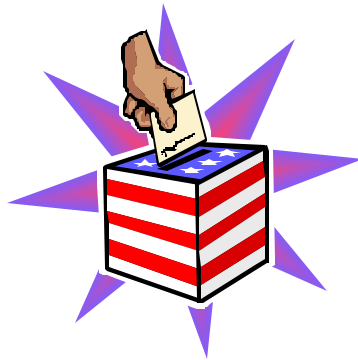
THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF STARS (SOUTH TOWNS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY)

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STARS 2002 CLUB ELECTIONS

Nominations for STARS 2002 club officers will be held at the October club meeting on October 4. Elections for these offices will then be held at the November club meeting on November 1.

STARS Members may vote in the annual election of officers via absentee ballot. If you can't make the meeting you still are allowed to vote. Please follow the easy steps listed below.



Procedures for Members
Voting by Absentee Ballot:

1. Request an absentee ballot by phone, e-mail, packet, or mail in sufficient time to receive the ballot by mail and return it by mail so that it is received no later than the November Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2001. (N2TEZ suggests Oct. 22 as deadline for making requests.)

2. Request absentee ballots from the Membership Chairman:

Judy Levan, N2TEZ
120 University Blvd.
Depew, NY 14043
Phone: 684-6673
E-mail: fcstr59@msn.com

3. Note that: Absentee ballots cannot be used to vote for

October Meeting

This month's club meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 4 at the Hamburg Youth Center (Prospect Ave. and Hawkins Ave.). All interested in amateur radio are invited; neither club membership nor an amateur radio license is required.

We will be discussing a variety of topics relating to club operations.

We will also be taking nominations for 2002 club officers. The elections for next year's club officers and directors will then be held at the November club meeting.

We won't be having a speaker for the evening, so this will leave lots of time for eyeball ragchewing!



members nominated at the November Membership Meeting, but will have space for write-ins. To prevent tampering, absentee ballots may only be returned by mail, and may not be hand-carried to the meeting by someone else. Members who mail-in an absentee ballot may attend the meeting and vote in-person, but only after their unopened absentee ballot is torn in half and returned to the voter in-person.

Voter confidence in the STARS election procedures is very important. So that you know your ballot will be handled properly, the Election Committee will follow these guidelines.

Procedures for Membership Chairman and Election Committee:

If requested The Membership Chairman will mail absentee ballots to members in good standing, at their address of record. The Election Committee will prepare absentee ballots

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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 WB2EZU Memorial HF net meets at 10 AM local time on Saturdays on 3.925 MHz +/- QRM.

STARS VHF net meets on Wednesday at 7:30 PM on STARS club repeater WB2ELW 147.09/ .69 output/input— PL of 107.2 Hz).

From Your President

The events of September 11, 2001 will be embedded in all our minds forever. I was at work, watching the news report about the first plane that hit the World Trade Center. Then the second one appeared on the TV screen. All of us watched in horror as it plowed into the second tower. Things are going to change, THAT we can count on. What changes to Amateur Radio are going to be are uncertain. Threats of weapons of mass destruction may be possible. Our local Emergency Service groups may hold practice drills that will use our repeaters; some of us may volunteer or be called into service. Whatever the future holds for us, we must remember that we are a "SERVICE" and not just a hobby. We should be ready to offer our assistance wherever needed.



This is October, so now is the time that we nominate members for the upcoming elections. If you want to nominate someone for an office or even throw your own hat in the ring, now is the time to do it. To be nominated, they must be a member in good standing for at least one full year and be 18 years of age. All offices are open for nomination, except one Board of Director that is a 2-year term. IF you want to vote and do not think you can make the November election meeting, you can request a mail in ballot from Judy N2TEZ.

For those that belong to the ARRL, STARS has had at least two of our members mentioned on the contest page: John K2CF and Bob WA2ABN for being in the top five for the Western New York section. Also congratulations for upgrading, James Clark to Extra and Alex Clark to General Class. Alex says that he wants to get his Extra soon, so he can beat his brother's record. GOOD luck Alex.

Sincerely,
Gary KB2YJ
President

Welcome!

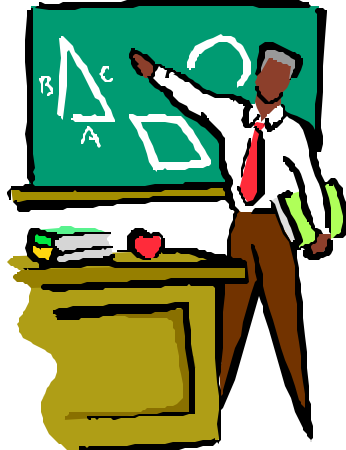
We welcome US itek inc. as a new advertiser in our newsletter (see page 3). President and owner is David Stinner KB2LCR

We invite everyone to check them out for your computer needs.. Note they offer wholesale pricing with an amateur radio call sign! Tell them you saw their ad in the Telstar!

Technician Classes

STARS, ARATS and the University of Buffalo Amateur Radio Club are cosponsoring classes designed to teach the students the material that they need to successfully pass their Technician class license exams.

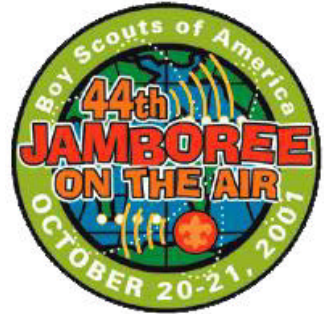
The classes began on September 10 at the University of Buffalo's North campus in Williamsville. So far, they have been covering FCC rules & regulations and operating procedures. Twenty-four students have attended at least one of the first three classes.



Instructors for the classes include STARS & ARATS members Terry Rockhold K2OO and Jim Livingston N2SKT as well as the University of Buffalo ARC's President Joe Mure KB2VXE.

JOTA

JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur (ham) Radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared via radio waves. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years.



JOTA is held the third weekend in October of each year. This year the dates are Oct. 20-21. JOTA takes place starting Saturday at 0001 hours local time to Sunday, 2359 hours local time, though some activity continues over from Friday to Monday to take advantage of long distance (DX) time differences

For more information, see:
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html>



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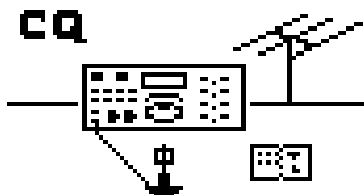


73, DAVID KB2LCR
 Owner

PROS Swap Meet

The PROS club will be having a Swap meet on November 3 2001, at 8 AM until 2 PM. This will be held at the Sardinia Historical Society building on Savage Rd. in Sardinia.

There will be refreshments available and a cash door prize. Tables will be available for 5 dollars for an inside one and 3 dollars for outside setups. The admission will be free and there is plenty of parking available. Talk-in frequency will be the 145.390 repeater. If any more info is needed, please contact Gary KB2YAA at 592-9554 or Norm AI2I at 942-6855



ARES/RACES NYC Effort Stands Down; REACT Seeks Volunteers

After more than two weeks of intense effort, the Amateur Radio volunteer activation in New York City is winding down. ARRL New York City-Long Island ARES Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D, says all ARES/RACES World Trade Center operations in support of the American Red Cross and the NYC Office of Emergency Management ceased early this week.

REACT International continues to seek additional Amateur Radio and licensed GMRS users, primarily to support the Salvation Army's relief efforts in New York City. REACT International Secretary Lee Besing, N5NTG, said his organization has been lining up volunteers, and Jeff Schneller, N2HPO--who's affiliated with the Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Network (SATERN)--has been doing the scheduling for the support effort.

REACT needs up to two dozen volunteers a day. Those who are willing and able should first visit the REACT International Web site <http://www.reactintl.org/tragedy_09112001.htm> or send e-mail to NYCHelp@reactintl.org.

Carrubba says the American Red Cross closed all shelters that remained open in New York City on Sunday, September 23, while the New York City Office of Emergency Management shut down Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service support Monday, September 24. Any remaining Amateur Radio Emergency Service activity will be handled by volunteers from the Greater New York City area, he said.

New York City District Emergency Coordinator Charles Hargrove, N2NOV--who served as incident commander--has expressed his appreciation to all amateurs who volunteered their time and equipment. Hargrove outlined Amateur Radio's role in the disaster response in a September 27 interview on Bloomberg Radio's WBBR in New York City.

ARRL New York City-Long Island Section Manager George Tranos, N2GA, also expressed his gratitude to all Amateur Radio operators who came forward to assist the ARES/RACES effort. "The system works and our 'hobby' has performed well as a 'service' to the public," he said.

Tranos said some 500 Amateur Radio volunteers helped out with communications support for the disaster. "The ARES organization has done a good job in mobilizing--some being on scene and ready on the morning of September 11," he said. Tranos also praised Carrubba, who, he said, "showed the way and was instrumental in the administration, organization and logistics of the operation."

"Thanks and congratulations go to each of those who helped," Tranos concluded. "Now, hopefully, we can try to return to some degree of normalcy."

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President Gary Zanghi KB2YJ may be reached at Kb2yj@aol.com or by calling 549-8476

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATIONS

STARS will hold test sessions 10/13, & 11/10 in 2001 and 1/12, 3/9, 5/11 & 7/13 in 2002 at Grace Lutheran Church (McKinley Pkwy. and Newton Road) in Hamburg. All candidates should report to the church by 9 AM. Walk-ins are allowed, but pre-registering will reduce time at exams. For information or to pre-register for STARS tests, contact Terry Rockhold K2OO at 656-0865.

Lancaster ARC will be holding test sessions on the third Wednesday of each month at the Lancaster ARC Club House, 525 Pavement Road, Lancaster. For information on Lancaster exams, call Hal Cameron NH7R at 832-0031 or Bill Klepser WB2AIV at 839-3525.

ARATS will be holding test sessions on at 10 AM on 10/6, 11/3 & 12/1 in 2001 and 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4 & 6/1 in 2002 at the North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters at 495 Zimmerman St. For information on ARATS exams, call Vic Gadzik K2YW at 694-9738 (evenings) or 278-3830 (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM days).

PROS will be holding test sessions at 10 AM on the third Saturday of the month at the Sardinia Historical Society Building, Savage Road off Rte. 39 in Sardinia, NY. For information, contact Pat Murray NW2I at 652-8178.

Some exams do not allow walk-ins, so call ahead and make a reservation.

Pumpkin Patrol

Erie County ARES works with the New York State Police to help provide detection and reporting of people throwing objects over bridge overpasses on Halloween. Significant damage can be caused from objects hitting a vehicle moving at 55-65 mph. Amateur radio operators will watch specified bridge overpasses and report any suspicious activity to the New York State Police.



Pumpkin Patrol will be held again this year. Gene, N2OBW and Jim, N2OSL are coordinating this event. If you would like to help out and watch a bridge on October 31, please let them know on the ARES/RACES net on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM on the 146.67 repeater (PL 107.2), or via their @arrl.net addresses (n2obw@arrl.net or n2osl@arrl.net).

STARS 2002 Elections

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immediately after the October Membership Meeting.

Absentee ballots will consist of a mailing envelope, and an unlabeled inner envelope containing a voting slip. The voting slip is identical to those used for voting in person at the meeting. Another pre-addressed return mailing envelope will be included in the package. For positive identification, it will already have the member's name and address in the return address position. The ballots will be returned to, and held by, a trustworthy club member who is not running for an office. Before voting begins, the names of those who mailed-in absentee ballots will be called to see if they are present, and if so, action will be taken to prevent duplicate voting. Either tear in half their absentee ballot and return it to them, or do not give them an in-person voting slip.

The Election Committee will tabulate the votes from absentee ballots and in-person ballots and report the results to the membership. Absentee ballots will remain sealed until in-person voting has been completed and the votes are about to be tabulated. At that time, the sealed, unmarked inner envelopes will be removed, placed in a pile, and shuffled so that it is not possible to tell who they came from. Only then will the enclosed voting slips be removed, included with the in-person voting slips, and the votes tabulated. The above will be done by Election Committee members who are not currently running for an club office.

Ham-Sailor Pins Down Arrival in US

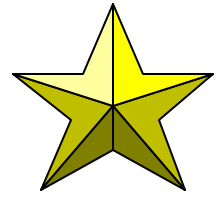
David Clark, KB6TAM, who's trying to be the oldest person to sail solo around the world, has set Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, as his new "confirmed" date of arrival in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Clark currently is in Trinidad, sitting out the Atlantic hurricane season. Clark told his wife, Lynda, that he was saddened by the September 11 terrorist attacks. "He has been following the news in Trinidad via TV," she said. "It makes him homesick to be back in the USA where he can be close to his family, and he is very anxious to get under way again." Clark will leave Trinidad the first week in November. He plans to complete his trip at the Marriott Marina on 17th Street Causeway, Fort Lauderdale. A gala celebration will ensue.



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CLUB REPEATERS

The club repeater (WB2ELW/R) is located near Colden, NY (147.09/.69 output/input, with a PL of 107.2 Hz). Autopatch privileges are available to club members.

STARS honorary southern repeater (KE2VW/R) is in Arkwright, NY (146.67/.07 out/in, with a PL of 107.2 Hz).

The club UHF repeater is located near Colden, NY (442.325 MHz with a PL access of 107.2 Hz.)

CLUB WEB PAGES

The club has a home site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.wb2elw.com>

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.

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