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Rochester Hamfest

The Rochester Hamfest, Computer and Hobby Show combined with the ARRL Atlantic Division Convention will be held May 30 through June 1, 2003 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, Route 15A, Rochester, NY. This is the largest hamfest in our area

and is attended by many Buffalo area hams.



The outdoor Flea Market will open at 6 AM on Friday, May 31 and will run continuously all weekend. The indoor vendors in the Exhibit Hall will be open from noon to 5:30 PM on Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM on Saturday and 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Sunday.

Tickets are \$7.50 in advance (closes May 15) or \$9.00 at the gate. Outdoor flea market vendor permits are \$10.00 per 10' x 20' parking space. For ticket information, call (585) 538-9555 before 9 PM. For other information, call (585) 424-7184 during business hours.

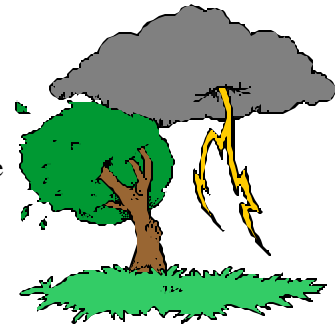
The ARRL Forum with Bernie Fuller N3EFN, Atlantic Division Director and Bill Edgar N3LLR, Atlantic Division Vice Director, will be held on Saturday from noon to 1 PM at the Dome Center Room A (second floor). They will talk about what is taking place in the ARRL, the Atlantic Division and the FCC.

Scott Bauer W2LC, ARRL Western New York Section Manager will conduct a Western New York Section meeting on Saturday from 1:30 to 2:00 PM in the Henrietta Room (First Floor). This will be followed in the same room by the Atlantic Division Affiliated Club Conference from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

May Meeting

This month's club meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1st starting at 7:00 PM at the Hamburg Youth Center. All interested in amateur radio are invited; neither club membership nor an amateur radio license are required.

This month's program speaker will be Darin Figsrkey KC2IPY, Meteorologist-In-Charge, National Weather Service, Buffalo Office. He will be presenting updated SKYWARN training for our members.



SKYWARN spotters should remember that they are required to receive training at least once every three years.



STARS President Bob Koster KA2WYE checks out items for sale by Former STARS President Greg Young KE2VW at the STARS Mini Flea at the March STARS meeting.

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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 who are joining ARRL for the first time or who are renewing their membership after a lapse of two years or more should send their ARRL membership forms 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! STARS no longer benefits from normal yearly renewals, so they should be sent directly to the ARRL.

Club Net

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 Information Net is held on the second and third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM on the STARS 147.090 MHz repeater (107.2 Hz PL tone needed).

From The President

Hello to All:

As I write this, the US is getting ready to declare the country of Iraq is under coalition control as per the Geneva Convention. A few Government and Non Government Organizations have amateur radio operators "on the ground in Iraq" and according to reports received the "club" station of the Baghdad Radio Club YI1BGD will soon be back on the air. Hopefully we will be able to talk openly with our Iraq Amateur radio friends in the very near future.

Meanwhile some frequencies to monitor for contacts with other Hams on the ground in Iraq are on 15 meters at or around 21.260, 21.270 MHz, 20 meters around 14.175 and 14.255. We all wish the people of Iraq a free and peaceful form of government and look forward to making many DX contacts in the future. Although we were at a "orange alert" for terrorism during the active battles of the war we have returned to the prewar yellow alert, and luckily our services were not needed this time.



On the domestic front, we of late have had some intermittent problems with our repeater output power, carrier hang etc. Our interim repeater chairman, who has done a fine job, has informed me he has run out of resources, and considering his busy schedule, I believe he really doesn't have the free time needed. Therefore, I am accepting Jack's KB2ESM offer to act as interim repeater chairman. A few people have contacted me and offered a variety of services. So, at this time, if you think you have the technical skill needed, contact myself or Jack. We will get you the information on the "inner workings" of our repeater for review. I will continue to be co-chairman.

And last but not least as we begin to get into the warmer weather our thoughts drift to the season of Hamfests. Dayton, the biggest and best will be held May 16-18, 2003 in Dayton, Ohio at the Hara Arena Complex. Some STARS members will attend this year. Maybe you can contact them via 147.090 simplex at the Hamfest?. Also the Rochester Hamfest is being held the week of May 30, 31 And June 1st. Look for a STARS booth outside and possibly inside the dome building. Feel free to stop in and sit down and have an eyeball rag chew.

73,

Bob Koster KA2WYE

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ARRL Merchandise

With Field Day coming up, the ARRL has commemorative Pins \$5, and T-Shirts \$12.95. For anyone interested in these or any other ARRL items I'm planning to put in an order for them on May 2nd (the day after our meeting).

If you often see books, maps, hats, etc. that you want but don't want the cost of shipping, or just don't get around to putting in an order, this is a good time to do it.



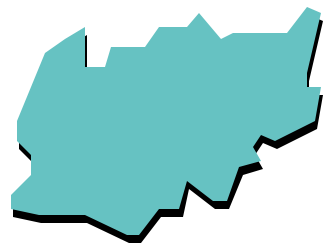
Shipping will be \$1 per order no matter what, or how many you want. The ARRL's maximum shipping is \$10. Anything more than that collected will go to help supply food for Field Day.

I'll take orders at the March, April and May meetings, or phone me at 947-5011 or e-mail me at kc2gix@arrl.net. With the order placed May 2nd, it should arrive in about 5 days. If enough interest is shown, we could plan a few orders a year.

Bruce KC2GJX

Afghanistan on the Air

Temporary permission granted for YA1CQ operation: The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com>> reports that Hiro Nakanishi, JA1CQT, is back in Kabul, Afghanistan, as part of the Basic Human Needs (BHN) contingent.



He has been granted temporary permission to operate as YA1CQ until the end of May, although he expects to be in Afghanistan for 12 months.

BHN is a nongovernmental organization--or NGO--that's helping with humanitarian relief efforts. Others associated with the BHN team include Ito "Dan" Sadao, JA1PBV.

YA1JA is the BHN club call sign.

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Western New York (WNY) Hamfests 2003

3 May 2003;

Owego Hamfest, Binghamton Amateur Radio Association, at the Tioga County Marv in Park Fairgrounds.

30, 31 May, 1 June 2003;

Rochester Hamfest, ARRL Atlantic Division Convention, at Monroe County Fairgrounds, Route 15A and Calkins Rd.

14 June 2003;

Cortland Hamfest at the Cortland County Fairgrounds.

19 July 2003;

Batavia Hamfest, Genesee Radio Amateurs at the Alexander Fireman's Grounds in Alexander NY.

26 July 2003;

Utica Hamfest at Frankfort, Utica Amateur Radio Club.

2 August 2003

TCARC (Ithaca) HAMFEST. 7AM-2PM, at the Tompkins County Airport, Rte 13 in Ithaca, NY. Flea market, vendors, VE tests, seminars, the usual pile o' fun with other hams and Boy Scouts making breakfast.

3 August 2003;

Greater Buffalo Summerfest, WNY Section Convention, Lancaster Amateur Radio Club, contact: Luke Calianno N2GDU, 1105 Ransom Rd., Lancaster NY 14086, luke@towncountryflorist.com. <http://larc.hamgate.net>, 147.255, PL107.2.

16 August, 2003;

Rome Hamfest, by the Rome Radio Club at the Westmoreland VFD Fireman's Field in Westmoreland NY. Contact: Tim KC2HVS for information.

13 September 2003

RAGS Hamfest, by the Radios Amateurs of Greater Syracuse at the Pompey Hills Fire Dept

27 September 2003;

Elmira Hamfest, Amateur Radio Association of the Southern Tier at the Chemung County Fair Grounds.

From ARRL WNY Section News, Scott J. Bauer W2LC, Section Manager. <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WNY>

Michigan Ham's Actions Questioned by FCC

The FCC alleges that a Michigan ham engaged in deliberate interference and broadcasting and threatened other amateurs, and it's sending Michael Guernsey Sr, ND8V, of Parchment a tape recording to back up those assertions. Since late 1998, Guernsey has been the recipient of seven letters from FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth, including two warning notices. In 2000, the FCC threatened to designate Guernsey's license for a revocation and suspension hearing. Guernsey subsequently agreed to a nine-month suspension of his HF privileges in 2001.



"The operation of your station over the last several years raises questions about your qualifications to remain a Commission licensee," Hollingsworth wrote Guernsey on April 7. The latest flap primarily involves complaints from other amateurs of deliberate interference on 20 meters. The recorded transmissions were made on March 26, 2003.

In his letter, Hollingsworth noted that some of the interference apparently sprang from on-the-air personal disputes or from what Guernsey perceived as deliberate interference to his transmissions. Even so, Hollingsworth said, Guernsey has apparently ignored the Commission's written and verbal warnings to not retaliate with similar behavior. Hollingsworth advised Guernsey that the alleged deliberate retaliatory threats and transmissions on top of other QSOs are contrary to FCC rules "and indicate that the numerous warnings to date have little, if any, effect in regarding to bringing your operation into compliance with Commission rules."

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STARS Board of Directors

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AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATIONS

STARS will hold test sessions on 5/10 and 7/12 in 2003 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 Peter Orendorf AB2KG 662-0096 or e-mail him at fouroz1@aol.com

ARATS will be holding test sessions on 5/3 and 6/7 in 2003 at the North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters at 495 Zimmerman St. For information on ARATS exams, call Vic Gadzik K2YW at 694-9738.

PROS will be holding a VE exam on Wednesday 5/7 at 8 PM at the Sardinia Historical Society Building on Savage Road off Rte. 39 in Sardinia. PROS normally holds 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.



Bob Koster KA2WYE shows Jim Livingston N2SKT some of the details for building a G5RV antenna after his presentation at the March meeting.

Rochester Hamfest

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STARS member Judy Levan N2TEZ along with Bob Hamilton N3QOT both of the National Weather Service will present a program on SKYWARN training. This will be held in the Dome Center Room 3 (Dome Floor) from 1 to 2 PM on Saturday.

Former STARS member Jason Faulring KB2WLK, who is now President of RIT Amateur Radio Club, along with Jon Arney WB3LHI, Faculty Advisor for the club, will be making a presentation on the Radio Controlled Blimp with ATV which will be flying around the Dome. This will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Dome Center Room A (second floor) on Saturday. They will also make a presentation on Digital and Imaging Modes at RIT from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the same room.

Kevin Kedzierski WA2FKV of RAWNY will be giving W2RUF code proficiency tests on the Dome floor.

STARS is planning on having a booth at the hamfest to promote the club. STARS members are encouraged to stop by the booth to help staff it. It will give you a chance to sit down and rest!

For more information, check out their web site at: <http://www.rochesterhamfest.org/>.

Michigan Ham Questioned

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Hollingsworth requested that Guernsey review the tape recording and respond in writing and in detail within 20 days. He said the FCC will use the information Guernsey submits to decide whether to designate Guernsey's license for a suspension and revocation proceeding or to lift voice privileges from Guernsey's license for the remainder of his license term, which ends in 2012.

In a related letter, Hollingsworth issued similar words of caution to George Zardecki, N9VTB, of Chicago, with whom, he says, Guernsey has squabbled on the air. While Hollingsworth indicated that he would review and take action regarding Zardecki's deliberate interference complaints, he advised Zardecki that "in several instances, your own conduct was as bad or worse than the party about whom you complained." He cautioned Zardecki against retaliatory interference, slander and name calling.

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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 7:30 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 some Saturdays between 1 and 3 PM local time. A second club HF station is located at the Hamburg Youth Center.

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