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STARS Field Day 2005

STARS Field Day 2005 will be held at Glen Meadows Park in Hamburg on June 25-26. See page 4 for a map and directions to the site.

Field Day has a long tradition as an emergency preparedness exercise, operating equipment "in the field" using power sources other than the commercial mains.

Set-up for STARS Field Day 2005 will begin around 10 AM on Saturday morning. This can be a real learning experience as bows and arrows or slingshots are used to fire lines over trees to haul wire antennas into the air. Generators will be set up to provide emergency power.

Then at 2 PM on Saturday afternoon, the contesting will begin and the airwaves will come alive with stations from all over the US and Canada and parts of Central and South America, including the Caribbean. The contesting will continue until 2 PM on Sunday afternoon (rain or shine). We will be planning a supper around 6 PM on Saturday

STARS will be running stations on CW and SSB. They may also be demonstrating other modes such as RTTY, SSTV, PSK31, ATV, etc.

Everyone is invited to come and operate or log stations or just to hang out and have fun! Even if you don't have HF privileges, you can operate under the supervision of another amateur with a higher class license. This is a great chance to learn how to improve your operating skills.

So, bring your lawn chairs, your family and your neighbors and come on out. The park provides very nice surroundings. Although the park normally closes at dusk, we have been given a permit to be there all night.

June Meeting

This month's club meeting will begin at 7 PM on Thursday, June 2 at the Hamburg Youth Center (corner of Prospect Ave. and Hawkins Ave.). All interested in amateur radio are invited to attend; neither club membership nor an amateur radio license are required.



John Leitten KA2RFT and Scott Barto KB2KOL will be our featured speakers. They will go over the plans for STARS Field Day 2005, answer your questions and explain how you can help make the event a great success!

So come on out and see what is going on!



Photo Above: STARS Members Jay Clark KF2JY and Alex Clark W2SPY enjoy operating during STARS 2004 Field Day operations at Glen Meadows Park in Hamburg.

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 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!



A Great Time of Year to be in Amateur Radio

If you missed out first dinner meeting, you can view the photographs taken by Terry Rockhold K2OO at his web site (www.pbase.com/k2oo/). We had a good crowd that filled the room and the food was terrific. It was nice to see our old friend and past director Bruce Settlemeyer KC2GJX who attended with his wife. We honored Judy Levin N2TEZ, John Crawford Sr. KB2VWC, and Bob Lehning WA2YSJ for their voluntary efforts that go above and beyond a normal membership. I would especially like to thank Jim Sojka WB2TJO and his wife Nancy KC2KOS who made this such a huge success and provided us a wonderfully decorated cake.

This is a great time of year. Nice weather, Dayton and Rochester Hamfests, and Field Day. What more could we ask for to revive our enthusiasm for the hobby? Three of my co-workers made the Mecca to Dayton this year. They had great weather and found what they were looking for at good prices. I know you have heard this before, but, if you haven't done Dayton, you should. Still, it's fortunate for us that Rochester Hamfest is close and follows Dayton.

I don't know about you, but I getting excited about Field Day. Scott Barto KB2KOL, our chairman, has got this event well organized and running smoothly. We have plans to erect a short tower using the beam antenna and rotor that was at the Erie County Fair exhibit. With the dipoles Jim WB2TJO provided last year that worked so well and the beam we should have one of our best setups. We will order some nice weather from Judy N2TEZ and that should do it.

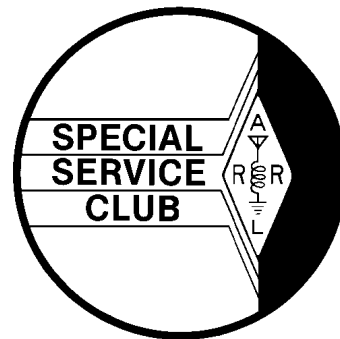
Don't miss this month's meeting to get in on the details for Field Day 2005. Then make it a point to attend our Field Day event. See you there.

73, Keith Patterson KC2DGC
STARS President

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 Goes to Dinner!

STARS held our First Annual Dinner Meeting on May 5 at ZJ's Family Restaurant in Hamburg. We had a great turn-out and everyone seemed to have fun. The food was delicious and the staff at the restaurant worked very hard to serve us. STARS President Keith Patterson KC2DGC announced special awards for Bob Lehning WA2YSJ, Judy Levan N2TEZ and John Crawford, Sr. KB2VWC for their years of outstanding service to the club.



STARS Field Day 2005 Site

STARS Field Day 2005 will be held at Glen Meadows Park on Olympiad Drive in Hamburg.

If you are coming from the north:

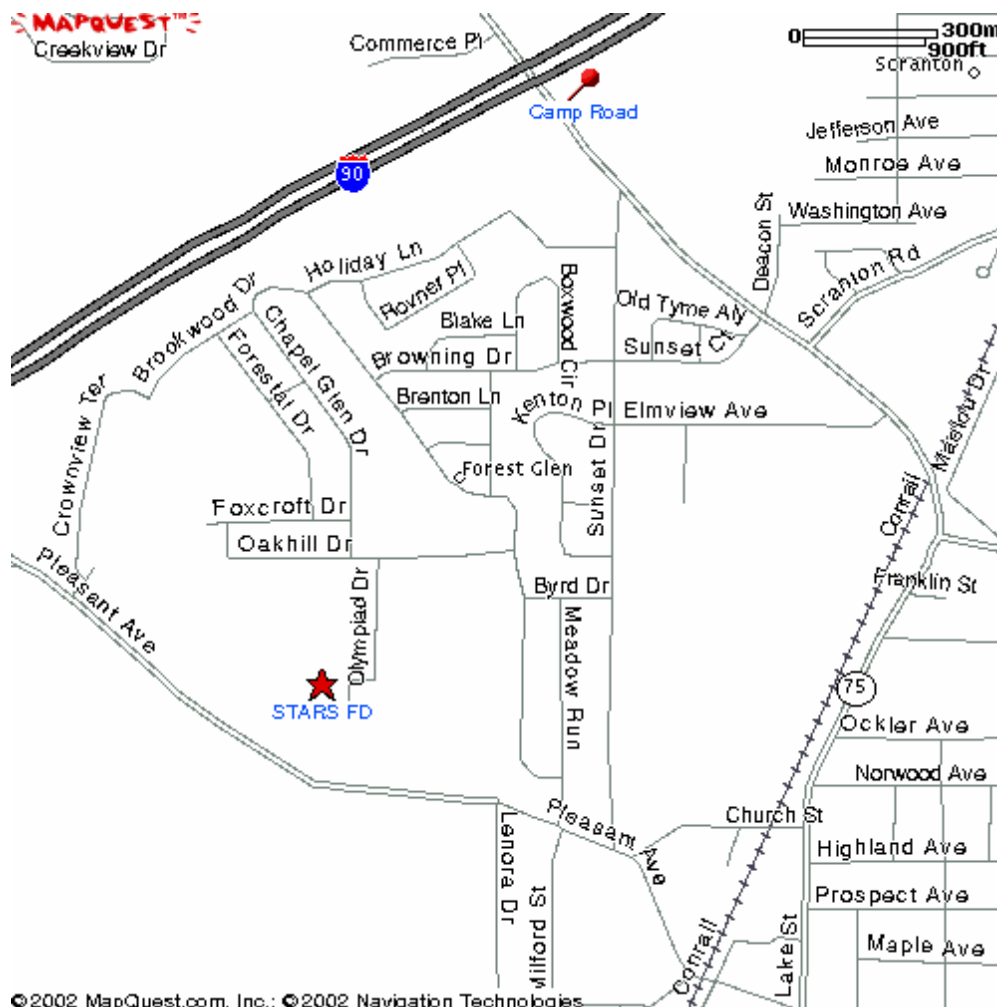
Go south on Route 75 (Camp Road) from the Hamburg exit of I-90.
Right on Sunset Drive
Right on Byrd Drive
Right on Brookwood Drive
Left on Oak Hill Drive
Left on Olympiad Drive into Glen Meadows Park.

If you are coming from the south:

Go north on Route 75 (Lake Street) from Main Street.
Left on Pleasant Ave.
Right on Sunset Drive
Left on Byrd Drive.
Right on Brookwood Drive
Left on Oak Hill Drive
Left on Olympiad Drive into Glen Meadows Park.

STARS Field Day site will center around the shelter which is at the far end of the park. This is a nice park with trees for our wire antennas. The park says it closes at dusk, but we have permission to be there all Saturday night.

Please note that some maps show Olympiad Drive connecting to Pleasant Ave. It doesn't, so you must enter the park from Oak Hill Drive.



STARS Board of Directors

President	Keith Patterson	KC2DGC
Vice President	Scott Barto	KB2KOL
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AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATIONS

STARS will be holding test sessions on 7/9 in 2005 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 or to pre-register for Lancaster exams, call Joe Gearhart WV2NY at 892-2760 or e-mail him at wv2ny@adelphia.net. Pre-registration is required.

ARATS will be holding test sessions on 6/4 during 2005 starting promptly at 10 AM at the North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters at 495 Zimmerman St. Walk-ins accepted, pre-registration preferred. For information on ARATS exams, call Vic Gadzik K2YW at 694-9738 or e-mail wb2aiv@arrl.net.

PROS holds test sessions as needed at 585 North Star Road, East Aurora. For information, contact Pat Murray NW2I at 652-8178.

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



Photo Above: The members present at the May Dinner Meeting enjoyed this special STARS WB2ELW cake

Rochester Hamfest

The Rochester Hamfest, Computer and Hobby Show will be held June 3 through June 5, 2005 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, June 3 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.

Steve Mendelsohn W2ML will present a program about Super Bowl TV from 10:30 to 11:30 AM on Saturday at the Dome Center Room A (Second Floor). Mendelsohn, who is Communications Director for the New York City Marathon, will also present a program on how 11 amateur radio networks are used to provide total communications for this event at 1:30 to 2:30 PM in the same room.

STARS Board 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 A (Second Floor) from noon to 1 PM on Saturday.

Scott Bauer W2LC, ARRL Western New York Section Manager will conduct a Western New York Section meeting on Saturday from 12:30 to 1:00 PM in the Henrietta Room (First Floor).

Duane Traver WV2B, Official Observer Coordinator for the Western New York section, will make a presentation on the OO program from 12:30 to 1 PM.

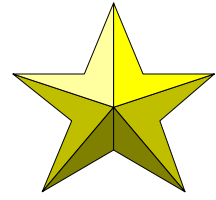
Kevin Kedzierski WA2FKV of RAWNY will be giving W2RUF code proficiency tests on the Dome floor all day Saturday.

Ed Gable K2MP, ARRL Field Checker, will check your QSL cards for WAS, VUCC and DXCC starting noon Saturday in the Dome. Go to www.arrl.org for details and forms. For questions, contact k2mp@arrl.net.

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



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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). Use a PL of 141.3 Hz for the Nike Base remote receiver.

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 STATION

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.

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