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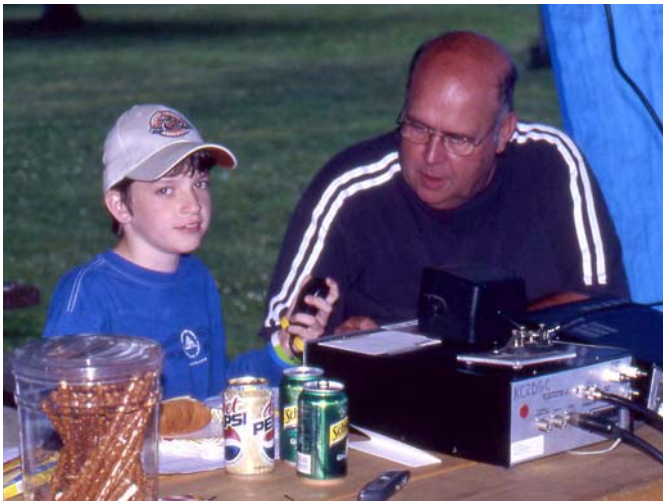
STARS Field Day 2006

STARS members and guests gathered at Glenn Meadow Park in Hamburg over June 24-25, 2006 for the nation's biggest test of emergency communications.

STARS ran in the 2A category of the event with two HF stations. Both stations were utilizing wire antennas and seemed to be very effective. As usual, STARS was able to contact club stations set up in emergency mode in the field from all over the country, as well as non-club, home, mobile and EOC stations.

Four scouts along with their leaders visited on Saturday and were able to make some contacts under the supervision of experienced club members.

We have more details on the QSO's, bonus points, total score, etc. on page 5..



John Leitten KA2RFT (right) helps one of the Scouts learn how to make a contact during STARS Field Day 2006 operations. (KA2MGE Photo)

July Meeting

This month's club meeting will begin at 7 PM on Thursday, July 6 at the club's Nike Base club station (1.75 miles east of Route 20 on Lakeview Road). All interested in amateur radio are invited; neither club membership nor an amateur radio license is required.

We will talk about our Field Day 2006 experiences as well as other upcoming summer activities.



There also will be a mini flea market, so bring your items to sell out of your car! Bring your own tables. Like past years, this is just for fun, so there will be no charge to the sellers nor to get in.

The meeting will be outdoors, so don't forget to bring lawn chairs to sit on.

In case of bad weather, monitor STARS 147.090 MHz repeater for information on the status of the meeting.



Jack Cullum, Jr. KB2ESM once again served as Field Day chef. (KA2MGE)

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!



From Your President

FIELD DAY 2006

This year Field Day was held at the Glen Meadows Park in Hamburg, NY. There were two HF stations running on emergency power. We had about 15 people come out and a good time was had by all who attended even a certain two who stayed up all night.

The bands were in fair shape. The rain held out until Sunday afternoon and then it finally did rain.

Our rough total including all multipliers and bonus points was around 1,800 points. We don't have much of an idea how well we did compared to others. We will have to wait for QST to publish the results.



Field Day was a success because it was a group effort with many people contributing. Those who weren't there really missed the activity that truly makes you part of the club, and of course the great grilled food contributed too. Anybody had ham and eggs cooked on a wood burning grill lately.

I thank everybody that came out and all my board members for helping make it happen and of course our Field day "Field Marshall" John Leitten KA2RFT. I have some pictures that we will show at a future STARS meeting.

Happy Fourth of July to all our membership

Up coming events this month:

July

8-9 IARU HF World Championship WRTC-Brazil
14 National Conference of VE Coordinators
15-16 CQ WW VHF Contest
15-16 North American QSO Party -- RTTY

73's
Bob

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. Bob Lehning WA2YSJ is usually the net controller.

STARS 2006 FIELD DAY PHOTOS!



John K2CF and John KA2RFT man a station.



Dave WA2TVT & Scott KB2KOL have an eyeball QSO.



2 Scouts learn how to operate from Scott KB2KOL.



Gerry KA2MGE operates by lantern light.



John KA2RFT instructs visiting Scouts & their leader.



STARS President Bob KA2WYE and a Scout mom.

Fifteen Years & Counting!

By Terry Rockhold K200
Telstar Editor

This issue marks the fifteenth anniversary of when I became editor of the Telstar.

The previous editor was Steve Yekich KB2EQV who was still in high school when he was handling the jobs of Telstar Editor and Nike Base Chairman. Steve was going away to college and had to give the jobs up.

I had thought about the editor's job, but didn't get around to volunteering. Finally, President Bob Witt WA2IQX asked me if I would be willing to do the job, and I agreed that I would try. I had no idea that I would still be doing it 15 years later!

There have been many people who have contributed to the Telstar over the years.

One of the most memorable was the late Guz Guzinski WB2EZU. Guz had been writing his STARS GOSSIP COLUMN for many years before I became editor. He continued submitting his hand-written articles each month until he was well into his eighties.

Presidents Greg Young KE2VW, Tony Balas KB2OUT, Gary Zanghi KB2YJ, Bob Koster KA2WYE and Keith Patterson KC2DGC and, of course, myself, have all submitted monthly articles to keep the members informed about club activities.

Greg Young KE2VW, Paul Wendzikowski WA2IJW, and Shane Brady WB2WPM have contributed many excellent technical articles about repeaters, packet and digital radio, antennas, etc.

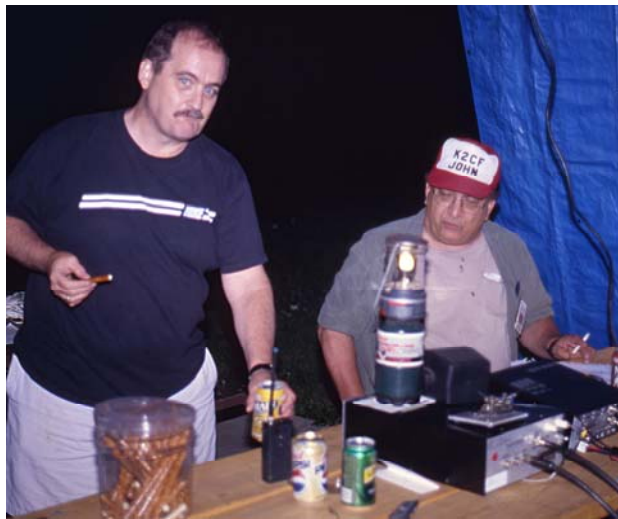
Another important person is Marc Fruth N2UBT, who is STARS Webmaster. Marc takes files from me each month and prepares them for display on the website. We have library of full-graphical versions of the newsletters since 2000 and text versions going back to 1997. STARS has saved many dollars in printing and postage from members agreeing to receive their newsletters via e-mail.

I don't know how many more years that I will be Telstar Editor. The last five years have passed very quickly. STARS is a great club, and I have been very proud to be associated with it!

73, Terry K200



Scott KB2KOL has Scouts making their own Field Day contacts. (KA2MGE Photo)



Shane WB2WPM visited with John K2CF while he was operating one of the rigs. (KA2MGE Photo)

STARS Board of Directors

President	Bob Koster	KA2WYE
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AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATIONS

STARS will be holding test sessions on 7/8/06 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 874-0346.

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 Hal Cameron NH7R at 832-0031. Pre-registration is required.

ARATS will be holding test sessions on the first Saturday in the month (except when falling on a holiday weekend, when they will be on the second Saturday) starting promptly at 10 AM at the North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters at 495 Zimmerman St. Walk-ins accepted, pre-registration is highly recommended. For information on or to pre-register for ARATS exams, call Vic Gadzik K2YW at 694-9738 or e-mail k2yw@hotmail.com.

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.

Batavia Hamfest

The 26th Annual Batavia Hamfest and Computer Show will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at the Fireman's Recreation Center, 10708 Route 98, Alexander, NY 14005. This is sponsored by the Genesee Radio Amateurs (GRAM).

Time will be from 7 AM to 2 PM. Admission is \$7.00 at the gate. Talk-in is on the 147.285 MHz (+600) repeater. Check-ins will be taken on 146.52 MHz simplex.

There will be an indoor and outdoor flea market. Vendors must reserve inside tables.

Main door prizes will be awarded.

There will be a breakfast served starting at 7 AM and a chicken barbeque for lunch at 11 AM. There will also be a radio fox hunt.

Campers and motor homes welcome after noon on Friday, July 28th. There will be a hospitality night get-together on Friday from 4 to 6 PM.

For inquires and information, call Rob McLean (585) 343-1347. Or email: kc2mhh@verizon.net.

Visit their website at: http://www.geocities.com/gram_radio_club/index.html.



STARS Field Day 2006 Scores

Here's some preliminary data on STARS Field Day 2006:

CW QSO's = 234

Phone QSO's = 456

Total QSO points = 924

24 participants

Power mult. = 2

QSO score = 1848

Bonus points = 1030

Total claimed score = 2878

Breakdown by band:

80 meters:	40 meters:	20 meters:	10 meters:	2 meters, 220 & 440
phone = 197	phone = 140	phone = 109	phone = 7	phone = 1 each
CW = 43	CW = 175	CW = 16		

73 de Scott KB2KOL



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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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