



## STARS Board of Directors

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## CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00PM at either the Hamburg Youth Center (Prospect and Hawkins Avenues) or the NIKE Base Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Nike Base Club Station at 7:30PM and are open to all club members.

## CLUB HF STATION

The club Nike Base HF station is located on Lakeview Road 1.75 miles east of Route 20 next to the Hamburg Town Arena.

## CLUB NETS

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

STARS WB2EZU Memorial HF net meets at 10AM local time on Saturdays on 3.925 MHz +/- QRM. Bob Lehning WA2YSJ is usually the net controller.

STARS Sunday morning RagChew Net at 9:30AM on 28.380 Mhz.



STARS has been designated a Special Service Club by the ARRL.

Patient: "I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'"

Doctor: "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."

Patient: "Is it common?"

Doctor: "Well, 'It's Not Unusual.'"

## THE FCC SAYS ANY SIGNAL REPORT = A GOOD SIGNAL REPORT

Hams can continue to give any signal reports that they please. This as the FCC denies a petition filed by a Texas ham that sought to regulate the way signal reports are given in the Amateur service, especially during contests.

The FCC has acted very quickly on a petition filed this past May 6, by Jack Najork, W5FG, of Hubbard, Texas, concerning signal reports transmitted by amateur stations that are participating in contests. Specifically, Najork had request that the Commission sanction the American Radio Relay League for not taking any action to prohibit or discourage what he termed as "false 5-9 blanket reporting."

In the petition, Najork stated that contest signal reports have become "wholesale liar's exchanges." He also expressed the concern that the ARRL has "targeted newly licensed radio amateurs with articles in QST to insure they learned and followed this sham reporting system."

But in its almost record-setting dismissal of the Najork petition, the FCC flatly stated that the way in which hams exchange signal reports is of no interest or concern to the regulatory agency. In regard to the message exchanged between stations in contests, the FCC said that these are specified by the various contest sponsors and generally consists of a call sign and a signal report. As to hams giving other hams inaccurate signal reports, here the FCC notes that there is no rule in Part 97 that requires a station to transmit a report of the signal received. Nor is there one that specifies the standard for reporting signal quality.

In the end the Commission said that it does not regulate amateur contests. Rather, they are self-administered by the amateur community. Based on this, the FCC has dismissed Najork petition and has told him that his concerns should be directed to the various contest sponsors.

The petition had been assigned as Docket number DA No. 09-1378 by the FCC. You can read the entire dismissal order for yourself at [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-09-1378A1.doc](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-1378A1.doc)

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# STARS NEW QSL CARD!

(as voted on at the June Meeting)



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**SOUTHTOWNS AMATEUR  
RADIO SOCIETY**



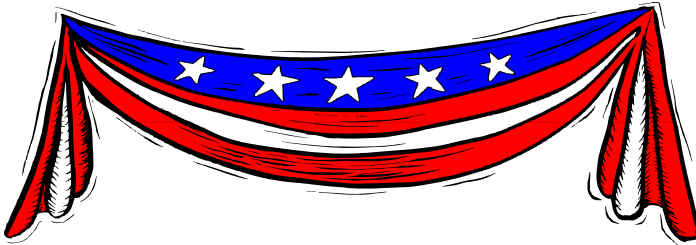
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FN02nr**



CALLSIGN	DATE	TIME (UTC)	MHz	RST	MODE	QSL	PSE	TNX

# SOME FIELD DAY PHOTOS



## AMSAT NOW TWEETING ON TWITTER

Get ready for some interesting ham radio in space related tweets...according to the announcement that the Amateur Satellite organization AMSAT is now posting on the Twitter social networking website.

According to Drew Glasbrenner, KO4MA, writing on the AMSAT Bulletin Board, the ham radio space agency new Twitter account is [twitter.com/AMSAT](http://twitter.com/AMSAT). He says that the initial tweets will deal mostly with AO-51 and AO-7, but those with interest in other ham radio satellites are welcome to follow.

Glasbrenner, who is AMSAT North America's Vice President for Operations says that the short postings or tweets will deal with items that are deemed as small for publication by the AMSAT News Service or to be sent by e-mail, but of interest to the general ham radio space community.

- AMSAT

## JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

**Jul 1-Jul 5, 1300Z-0359Z**, 13 East Coast States, US. Original 13 Colonies Group, K2A TO K2M. 13 Original Colonies Special Event. 14.213 21.313 7.213 3.613. Certificate. Ken Villone, KU2US, PO Box 185, Conesus, NY 14435. *Certificate available for contacting all 13 colonies.* [www.QRZ.com/KU2US](http://www.QRZ.com/KU2US)

**Jul 4, 1500Z-2100Z**, Missoula, MT. Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, W7PX. Independence Day at Fort Missoula. 14.260 7.250. QSL. W7PX, POB 3811, Missoula, MT 59806-3811. [www.w7px.org](http://www.w7px.org)

**Jul 4, 1600Z-2359Z**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating Independence Day and two hundred and thirty-three years of freedom. SSB 14.320 7.250 CW 14.060 7.055 PSK-31 7.070-7.080 RTTY 14.080 7.080 2m/70cm SOCAL rep WIN. QSL. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. [af6ha@yahoo.com](mailto:af6ha@yahoo.com)

**Jul 4-Jul 15, 0000Z-2359Z**, Hingham, No, UK. Norfolk Amateur Radio Club, GB2AL. Celebrate 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. 14.222. QSL. Paul Cort-Wright, G3SEM, Redlands, 11-13, Hardingham St., Hingham, NO NR9 4JB, UK. [G3SEM@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:G3SEM@tiscali.co.uk)

**Jul 10-Jul 13, 2300Z-1700Z**, Deception Pass State Park, WA. PNW QRP Group, K7S. West Coast QRP Field Event - Salmoncon. 14.060 10.116 7.030 3.560. QSL. Doug Phillips, 25120 SE 14th St, Sammamish, WA 98075-8010. *Runs in concert with Lobstercon.*

**Jul 12-Jul 19, 1300Z-2200Z**, Asunción, PARAGUAY. Mennonite World Conference, ZP15MWC. 15<sup>th</sup> Mennonite World Conference. 28.450 21.350 14.290 7.080. QSL. Helmich de Vries, PAØHEL, Knoopshöfte 4, Almelo 7605 AN, NETHERLANDS. [www.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.mwc-cmm.org)

**Jul 16-Jul 18, 1200Z-1700Z**, Romsey, ENGLAND. RSGB, GB1TT. Over 200 years since the Admiralty Shutter Telegraph was installed. 14.180. QSL. John Wakefield, 'Oakhurst' Lower Common Rd, West Wellow, Romsey SO51

6BT, ENGLAND. [john.m0xig@telegraph.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:john.m0xig@telegraph.eclipse.co.uk) or [www.qrz.com/qb1tt](http://www.qrz.com/qb1tt)

**Jul 17-Jul 19, 0300Z-0300Z**, Eldorado, KS. VFW, WOVFW. All Veterans Reunion. 14.283 3.683. QSL. Marc Hammann, 2241 S Ellis, Wichita, KS 67211. [www.vfw3115.org](http://www.vfw3115.org)

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing

**Jul 17-Jul 21, 1330Z-2345Z**, Bethpage, NY. Grumman Amateur Radio Club, WA2LQO. 14.240 7.240 3.940 3.840. Certificate. Raymond Schubnel, 70 Dewey St, Huntington, NY 11743. [www.qsl.net/wa2lqo](http://www.qsl.net/wa2lqo)

**Jul 18-Jul 26, 1400Z-2100Z**, Cleveland, OH. NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club, NA8SA. 14.280 7.280 3.880 1.880. QSL. NA8SA, NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club, 21000 Brookpark Rd MS 50-4, Cleveland, OH 44135. [www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/Clubs/NA8SA](http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/Clubs/NA8SA)

**Jul 18, 1300Z-1800Z**, Wapakoneta, OH. Reservoir Amateur Radio Association, K8QYL. 14.320 7.180 3.920. Certificate. Ann Vogel, 14455 CR 66A, St. Marys, OH 45885.

**Jul 20-Jul 31, 1700Z-0200Z**, Warren, OH. Warren Amateur Radio Association, W8P. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Packard Car Show and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Packard Museum. 14.325 7.235 146.970. Certificate. WARA, PO Box 809, Warren, OH 44483. [kc8lrh@hotmail.com](mailto:kc8lrh@hotmail.com) or [www.w8vtd.org](http://www.w8vtd.org)

**Jul 24-Jul 26, 1500Z-0300Z**, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. 16<sup>th</sup> running of the Brickyard 400. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218-0495. *Certificate and QSL available.* [www.w9ims.com](http://www.w9ims.com)

**Jul 25, 1200Z-2359Z**, Waynesville, NC. Haywood County Amateur Radio Club, N4P. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Great Smoky Mountain National Park. 14.278 7.275. Certificate. Bill Harmon, PO Box 1435, Waynesville, NC 28786-1435. *The special event station will be located at the site of the Asheville, NC Hamfest (Haywood County Fairgrounds).*

**Jul 25, 1300Z-2200Z**, Owosso, MI. Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association, W8QQQ. Train Festival 2009 Special Event. 14.245 7.245. Certificate. Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association, 702 W Corunna Ave, Corunna, MI 48817. [www.w8shi.net/Home/community/trainfestival2009](http://www.w8shi.net/Home/community/trainfestival2009)



# The IARU HF World Championship

1200 UTC Saturday, July 11 - 1200 UTC Sunday, July 12, 2009