

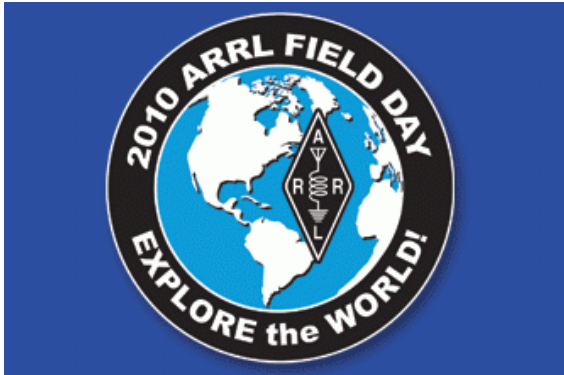
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IT'S TIME FOR FIELD DAY!

STARS Field Day 2010 will be held at North Evans Fire Department Grounds, 7130 Versailles Road, on June 26-27. See the map at the bottom of page 4.

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

We'll be meeting at the NIKE Base around 9AM on Saturday to load up the gear. Set-up at the Grounds will begin around 10 a.m. This can be a real learning experience as we haul wire antennas into the air. We've used bow and arrows and slingshots in the past, this year we'll find out how well Don's "spud gun" will work. Generators will be set up to provide emergency power.

Then on 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon, the contesting will begin and the airwaves will come alive with stations from all over the U.S. and Canada as well as parts of Central and South America, including the Caribbean. The contesting will continue until 2p.m. Sunday afternoon (rain or shine). We will be planning a supper around 6PM on Saturday...bring a dish to pass.

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

Everyone is invited to come and operate, log stations, or just hang out and have fun! Even if you don't have HF

JUNE MEETING

This month's club meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday June 4 at the Hamburg Youth Center.

We'll have two guest speakers. We'll hear about a community service/communications opportunity during the Empire State Games and Don K2PMC will be showing up his new and improved logging program. We'll also finalize plans for the dinner (YUM!).

All interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Neither club membership nor an amateur radio license is required. We look forward to seeing you there!

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY!



Jack Cullum KB2ESM
Dave Lawton N2OZE
Nathan Bangsil KC2LYO
Evan Evans AA2AA
Nancy Sojka KC2KOS

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.

The official 2010 ARRL Field Day Web page is on the web at www.arrl.org/FieldDay. Again this year, the ARRL has put together a Station Locator to help amateurs or those interested in Amateur Radio find a Field Day site near them. If you're out and about, why not check out where other local clubs will be. Stop in and say hello from STARS!

FROM BEHIND THE GAVEL

The warm weather is finally here and the Hamfest and antenna seasons are upon us. Bob, KA2WYE and myself traveled to the Dayton Hamvention and had a wonderful time, seeing old friends, meeting new ones and in my case hanging out with my son Dan, W2PUT, and my 11 year old grandson Adam, KD8MJU.



The Flea Market had the usual assortment of used gear and parts, although there were not too many Heathkit's and I didn't see one single ARC-5. The indoor area also had the usual vendors, including the "Big 3". Kenwood, Icom and Yaesu. I also stopped at the ARRL booth and met with Bill, N3LLR, our division director, who has agreed to visit us at our August meeting.

Repairing and erecting new antennas is another job that is best done in the warm weather, although, one done in bad weather seems to work the best ! One word of caution, no matter the weather, put safety first !! ALWAYS be aware of overhead power lines, and be safely secured to elevated antenna structures. We all want to read about your antenna accomplishments, not your obituary.

Finally, our annual Field Day operations will be held on June 26th and 27th, at the North Evans Volunteer Fire Company grounds, same as last year. As usual, every ones help is welcome and appreciated. The Club will provide Hot Dogs, Hamburg's and soft drinks, please bring a dish to pass, this worked out very well last year. There are lots of jobs that need to be done, all fun, and not very hard. So come out, make a day of it, and enjoy one of the biggest contests of them all.

73's and Good DX

Wayne, W2ZDP

2010 CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Wayne Carpus W2ZDP
Vice President:	Jim Starr N2TFA
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Director:	John Crawford KB2VWC

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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.

WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU MISSED THE LAST MEETING

(adapted from the meeting minutes)

President Wayne Carpus W2ZDP

- Volunteered as Field Day 2010 chairman
- Announced an upcoming Ecomm class for "Sign Language for Emergency Use"
- Spoke on the clubs status regarding the proposed Seneca Nation technician classes

Secretary Keith Patterson KC2DGC reported on the following:

- Asked for the club's permission to let the West Seneca CERT organization use the WB2ELW repeater for drills and emergency events
- Announced repairs needed for the WB2ELW repeater VHF antenna

Director Ken Pokigo KC2AYK reported on the following:

- Status of the Wesleyen Church Youth Group ham radio activities and related projects
- Status on the balloon launch project

GOOD OF THE CLUB:

- Scott Barto KB2KOL reported internet web site www.ruf2xp.com as a good CW practice site for Field Day

TOUR THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Ever wonder what it looks like inside the International Space Station?

Dave N2OZE forwarded this link to a YouTube video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=H8rHarp1GEE

CONGRATULATIONS TO KYLE KC2RQO!

STARS member Kyle Clever, KC2RQO, from Delevan has been awarded the Dr. James L. Lawson Memorial Scholarship from the ARRL.



The \$500 Scholarship is awarded by the ARRL Foundation to a General Class or higher, resident of the New England States or New York that is attending a college in New England or New York pursuing a Baccalaureate course of study in electronics, communications or related fields.

OUR OWN FAN OF WGRZ!

Our own Bob Koster KA2WYE is a Facebook fan of WGRZ-TV and on Friday 5/28 Bob was the Fan of the day during the late night news.

Below is the photo of Bob in his shack that was shown during the newscast!



STARS VE SESSION RESULTS

On Saturday May 15, STARS held a VE Session at the Hamburg Youth Center. The team consisted of John KB2VWC, Scott KB2KOL and Ed N2ING.

John reports there was one General and four successful Technician examinees at this session:

Kenneth Schreiber (General) KC2HPD
 Patrick Panna (Tech) KC2YMK
 Nicholas Nicoloff (Tech) KC2YML
 Linda Jablonski (Tech) KC2YMM
 Edward Jablonski (Tech) KC2YMN

Everyone took at least two exams, one for the classes listed above and the next level up, even though they had not studied ahead.

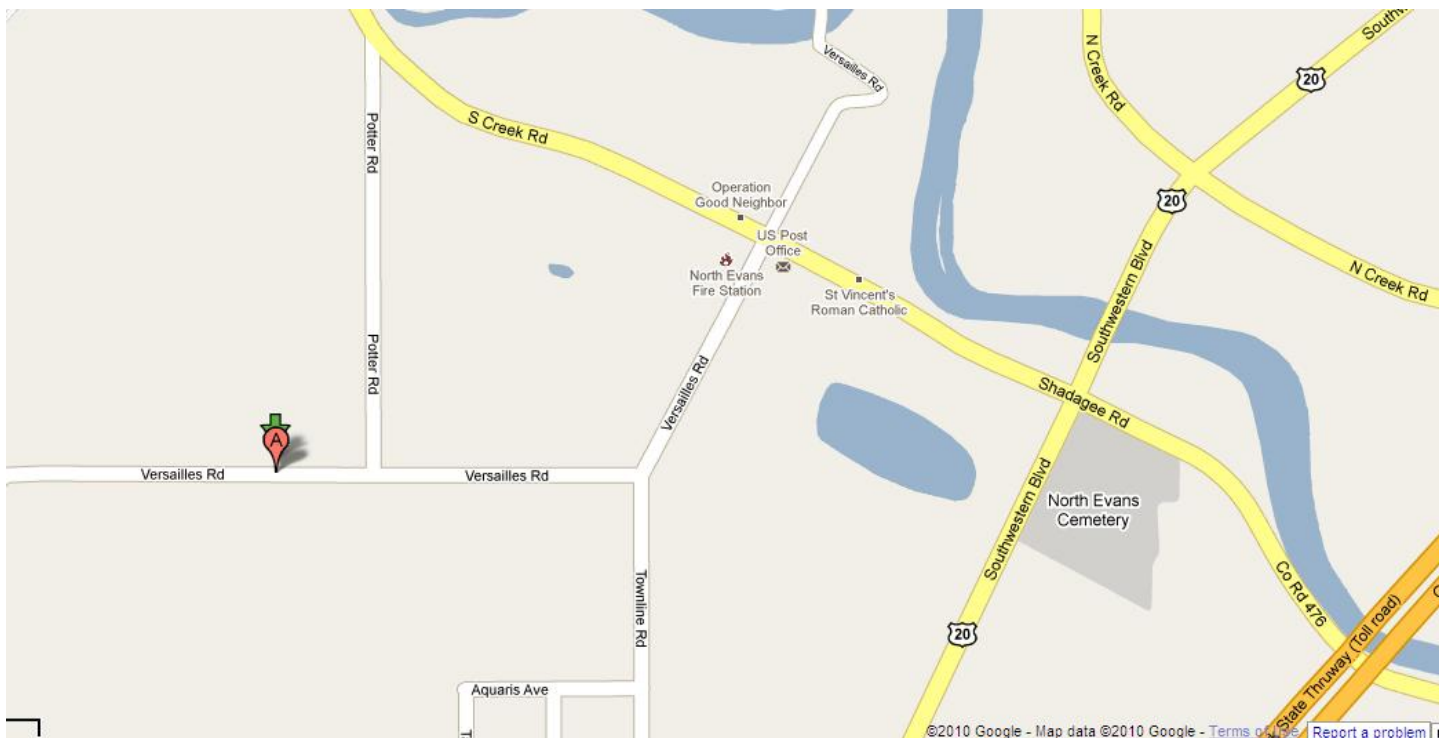
Two took the Tech exam twice; one passed the retest and one didn't.

Congrats to the successful examinees!



The things you see at the Dayton hamfest.
 This photo is just calling for a caption...

Send your caption suggestion to me
 (n2tez@msn.com) and I'll put them in next
 month's Telstar.



Pointer marks the location of this year's Field Day activities.



Rochester Hamfest

and ARRL Atlantic Division Convention



Saturday June 5th, 2010

Gates open at 8AM



Location: Same as last year with over 15 acres of flea market space!
The Barnard Carnival Grounds and Party House!
360 Maiden Ln - Rochester 14616

Admission: \$5.00 admission includes unlimited flea market space!
Kids 16 and under FREE with paying adult.

Food: Serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner!
Hot Breakfast & Lunch sandwiches starting at only \$2.00!
Full Buffet dinner only \$15.00
(see the full menu on our website)

R/C Boat & Plane
Demonstrations!

Talk-in: 146.79
(pl 10.9)

AMSAT
Demonstrations

NOAA SKYWARN
Training

VE Testing
starting at 8:30AM

ARRL Forum

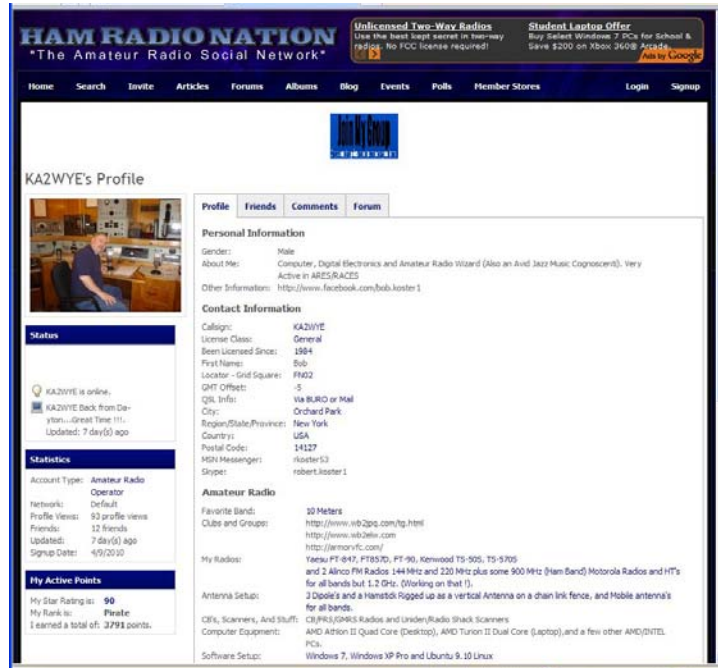
QSL Card Checking

Door prizes: Featuring an Icom IC-718 Grand Prizel

See our website for more information.
www.RochesterHamfest.com

HAM RADIO NATION

You've probably all heard of Facebook. Now there's a social network site just for Amateur Radio. You can find it at www.hamradionation.com



SOME IMAGES FROM DAYTON

From Bob KA2WYE and Wayne W2ZDP

