

2011 CLUB OFFICERS

Swearing in of the 2011 Club Officers took place at the December meeting. Congratulations!

President:	Wayne Carpus W2ZDP
Vice President:	Scott Barto KB2KOL
Treasurer:	Don Niles K2PMC
Secretary:	Keith Patterson KC2DGC
Financial Secretary:	Judy Levan N2TEZ
Director:	Ken Pokigo KC2AYK
Director:	Jon Morrow KC2TXV



Left to right: KB2KOL, N2TEZ, W2ZDP, K2PMC, KC2DGC
(not present for photo KC2TXV and KC2AYK)

JANUARY MEETING

This month's club meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday January 6th at the NIKE Base Clubhouse. 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 JANUARY BIRTHDAY!

Mark Barnack N2LAB
Ken Pokigo KC2AYK
Patrick Groom KC2VWG
Alex Clark W2SPY
Ken Brzyski N2NOE
Jim Sojka WB2TJO
Anne Fanelli WI2G
Fred Velott KA2TTP



HAVE YOUR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Don't forget to renew your membership.

A renewal form is included (last page) for those who haven't yet renewed.

Send the completed application along with your dues check made payable to STARS to:

Judy Levan N2TEZ
120 University Blvd.
Depew, NY 14043-2874

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 Clubhouse Chair: Don Niles K2PMC
 Telstar Editor: Judy Levan N2TEZ
 Webmaster: Marc Fruth N2UBT

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 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 2m Sunday morning Net at 10:30AM on the STARS Repeater 147.090



THE VIEW FROM BEHIND THE GAVEL

As you are reading this, the Holidays have come and gone and I hope that Santa was good to all of you, as He was to me. Now... as we sit inside our warm Bungalow's, peering out at



the cold and the snow, it is difficult to imagine that in a few short months, it will be time again to begin antenna projects or repairs. We will need some helpful hands at the clubhouse to prepare our replacement tower for erection, scraping and painting mostly, no real hard work, but necessary work.

Also in the not to distant future, Field Day is coming and we need a Chairman and a committee to start making preparations for our most important event. If you think these activities are a long way off, just think of how fast the Holiday Season got here!

There are changes coming in the new year, some are anticipated, like the tower project, but some may blind side us, we sure didn't expect our old tower to come crashing down. The help of the membership will be needed to keep our club moving into the future, please help out on a committee or at a work party when asked, if you can.

I hope to all of you at the coming meetings, bring a friend, new faces are always welcome or encourage a fellow club member who hasn't made a meeting in a while, to attend and renew old friendships, the more, the merrier.

73's, Good Luck and Good DX
Wayne, W2ZDP



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

VE SESSION

STARS will be holding a VE Test Session on Saturday January 15th. The session will be held at the Hamburg Youth Center (corner of Prospect and Hawkins Aves.)

All candidates should arrive by 9AM. Walk-ins will be allowed, but pre-registering will help speed up the processing the day of the test.



All candidates should bring the following to the test session:

1. An original photo ID or two other original forms of ID, plus a photocopy of the ID(s) to be turned in to the examiners for their records.
2. Your current amateur radio license (if any) plus a photocopy of it.
3. The original copies of any applicable Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) plus a photocopy of each.
4. A test fee of \$15.00
5. Your Social Security Number (SSN) or your FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN). Your application for a new or upgraded amateur radio license will be rejected by the FCC if you do not provide one of these numbers.

For more information, or to register for the test, contact John Crawford KB2VWC 649-5933.

WESTERN NEW YORK ARRL SECTION APPOINTMENTS

Stephen Ryan, Western New York Section Manager

I am pleased to announce the following appointments for the Western New York Section:

Andy O'Brien-K3UK of Fredonia, NY as the new Emergency Coordinator for Chautauqua County. Andy is well know for his experience and expertise in our county and will be an asset to us.

Ken Vossler-KG2CU of Jamestown, NY as Assistant Section Manager for Education and shared knowledge. Ken is a retired principal and very active in our local Amateur Radio Club, holding the same position.

Diane Ryan-KC2SOA of Ashville, NY., as the new Assistant to the Section Manager. Diane qualifies because she is my wonderful wife and you will be glad she's there, since she remembers where and when I'm supposed to be along with ensuring I follow up your requests.

Please join with me in congratulating these fine Hams and their willingness to serve all of us.

Stephen Ryan
Western New York Section Manager

LOCAL 2 METER NETS

Day	Time	Repeater	
Sunday	1030 AM	147.09	STARS
Sunday	7PM	146.865	Erie County ARES/RACES
Sunday	8PM	146.82	Lockport Amateur Radio Association LARA
Monday	7PM	146.91	Radio Amateurs of Western New York RAWNY
Monday	730PM	147.255 PL 107.2	Lancaster Amateur Radio Club LARC
Monday	9PM	145.11	Chautauqua County Amateur FM Association CCAFMA
Tuesday	7PM	147.09	West Seneca CERT
Tuesday	730PM	146.625 PL 127.3	Northern Chautauqua Amateur Radio Club NCARC
Wednesday	8PM	146.91	BARRA Tech Net
Wednesday	9PM	146.94	Chautauqua County Amateur FM Association CCAFMA
Thursday	8PM	146.955	ARATS

THE KING OF DIGITAL CONTESTING IS HERE!

Start 2011 with one of the most enjoyable contests on the calendar: The ARRL RTTY Roundup, January 8 and 9. The goal is simple: make as many contacts as possible! While any digital mode can be used in during the Roundup (including PSK31), radio teletype, better known as RTTY, is the undisputed king of this event. You won't need to shout into a microphone or master high-speed CW to participate. If you can type - even slowly - on a computer keyboard, you're more than qualified to try the RTTY Roundup.

From a hardware and software standpoint, you'll need the following:

- An HF SSB transceiver
- A computer
- An interface to pass the audio and keying signals back and forth between the computer and the radio.
- Contest software with RTTY capability, or just a stand-alone RTTY program.

The contest kicks off at 1800 UTC on Saturday and ends at 2400 UTC Sunday.

During the daylight hours you'll find most of the Roundup action between 14.075 and 14.120 MHz. But don't neglect 15 meters (between roughly 21.075 to 21.110 MHz) or 10 meters below about 28.100 MHz. If propagation is favorable, these bands could be hot.

As night falls, shift your attention to 40 meters between 7.040 and 7.100 MHz as well as 80 meters between 3.570 and 3.600 MHz.

You do not have to be a "big gun" station to have fun in the RTTY Roundup. Every contact counts as a point, so even the big guns are more than happy to add your call sign to their logs. In the space of 24 hours you'll work DX and possibly gather contacts with enough US States to qualify for a Worked All States award. Best of all, you'll be able to look back through your log and see how your station performed as propagation conditions changed, or as you tried a different antenna (contests are terrific for testing station performance).

The RTTY Roundup is "family friendly," too. If you're a casual contester, you can start and stop at any time. And if you're operating late at night, slip on a pair of headphones and enjoy the music of RTTY. Your loved ones will drift off to sleep hearing nothing more than the soft patter of keyboard keys.

By Steve Ford, [WB8IMY](http://www.arrl.org/quickstats), QST Editor

NEW QUICKSTATS POLL NOW AVAILABLE ON ARRL WEB SITE

Four new poll questions have been published on the [QuickStats page](http://www.arrl.org/quickstats) (<http://www.arrl.org/quickstats>) on the ARRL Web site. Let your voice be heard!

Questions in this month's QuickStats poll include:

- Do you use CW on a regular basis?
- If your out-of-warranty transceiver failed, what would you do?
- Do you own a tablet computer?
- Does your ARES® group use the ARRL Public Service Activity Report form to document SKYWARN activity?

Visit the [QuickStats page](http://www.arrl.org/quickstats) and be sure to bookmark it in your browser. Results from this QuickStats poll will be published in the March 2011 issue of QST on the QuickStats page, located in the rear advertising section of the magazine. Along with monthly poll results, QST QuickStats offers colorful charts and graphs that highlight interesting Amateur Radio statistics.



JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

GORC Morse Telegraph Event Jan 6-Jan 7, 1000Z-2359Z, W3M, Reading, PA. The Great Outdoors Radio Club. 14.070 14.035 7.035 3.535. Certificate & QSL. GORC Morse Telegraph Event, W3M, 775 Moonflower Ave, Reading, PA 19606. Celebrating the first successful demonstration of the telegraph in the US at the Speedwell Iron Works on January 6, 1838. www.wa3wsj.org/Morse_Telegraph_Event.html

USS Nautilus first ship underway on nuclear power 1954; Bathyscaph Trieste descends 37,799 feet into Marianas Trench 1960; Navy SEAL Teams established 1962 Jan 8, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV41) Museum Radio Operations Room. SSB 14.320 7.250 D-STAR 012C 2m/7cm SOCAL rpters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. kk6fz@arrl.net

2nd Annual Festivus for the Rest of Us Event Jan 8, 1400Z-2200Z, N4FL, Deerfield Beach, FL. Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association. 14.260. QSL. Joey Tiritilli, PO Box 773, Pompano Beach, FL 33061. www.w4bug.org

State of Florida 172nd Constitution Convention Commemorative Special Event Jan 8, 1400Z-2100Z, N4F, Port Saint Joe, FL. Gulf Amateur Radio Society . 28.372 21.372 14.272 7.272 . QSL. Norm Bixler, 2003 Cypress Ave, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456. Please include SASE for QSL.

4V1 Activates Remembering Haiti Earthquake of 12 Jan 2010 Jan 10-Jan 20, 1200Z-1200Z, 4V1, Port-au-Prince, HAITI. Radio Club D'Haiti. 14.300. QSL. Gary D. Mentro, 11028 Ewing Dr, Dade City, FL 33525. Frequency and times will be announced on 14.300 MHz, (Inter-Con and MM Net Frequency) in recognition of the assistance the nets provided for months following the massive earthquake of Jan 12, 2010. We will operate from several sites at various times on numerous frequencies. Check 14.300 Mhz for operation times and frequencies often.

CIRC Central Illinois Radio Club 77th Anniversary Jan 15, 1500Z-2100Z, W9AML, Bloomington, IL. Central Illinois Radio Club. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate & QSL. CIRC, PO Box 993, Bloomington, IL 61702. Operating from the American Red Cross, Mclean County. www.qsl.net/w9aml

Road to Victory WWII Museum Open House Jan 22, 1400Z-2100Z, WX4MC, Stuart, FL. Martin County ARES/RACES. 14.280 14.255 EchoLink 315546. Certificate. Ron Tagg, KD4PQQ, 8629 SW Tropical Ave, Stuart, FL 34997. Also visit roadtovictorymilitarymuseum.org. www.wx4mc.org

Quartzfest Jan 23-Jan 29, 0800Z-2359Z, N7Q, Quartzsite, AZ. Quartzfest Hams. All bands. QSL. QSL info not needed; all contacts will receive a QSL, Quartzsite, AZ. Will operate a various time throughout the event. www.quartzfest.org

Cromer Life Boat -- Sea Over Sand and SOS Radio Week Jan 28-Jan 30, 0000Z-2359Z, GB4CLB, Cromer, Norfolk, GREAT BRITAIN. Norfolk County RAYNET. 80 m SSB CW RTTY . QSL. via bureau, or direct to Terry Owen, G4PSH, Touchwood, The Street, Sutton, Norwich Norfolk NR12 9RF, GREAT BRITAIN. www.norfolkcraynet.org.uk/page92.html

Palm Springs Hamfest 2011 Jan 29, 0100Z-0800Z, WD6RAT, Palm Springs, CA. Desert RATS Club of Palm Springs. 14.251 7.240 3.672. QSL. Desert RATS Club, 11445 Western Ave, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240. Held in conjunction with our ARRL Sponsored Hamfest desertrats.am

Kansas 150th Birthday Jan 29, 1600Z-2100Z, KS0KS, Olathe, KS. Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 7.250 10.120. QSL. Dan Reed, 29545 west 152nd TER, Gardner, KS 66030.

52nd anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly Jan 29-Feb 6, 1500Z-0400Z, W5B, Lubbock, TX. Buddy Holly Memorial. 18.150 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. W5B, 109 N. Pontiac Ave, Lubbock, TX 79416. www.amcrc.com/w5b

JANUARY CONTESTS

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Jan 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 4
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 7
Hunting Lions in the Air Contest	0000Z, Jan 8 to 2400Z, Jan 9
PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 8
MI QRP January CW Contest	1200Z, Jan 8 to 2359Z, Jan 9
WW PMC Contest	1200Z, Jan 8 to 1200Z, Jan 9
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 8 to 2400Z, Jan 9
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 8 to 0600Z, Jan 9
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 9
NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	0630Z-0830Z, Jan 9
NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	0900Z-1100Z, Jan 9
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 9
Midwinter Contest	1000Z-1400Z, Jan 9
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1100Z-1200Z, Jan 12 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Jan 12
AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest	2300Z, Jan 12 to 2300Z, Jan 13 and 2300Z, Jan 15 to 2300Z, Jan 16
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 14
LZ Open Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Jan 15
UK DX Contest, RTTY	1200Z, Jan 15 to 1200Z, Jan 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Jan 15
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 15 to 0600Z, Jan 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 17
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Jan 20
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 21
YL-ISSB QSO Party, SSB	0000Z, Jan 22 to 2359Z, Jan 23
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 22 to 1200Z, Jan 23
ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes	1900Z, Jan 22 to 0359Z, Jan 24
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 26
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Jan 27
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 28
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 28 to 2200Z, Jan 30
REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 29 to 1800Z, Jan 30
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 29 to 1300Z, Jan 30
SPAR Winter Field Day	1700Z, Jan 29 to 1700Z, Jan 30
WAB 1.8 MHz Phone	1900Z-2300Z, Jan 29
Classic Exchange, CW	1400Z, Jan 30 to 0800Z, Jan 31

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DUES: STARS Annual dues payable by January 1
SINGLE \$24 FAMILY \$27
STUDENT (through grade 12 OR full-time college student) \$8

RETURNED COMPLETED FORM AND DUES (Checks payable to STARS) to:
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