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STARS VE SESSION REPORT

On Saturday July 16th the STARS VE Team led by John KB2VWC held a test session at the Hamburg Youth Center. VEs included Scott KB2KOL, Ed N2ING and Judy N2TEZ.



Two candidates arrived ready to take their Technician exams.

Congratulations to Duane Warchocki KD2ANO who earned his Technician license.

Anthony Dalessio also successfully passed his Technician test. He then moved on to the General exam. After passing that, he was asked if he wanted to try for Extra. Why not? He took the 50 question Extra exam and passed that also! Congratulations to Anthony AC2GP on earning his Extra class ticket!

Did I mention that Anthony has his Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering and teaches at ECC? Even so, an outstanding job!

As provided by our by-laws, Duane and Tony become non-voting Associate members of STARS for 2011. Welcome to STARS!

The next VE Session will be on Saturday September 17th. For more information, or to register for the test, contact John Crawford KB2VWC 649-5933.

AUGUST MEETING



This month's club meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday August 4th at the NIKE Base.

STARS members, family and friends are invited to our annual STARS picnic. The club will be supplying hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. If you like, bring a side dish, salad or dessert!

Don't forget your lawn chair!

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



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY!

K2SLZ	Roger Bean
KC2YMM	Linda Jablonski
KC2EHV	Gene Hacker
N2UKV	Paul Gastle
KB2PAR	Bill Hoffman



August

2011 CLUB OFFICERS

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 Hall KC2QKB

 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 the Hamburg Youth Center (Prospect and Hawkins Avenues) 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

WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU MISSED THE JULY STARS MEETING...

Director Ken Pokigo KC2AYK reported on the club digital interface build project and upcoming follow-up sessions for software and interface cable construction

Ed Patton N2ING reported on the Seneca Nation amateur radio project including repeater coverage and HF and APRS issues.

Ed also reported on the processes and documentation needed for 501(c)(3) status for STARS.

Wayne W2ZDP announced the following positions will need to be filled for 2010:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, NIKE Base clubhouse Chair, VE Liaison, Telstar Editor, and Field Day Chairman.

The August meeting will be the annual club picnic. We also be drawing the winner of the WOXUN radio raffle.

Upcoming meeting presentations:

September -

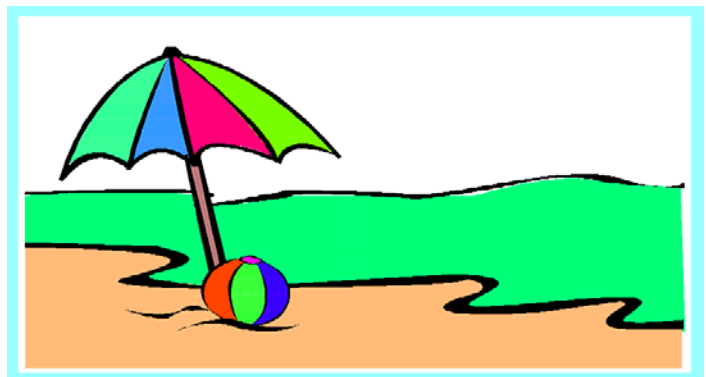
CERT Special Needs Registry - Keith KC2DGC

October -

Digital Interface Kit project demo - Ken KC2AYK



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



EMCOMM EAST

The fourth annual EmComm East emergency communications conference is set for September 25, 2011, at the St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York. EmComm East is an ARRL-sanctioned Amateur Radio emergency communications conference where Amateur Radio operators involved in emcomm can attend training sessions on technical topics, learn from served agencies, and interact with other emcomm operators from all over the area.

Featured speaker this year is Mike Corey, W5MPC. Corey is the Emergency Preparedness Manager for the ARRL. His major responsibilities include interfacing with ARRL's national partners, emergency communications training, support and guidance for the ARRL field organization on emergency communications issues, organization of the ARRL HQ Emergency Response Team, MOU compliance, and addressing the development and implementation of an organizational disaster response plan complete with supporting procedures and training.

Register on-line at: [EmComm East](http://www.emcommeast.org). (www.emcommeast.org) The \$30 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. See you in September!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: AUGUST 2ND

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

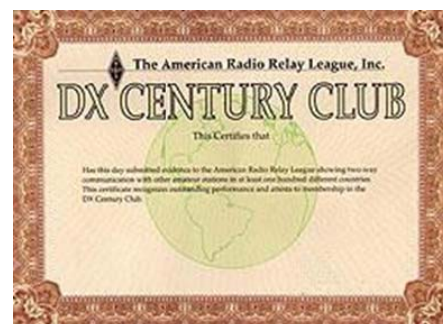
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN NOW A DXCC ENTITY

At 10 AM (EDT) on Thursday, July 14, the UN General Assembly met to vote on whether or not to admit the Republic of South Sudan as its 193rd member state. The Republic of South Sudan was admitted by a vote of acclimation and is now a member of the United Nations. Immediately following the General Assembly meeting, the flag of the Republic of South Sudan flew for the first time in front of the UN, ceremoniously marking its membership in the UN. The membership of the Republic of South Sudan in the United Nations invokes DXCC status under Section II, 1 (a) of the [DXCC rules](#). As such, the new country is declared a DXCC entity and QSOs for this new entity will be accepted immediately, with a start date of July 14, 2011.



The flag of the Republic of South Sudan

According to DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, the Honor Roll numbers move from 340 to 341 for the Top of the Honor Roll, and for Honor Roll it becomes 332. "The deadline for the Honor Roll and annual listings is December 31, so you must submit the new entity to DXCC by then in order to retain your Honor Roll status," Moore explained. "For Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)), you may submit all your QSOs with the Republic of South Sudan stations anytime. There is no need to hold them out of your log or do anything differently from what you already have been doing. You do not need to assign country names or identifiers. After we issue certificates to the Republic of South Sudan license holders, LoTW will make matches and assign the correct entities automatically."



THE 4TH ANNUAL K.L.A.R.A. HAMFEST



Best Little Hamfest in the Southern Tier!

Saturday, August 13

Howard, NY

(About two hours from Hamburg - plug in 7481 Hopkins Road, Hornell, NY to your GPS)
Great location - easy on, easy off I-86

Hearty breakfast!

Tickets \$5/person - 1 flea market spot included with each \$5 ticket

Door prizes, grand prizes!

NEW QUICKSTATS POLL NOW ON ARRL WEBSITE

Four new poll questions have just been published on the [QuickStats page](#) on the ARRL website (www.arrl.org/quickstats). Let your voice be heard!

Questions in this month's QuickStats poll:

- Is it becoming more difficult to find parts for your homebrew projects?
- Have your neighbors ever complained about your outdoor antennas?
- What is your favorite source for used Amateur Radio equipment?
- Are you active on 6 meter FM?

Visit the [QuickStats page](#) and be sure to bookmark it in your browser. Results from this QuickStats poll will be published in the October 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.

LANCASTER HAMFEST *Outdoor Tailgating*

Sponsored by
Lancaster Amateur Radio Club

Sunday August 28, 2011
Bowen Road Grove
3845 Bowen Road, Lancaster
(Located across from rear entrance to Como Lake Park)

Talk In 146.255 pl 107.2

\$5.00 admission includes unlimited flea market space.
Bring your own tables, chairs and tents.



CONTEST CALENDAR

August 6-7 [August UHF Contest](#)

Objective: To work as many amateur stations in as many 2 degrees by 1 degrees grid squares as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 222 MHz and all authorized modes of emission.

August 21 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

The Rookie Roundup is a six-hour contest aimed at Amateurs licensed for three years or less. Rookies can contact anybody, while "Old Timers" make contact with only Rookies. Mentoring is a big part of this event!

August 20-21 [10 GHz and Up Contest \(round 1\)](#)

Objective: North American amateurs work as many amateur stations in as many different locations as possible in North America on bands from 10-GHz through Light.