

NEW AMATEURS FROM WEST SENECA CLASS

Where were Keith Patterson, KC2DGC; Robert Koster, KA2WYE; Wayne Carpus, W2ZDP; Conrad Barrick, KC2WRV; and Tomm Dean, KA2NXY for the past several Thursdays? Why weren't they at the STARS meetings for the past few months? All of the previously mentioned members were teaching an amateur radio technician class. The class was held on Thursday evenings at the Kiwanis Youth Center in West Seneca.

The class tested on April 12th. As a result, the amateur community now has 12 new technicians and 1 new general. Call signs are KD2BZW, KD2BZX, KD2BZY, KD2BZZ, KD2CAA, KD2CAB, KD2CAC, KD2CAD, KD2CAE, KD2CAF, KD2CAG, KD2CAH and KD2CAI.

The class was formed as an extension of the CERT training conducted in West Seneca under

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IT'S BACK...

Stories about the demise of the WB2ELW repeater at 147.09 Megahertz have been greatly exaggerated. The repeater, inactive since January of this year, resumed operation a few weeks ago.

Repairs included a full assessment of the antenna and its transmission line.

Also included was an update of the controller system.

Thanx to **Keith Patterson, KC2DGC** for his team's efforts in restoring our repeater to working condition.

TOWER SHOWS COLOR

By Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM

On the 14th of April several members of STARS got together for the Tower Painting Project.

The 4 sections of the tower were placed on wooden logs. Then, wire brushes or electric sanders were used on any rusted parts. Once completed, all bolts and some rusty spots were coated with a special paint made to adhere to rust. Next, the Tower was painted with the official colors, "red" (which happens

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CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Vice President	John Leitten, KA2RFT
Secretary	Keith Patterson, KC2DGC
Financial Sec'y	Judy Levan, N2TEZ
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Director (2 yr.)	Pat Groom, KC2VWG

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Webmaster	Marc Fruth, N2UBT

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WERE YOU SCAMMED?

Perhaps you first noticed something on your charge card that you did not buy. Or maybe you signed a contract for snowplowing, but no one ever came.

You may have been the unwitting victim of identity theft, consumer fraud, or other such scam.

Join us at the May 3rd meeting to hear **Karen Davis, Senior Consumer Fraud Representative**, from the **New York State Attorney General's Office**.

Topics covered will include identity theft, how to be a smart consumer, and how to avoid being ripped off.

She will also describe how to file a complaint with the Bureau of Consumer Fraud and Protection.

WE GOOFED!

From the April 1st issue, the article about marshmallows increasing radio performance appears to be fluff. Richard Kunze disavows any knowledge of such practice, and has never worked for Stony Brook University. Likewise, Phil Nelson, N2PN, has no recollection of the marshmallow theory.

Both men are famous as members of New York City's first paramedic unit, from the 1970s.

If you see something we did not get right, let us know: wb2elw@verizon.net



STARS MEETINGS

STARS meetings are at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at the Hamburg Youth Center, 200 Prospect Avenue (near Hawkins Avenue) in Hamburg.

The next meeting is May 3rd, at 7:00 PM

All are welcome,

The STARS board meets at 7:00 PM on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse near the Hamburg Town Arena at 2982 Lakeview Road in Hamburg.

The next meeting is May 24th.

All members are welcome.

Occasional changes are made for holidays and special events.



CLUB NETS

Saturdays	10:00 AM	3.925 MHz +/- QRM
Sundays	9:30 AM	28.380 MHz
Sundays	10:30 AM	147.09 MHz (repeater)
4th Saturdays	9:00 AM	Peg's Place Restaurant Athol Springs

HOSPITAL DRILL

The scenario was bleak. The remnants of a hurricane slammed Western New York with ferocious winds and torrential downpours. Trees and winds damaged many buildings. Downed electrical lines blanketed the area with the randomness of spider webs. Power was knocked out in most areas. More importantly, people were dead, injured, or frightened.

Such was the scenario for the recent "StormWest 2012" Drill. On April 24th, amateur radio operators got their chance to participate in the drill. Under the direction of Erie County ARES/RACES, hams went to each hospital in Erie County to provide emergency communications.

The amateur operators accessed amateur radio equipment installed in each facility. Specifically, a Yaesu FT-8800 2 meter/70 centimeter transceiver, a power supply, and a UPS were available.

Each radio team was given a packet of information regarding the hospital's status and needs. At 1900 hours, a roll call of hospitals took place. This was followed by each hospital's amateur team sending the appropriate information using an ICS-213 message form, or in some cases, digital methods.

All messages were handled within about one hour's time. Amateur teams were then released.

STARS members participating in the drill included:

Mercy Ambulatory Care Center

Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM

Ed Jablonski, KC2YMN

Buffalo Mercy Hospital

Tomm Dean, KA2NXY

Robert Koster, KA2WYE

John Morrow, KC2TXV

Emergency Operations Center

Keith Patterson, KC2DGC

SKYWARN TRAINING

SKYWARN is a volunteer program of the National Weather Service that trains observers to report dangerous weather. Upcoming training classes include:

Monday May 7th at 6:30 PM

Location: Niagara University
St. Vincent's Hall - Room 405

Contact: Valerie Haseley -
vhaseley@niagara.edu

Thursday May 10th at 7:00 PM

Location: Erie County Fire Training Academy
3359 Broadway
Cheektowaga, NY

Contact: James Glass, KD2CAA -
James.Glass@erie.gov

For more info:

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/buf/skywarn.htm>

CLUBHOUSE OPEN

The STARS Nike Base Clubhouse Radio Station is open on all Thursdays, other than meeting nights. Members are welcome to operate the equipment, watch others operate, or just act like statues. It's just west of the Hamburg Town Arena on Lakeview Road.



TESTING NEEDS

- Legal photo ID
- Current license and/or CSCE documents, if any, and a non-returnable photocopy of each
- Federal Registration Number (FRN); if none, then Social Security Number (SSN)
- \$15 in cash, check or money order
- Two #2 pencils with erasers, and a pen

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VE MANAGER NEEDED

STARS has an opening for the position of VE (Volunteer Examiner) Manager. Duties include the scheduling of exams and personnel, and liaison activities with the ARRL/VEC. (STARS usually offers exams on the 3rd Saturday of each odd-numbered month, at 9:00 AM.)

The ideal candidate would be an amateur extra who is certified as a VE by the ARRL.

If interested, contact **Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK**; or **John Leitten, KA2RFT**.

DAYTON HAMVENTION

The 2012 Dayton Hamvention opens May 18th at the Hara Arena for its 61st consecutive year. According to organizers, the hamfest is expected to bring more than 20,000 people to the greater Dayton area.

The three-day event includes exhibits, a flea market, forums and education sessions.

For more information about Dayton Hamvention -- scheduled for May 18-20, 2012 -- use the following link: [Hamvention website](#).

AREA VE SESSIONS

05/05/2012

[North Tonawanda](#)

Sponsor: ARA of the Tonawandas
Location: Fire Headquarters Training Room
 495 Zimmerman Street
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/05/2012

[Jamestown](#)

Sponsor: CARS
Location: Prendergast Library
 509 Cherry Street 2nd floor conf rm
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/19/2012

[Hamburg](#)

Sponsor: STARS
Location: Hamburg Youth Center
 200 Prospect Avenue
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)



05/20/2012

[Geneseo](#)

Sponsor: Geneseo Valley ARA
Location: Livingston County Government Center
 2 Court Street - Room 205
Time: 5:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/29/2012

[Lancaster](#)

Sponsor: Lancaster ARC
Location: Lancaster ARC Clubhouse Building
 525 Pavement Road
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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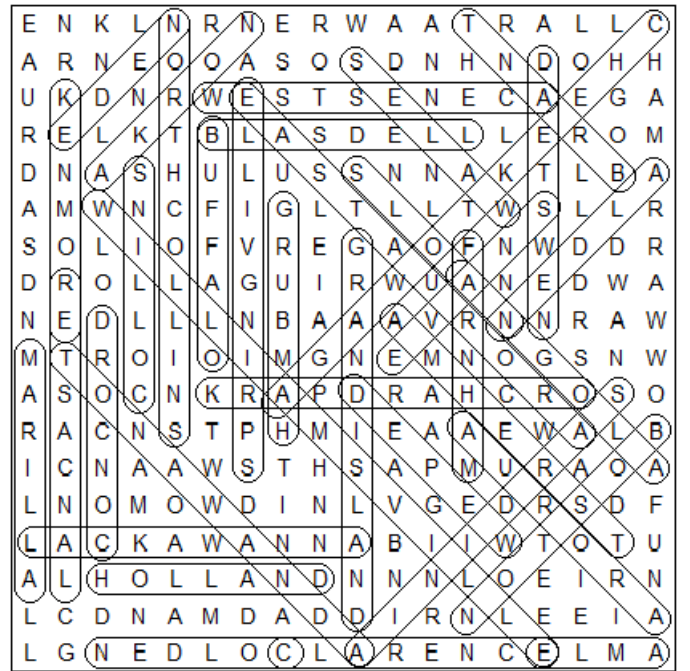
NEW AMATEURS

the leadership of Chief John Gullo, KC2WSD. However, the class was opened to the public, and drew students from other areas, including the Buffalo 912 Group, Ride for Roswell, and Erie County Government.

Three students scored a perfect 35 of 35 on the certification exam. Exams were provided by a team of nine VEs, including Matthew Starr, N2TFA; Scott Barto, KB2KOL; John Czuba, W2IV; Jay Clark, KF2JY; Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY; Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM; Ed Jablonski, KC2YMN; Shane Brady, WB2WPM; and Tomm Dean, KA2NXY.

The class photo appears on this page.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION



West Seneca CERT amateur technician class photograph by Keith Patterson, KC2DGC.

BAILING OUT A RADIO CLUB

John LoCicero, K4TUG

A tugboat captain saves a foundering club from the deep six.

(Reprinted from ARRL website:
<http://www.arrl.org/bailing-out-a-radio-club>)

After a life changing injury aboard the tugboat I captained, I was told I would never be able to return to the job I so loved. I felt like the whole world had just ended. After many months of recovery, I had to say my farewells and deal with the loss of the use of my right arm. I found myself beached for the rest of my life.

So after the self pity finally wore off, I started a new adventure, Amateur Radio. I bought a book called *Getting Your Novice License*. Well, that started something for which I was not totally prepared. I thought at the time I was going to be able to set up an SSB radio and spend my nights talking to the old gang on tugs out in the Gulf or along the Atlantic. To my dismay I found a Novice license was not going to cut it; I needed at least a General. So it was back to the books and, since I had nothing to lose, I bought a no-code Technician book. In 1999 I successfully passed the Technician test, but this still was not going to allow me on the HF bands. Now came the hard part. I had to learn Morse code.

Learning the dits and dahs was not even the hard part. It was learning to hear those dits and dahs, and make words out of them. Well, for most folks that's not a big issue, unless you've also had hearing problems. There is constant ringing in my ears and I've had three operations to cut nerves. There are certain sounds I just don't hear at all.

That did not deter me. I studied for hours every day, day after day, until I thought I could pass the test. At my first sitting I missed it by three and the next time by two! The third time I walked into the testing room and the examiners told me, "John (by this time they knew me by name) you don't have to take the test. The FCC dropped the requirements yesterday." It was December 16, a cold, brisk Saturday morning. I looked at the two gentlemen and said, "The FCC is not going to steal my thunder."

Lo and behold I passed the test, maybe not by much, but I passed. The General and Extra class tests were not that big an issue in comparison.

How Do You Turn this Thing On?

To my dismay I had not really learned anything about the real world of Amateur Radio. I really knew nothing about how to set up equipment, build and raise an antenna or anything else

ham related for that matter. I did learn how to take a test, but nothing about the real nuts and bolts of Amateur Radio. So I turned to where I thought I might find the help I needed. I joined a local club!

My first encounter was a big letdown. The folks in the club were polite, but they were way out of my league. They were speaking a language I had never encountered. After all that studying from many books I was still just as lost as the day I started. Another thing I noticed was that there were only 12 people at the meeting. On the way home I told my friend, Carolyn, I wanted to join the club and see if these folks could help me with this new hobby.

I attended as many meetings as possible through the first year. Then election of club officers came up. I told Carolyn I wanted to be an officer in the club. "Why?" she asked. The way it looked to her, "all they do is argue over silly stuff and besides," she pointed out "you have not learned anything that you hoped to learn from this endeavor. So why become an officer?"

I explained, "Instead of being part of the problem, why not help solve some of them?" So I put my name in the hat for secretary. Being dyslexic, most people who know me are aware that I can't spell. As luck would have it, I won anyway! So with Carolyn in tow and a trusty tape recorder in hand, the two of us set off to be the club's new secretary.

The first thing our new club president wanted was more attendance. What would it take to entice new members? After a lot of brainstorming at each board meeting, we came up with some ideas, which included giving free 1 year memberships to newly licensed hams. We placed a club informational label that said "Are you interested in Amateur Radio?" with our call and phone number on our old *QST* magazines. We left them in doctors' offices, hospitals, libraries, attorney's offices, high schools, colleges and anywhere else we thought we could get some attention.

We contacted schools and offered to become after-school volunteers to teach Amateur Radio to the kids. This, by the way, was not an easy sell. It was a fight for every inch to get into our first school. Then we learned that we could not just teach Amateur Radio, we had to actually wow these kids with robots and kits from which they could build radios and circuits to run some kind of toy or gadget. We introduced them to multiple facets of Amateur Radio — especially computer related activities. Our Schoolhouse Project is now functioning in four area schools.

Our next task, which was very important, was to hold Amateur Radio classes throughout the year. Not just a class to teach the test, but a hands-on class where our students could learn what those knobs on the radio do, as well as how to hold the microphone and actually talk into it. Our antenna team and other Elmers are ready to help set up the ham shack so it is fully functional. Our 30 member VE team is also available to

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BAILING OUT...

go to the homes of those who cannot attend our regular testing sessions.

Filling the Room

I started looking around the room at the meetings and saw more and more folks attending. We were making progress — little by little.

The next thing we started was what we called the Portable Opps. It started with just me and my friend, Paul, setting up a radio in an area park every Wednesday; we would throw an antenna in a tree, power the radio up using a donated power wheelchair battery and we were on the air. Soon we noticed more and more hams, together with other visitors, showing up to play radio on Wednesday. Now if we don't have 15 people show up, it must be raining.

Today our club holds five or six classes during the year and more depending on what the members want. In 2011 we held classes for Technician, General and Extra class licenses, each of which runs six Saturday mornings or Wednesday nights. In addition, we provide an 8 week code class that teaches not only code but also how to chose the right key and adjust it for the best feel. By the time the class ends, the student should be able to send 5 WPM. This is followed by a club sponsored practice on the club repeater two nights a week for the next 6 months.

There is a basic electronics course made up of three individual classes. These train the students with step by step instruction in building a 40 meter transceiver and a frequency meter. For the last class they work with ac circuits. A 2 day class in emergency communication and traffic handling caps off the program.

Hams Helping Hams

For those who would like to participate in Amateur Radio but do not have the financial means to do so, we have developed our lend/lease approach. When someone gives or leaves their equipment to the club, we have a committee that considers who might be a candidate for our lend/lease program. After making sure the equipment is fully operational, a team converges on the recipient's home to set up dipole and J-pole antennas, and an antenna tuner along with a rig that matches their license privileges. We call this our "Hams Helping Hams Team."

This is how a club should be. It needs to be friendly to all who attend and give people a sense of sharing. We as hams need to teach the young and the old alike, giving them a sense of belonging and friendship. For many hams this is their only way of reaching out and touching someone.

Many hams in our club are housebound. They have a feeling of loss of contact. During 2011 we cooperated with Volusia ARES to set up a program where hams who cannot volunteer at shelters or other official sites will be able to work from their homes and be just as valuable as those who can deploy.

These hams will be given an official membership card for ARES and will play just as important a part as those who are able to attend meetings.

Our newest cosponsored program is Neighborhood Ham-Watch. This is a program where we attend Neighborhood Watch meetings to offer information regarding the help available from local hams in times of disaster.

This is all I have to tell right now but it is not the end of the story. This story has no end because we have just begun to explore the possibilities of what our club can do.

John LoCicero, K4TUG, an ARRL member, was born in Hawaii in 1947. He began his maritime career at 13 as a deck hand on a Mississippi River tugboat. John earned his captain's license in 1972 and his unlimited master license in '74. In 1993 he suffered a disabling accident forcing him to retire from the marine industry.

John obtained his Technician license in 1999. In 2008 he was elected president of the Daytona Beach ARC (DBARC), a position he still holds. The DBARC holds 16 different classes each year for anyone interested in Amateur Radio. John can be reached at 807 S Beach St, Daytona Beach, FL 32114-5501, k4tug@usa.net.

(Reprint recommended by **Scott Barto, KB2KOL.**)

TELSTAR BY EMAIL

Are you still receiving a paper copy of the Telstar? Why not consider getting it by email. You'll receive all the latest news about STARS faster. The Telstar is posted to the web, emailed, and dropped in the mailbox the same day. In addition, you'll save the extra \$6 charge for printing and postage costs.

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Finally, each edition of Telstar has a "Blue and Underlined" box. In that box is a "sample link". If you haven't checked those samples, each one will bring you to an entertaining web site, unrelated to ham radio.

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TOWER SHOWS COLOR

to be a shade of orange) and white.

It wasn't all work. At 10 AM, some of us checked into the WA2YSJ 80 meter net at 3.925 Megahertz (hi hi).

After applying the first coat of paint, we decided to call it quits for the day. The rain held off and we had a good day for our project. 73's to everyone who showed up to help.



**PHOTOGRAPHS BY
LINDA JABLONSKI, KC2YMM.**



CONTEST CALENDAR

Start and Finish

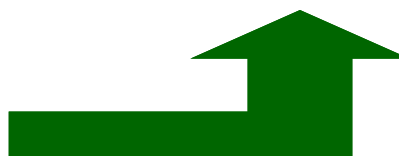
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Sponsor's Website

May 1, 1300Z - May 1, 1900Z	AGCW QRP/QRP Party	http://www.agcw.org/en/?Contests:QRP-QRP-Party
May 4, 0230Z - May 4, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
May 5, 0001Z - May 6, 2359Z	Ten-Ten Spring CW Contest	www.ten-ten.org
May 5, 6 AM - May 5, 1 PM	Microwave Spring Sprint	http://ites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints
May 5, 6 AM - May 6, 8 PM	2 GHz and Up World Wide Contest	www.ham-radio.com/sbms
May 5, 1300Z - May 6, 0700Z	7th Area QSO Party	www.7qp.org
May 5, 1600Z - May 6, 0400Z	Indiana QSO Party	www.hdxcc.org/inqp
May 5, 2000Z - May 6, 1959Z	ARI International DX Contest	www.ari.it
May 5, 2000Z - See website	New England QSO Party	www.neqp.org
May 7, 1900Z - May 7, 2030Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/r80mcc.shtml
May 8, 0200Z - May 8, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	www.arsqrp.blogspot.com
May 8, 1600Z - See website	OK1WC Memorial Contest	www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc
May 9, 1300Z - See website	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	www.cwops.org/onair.html
May 11, 0200Z - May 11, 0300Z	SNS and NS Weekly Sprints	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
May 12, 0000Z - May 12, 2359Z	FOC QSO Party	www.g4foc.org
May 12, 1000Z - See website	EUCW Fraternizing CW QSO Party	www.eucw.org
May 12, 1200Z - May 13, 1200Z	Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest	www.contestvolta.com
May 12, 1200Z - May 13, 2400Z	Armed Forces Comm'n's Test	www.netcom.army.mil/mars
May 12, 1200Z - May 13, 1200Z	CQ-M International DX Contest	www.cq-m.andys.ru
May 12, 1500Z - May 13, 1500Z	Portuguese Navy Day	www.nra.pt
May 12, 1700Z - May 13, 1700Z	Nevada Mustang Roundup	www.nvqsoparty.info
May 12, 1700Z - May 13, 2100Z	FISTS Spring Sprint	www.fists.org/sprints.html
May 12, 2300Z - May 13, 0300Z	50 MHz Spring Sprint	http://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints
May 13, 0000Z - May 13, 2400Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/
May 13, 1000Z - May 13, 1400Z	Worked All Britain - LF Phone	www.worked-all-britain.co.uk
May 14, 1800Z - May 14, 2000Z	NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	http://naqcc-eu.org/SprintHelp/SprintRules.pdf
May 16, 1900Z - May 16, 2030Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/r80mcc.shtml
May 17, 0030Z - May 17, 0230Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	http://naqcc.info
May 19, 0800Z - May 19, 1500Z	Portuguese Navy Day	www.nra.pt
May 19, 1200Z - May 20, 1200Z	EU PSK DX Contest	www.eu.srars.org
May 19, 1200Z - May 20, 1200Z	His Majesty King of Spain Contest	www.ure.es
May 19, 1500Z - See website	Feld-Hell Hamvention Sprint	www.feldhellclub.org
May 19, 2100Z - May 20, 0200Z	Baltic Contest	www.lrsf.lt/bcontest/english/rules_html.htm
May 21, 0100Z - May 21, 0300Z	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	http://fpgrp.org/pigrun/
May 23, 1300Z - May 23, 1400Z &	CWops Mini-CWT Test	http://www.cwops.org/onair.html
May 23, 1900Z - May 23, 2000Z &		
May 24, 0300Z - May 24, 0400Z		
May 24, 1900Z - May 24, 2030Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/r80mcc.shtml
May 25, 0230Z - May 25, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
May 26, 0000Z - May 27, 2400Z	Worldwide EME Contest	www.dubus.org
May 26, 0000Z - May 27, 2400Z	CQ WW WPX Contest	www.cqwp.com
May 27, 1300Z - May 27, 1600Z	SARL Digital Contest	http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/SARL_2012_Contest_Manual_issue_10.pdf
May 27, 8 PM - May 27, Midnight	QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint	www.qrparci.org/contests
May 28, 2300Z - May 29, 0300Z	MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	http://www.qsl.net/miqrclub/contest.html



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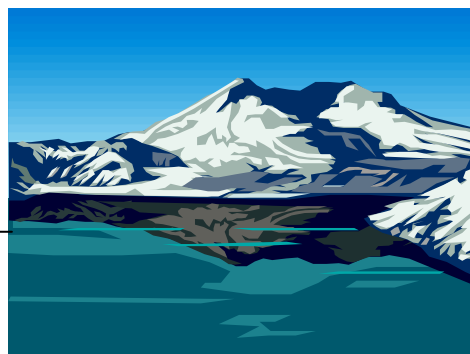
For more information on contests: <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>



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SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

05/01/2012	Aerospacefest 2012
05/01/2012	CTRI Contest Group's 20th Anniversary
05/02/2012	Smokey Bear Days
05/04/2012	Liberty Heritage Days
05/04/2012	Martha's Vineyard DXpedition
05/05/2012	8th Anniversary of the 72 Rag Chew Group
05/05/2012	Commemorate Kingman, AZ, Army Airfield WW2 Gunnery School
05/05/2012	Greensburg Kansas Tornado 5th Anniversary
05/05/2012	Oklahoma Gas and Steam Engine Show
05/05/2012	Titan Missile Museum Special Event
05/05/2012	Toad Suck Daze
05/06/2012	Oma Noma Days
05/10/2012	143rd Golden Spike Commemoration Celebration
05/10/2012	Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen of Canada
05/11/2012	Windmill Activation During the Windmill Weekend
05/12/2012	2012 Mother's Day Special Event
05/12/2012	2nd Anniversary Nashville Flood
05/12/2012	3rd annual Steampunk City Festival
05/12/2012	AINAD Shriners 100th Anniversary
05/12/2012	Armed Forces Day, National Maritime Day, MARS Amateur Radio Crossband Operations Event
05/12/2012	Celebrating Motorcycle Awareness Month
05/12/2012	Centennial Anniversary Locust Grove Oklahoma
05/12/2012	Mouth of the Columbia Day
05/12/2012	The Road Show ARC Chili Team
05/13/2012	Lambert's Castle Shutter Telegraph
05/17/2012	Cannon County Good Old Days
05/17/2012	Feld Hell Club at Dayton Hamvention
05/17/2012	MERK Mennonite European Regional Konferenz
05/18/2012	Maker Faire Amateur Radio
05/18/2012	Mt St Helens Eruption Anniversary
05/18/2012	Relay For Life - Brunswick ME American Cancer Society
05/18/2012	UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital 100th Anniversary
05/19/2012	American Air Power Museum
05/19/2012	Armed Forces Day
05/19/2012	Boy Scout Camporee
05/19/2012	Bryan Amateur Radio Club Inaugural Armed Forces Day Appreciation at Camp Hearne
05/19/2012	SEA-PAC 30th Anniversary - ARRL Northwestern Division Convention
05/19/2012	The Perrin Air Force Base Museum Special Event Station
05/20/2012	Coastal Defense Forces Day
05/20/2012	First Baptist Church Annual Car Show
05/20/2012	K6E Annular Solar Eclipse May 20 2012
05/26/2012	75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge
05/26/2012	Chantilly Farm Bluegrass Festival
05/26/2012	Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary
05/26/2012	Peanut Island
05/28/2012	20th Anniversary of the USS Lexington Museum Ship
05/28/2012	Commemorating Memorial Day



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<http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>

USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

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STARS REFLECTOR: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STARS-WB2ELW/>

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