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HELP SUPPORT AMATEUR RADIO

CHINESE AUCTION

Thursday, August 2, 2012 — 7 PM

at the

STARS Radio Station Clubhouse

100 yards west of the

Hamburg Town Arena 2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg, NY

STARS—(South Towns Amateur Radio Society)

Contact:

Jon Hall

662-4405, or

Pat Groom

570-6575

STARS will hold a "Chinese Auction" during its picnic meeting on Thursday, August 2nd. Dogs, burgers and pop will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also, bring any chairs you may have.

If you have a basket to donate for the auction, please get it to a board member as soon as possible, so they may plan accordingly.

Thanx to Uncle Joe's Diner at 4869 Southwestern Boulevard in Hamburg, for displaying the above leaflet on their electronic community billboard!

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CLUB OFFICERS

President Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK

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NEW STARS MEMBER WINS NEW RADIO

At the July meeting of STARS, one new member was voted into the club:

Thomas Winters KD2CHX Technician

Within five minutes of becoming a member, Thomas Winters won the July drawing for a *BAOFENG* UV-5R portable radio.



WE GOOFED!

Thanx to **John Leitten**, **KA2RFT**, for bringing to our attention that food would NOT be available at the July meeting. Basic food items WILL be available for the August meeting; members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

If you see something we did not get right, let us know:

wb2elw@verizon.net

STARS MEETINGS

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The next meeting is August 2nd, at 7:00 PM, at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse near the Hamburg Town Arena at 2982 Lakeview Road in Hamburg.

All are welcome.

★ The STARS board meets at 7:00 PM on the 4th
★ Thursday of each month at the Nike Base Radio
★ Clubhouse

The next meeting is August 23rd.

All members are welcome.

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 Tim Hortons Cafe

342 Buffalo St, Hamburg

WIN THIS RADIO



A 3rd **BAOFENG** UV-5R portable radio will be raffled off; ticket sales begin at the August 2nd meeting. The winning ticket will be drawn as soon as 25 tickets are sold. If those tickets are sold during the meeting, the winner will be chosen that night.

The *BAOFENG* UV-5R radio is a compact portable for operations on the 2 meter and 70 centimeter bands. The unit has 128 memory positions and includes an LED flashlight built into the top. Use the LED to brighten your life, or to waste battery capacity.

Proceeds from the raffle will support the on-going tower reconstruction project.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

June Tomm Dean, KA2NXY

July Thomas Winters, KD2CHX

TOWER PREP GOES ON

A recent work detail was held at the Nike Base Clubhouse. The objective of completing the painting of the antenna tower was accomplished under the direction of Vice President John Leitten, KA2RFT.

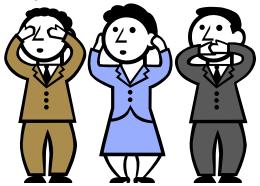
Once again, the paint "mitt" worked wonders in applying the paint.

Participating were Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY; Tomm Dean, KA2NXY; Pat Groom, KC2VWG; Jon Hall, KC2QKB; Bob Koster, KA2WYE; John Leitten, KA2RFT; Jerry Maira, KA2MGE; and Don Niles, K2PMC.



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 simply act like statues. It's just west of the Hamburg Town Arena on Lakeview Road.



Outdoor HAMFEST Indoor Orleans County Amateur Radio Club

Saturday August 11,2012

Ridgeway Fire Hall 11392 Ridge Rd. Gates Open 6AM for Vendors 8AM for Public

Large Outside Flea Market (Indoor if Rain)

> \$5 Admission Includes Outside Flea \$5 Indoor Tables

Kids under 16 Free With paying adult

Door Prizes TEN TEC FG-01 Analyzer Wouxun KGUVD1P/4

Serving Breakfast Sandwich & Coffee \$3 Hotdog or Burger Fries & Drink \$4 VE Testing \$15 starting at 9AM

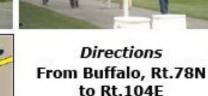
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Contesting RTTY PSK31

Paved Hamfest Area Paved Parking 5K Sq.Ft. Indoor



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From East RT.104W to Horan Rd Entrance

From West RT.104E

Talk-in: 145.270







KC2JKU (585)589-6362

kc2jku@ocarc.us

MEMBERS SEEKING TOWER ASSISTANCE

The paperwork is all done. Orchard Park has granted the appropriate permit for Ed and Linda Jablonski (KC2YMN & KC2YMM) to erect an antenna tower on their California Road estate. However, neither Ed nor Linda has all the information necessary to accomplish the task.

Ed and Linda need two types of assistance. First, they need help in planning for a tower erection. Second, they may need "muscle power" to help put up the tower. They are seeking such assistance from the STARS membership.

If you can help Ed and Linda, please contact them.

667-7367 Phone:

E-mail: lindajadnil@aol.com (Linda)

> blinski77@aol.com (Ed)

HAMFESTS

08/11/2012 Orleans County ARC

Hamfest

Location: Ridgeway Fire Hall

11392 Ridge Road

Medina, NY

ARRL Hamfest Type:

Sponsor: Orleans County Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://www.ocarc.us

08/18/2012 KLARA Hamfest

Howard Community Building Location:

7481 Hopkins Road

Howard, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association Sponsor:

Website: http://klara.us

K2DSO - SK

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Joseph Margarone, Jr., K2DSO, of Milestrip Road in Orchard Park.



Joseph became an amateur operator in the early ★ 1950's. Shortly thereafter, he started the radio 🏅 club at Canisius High School, a Jesuit school in Buf-🕏 falo. Joseph once commented, "Through all of these years it has been a great hobby and I love it still as much now as then. It would be wonderful, if the world's government leaders could get along as well as their amateur radio operator citizens inter-★ ★ act."

FROM HAM & EGGS TO COFFEE & DONUTS

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The informal breakfast gatherings held on the 4th Saturdays at Peg's Place, have been relocated to a Tim Hortons Café in Hamburg.

Join other amateur radio operators at 9 AM on the 4th Saturday of each month for a light breakfast. The Tim Hortons Café is located at 342 Buffalo Street (US Route 62) in Hamburg, just south of Legion Drive and/or Camp Road. It shares a parking lot with the CVS pharmacy.

K.L.A.R.A. Hamfest

August 18, 2012 - Howard, NY



Admission: \$5.00

One free flea market or inside table space per ticket. (i.e. - 3 tickets = 3 flea market or table spaces. Limit 5.) All spaces first come, first served. Bring your own tables.

Talk-In Frequency: 145.190 (-)

Great food - Hearty breakfast with never-ending coffee!

KLARA club meetings 2nd Wednesday 7 p.m. Civil Defense Training Center, Rte 54, Bath. Weeldy net Sunday 8:30 p.m. 145.190, 147.045, 137.33, 147.135 (PL 110.9)

About 40 miles west of Corning, 70 miles south of

Hosted by:

Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association

Schedule of Events

7:00 Vendor Admission

8:00 Open to the Public*

8:00 Breakfast

10:30 VE Testing

12:00 Door Prize Drawings

*You asked for a later start time, we listened! Thanks for your feedback!



Contacts/Info:

Email: hamfest@xdrcertified.com Website: <u>www.klara.us</u> Rick (W2RMT) & Annie (W2AGT) Torrey (607)276-6011 Roy (KB2WXV) & Debbi (KB2WEY) Koehler (607)566-3688 Rochester, between Hornell & Bath. Just off I-86/17 at Exit 35 (easy-on, easy-off). Follow signs to the Howard Community Building, 7481 Hopkins Rd, about 1/2 mile from the exit.

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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

(more info)

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**.

VE SESSION RESULTS

STARS held a VE session on Saturday, July 21st. Four candidates appeared. As a result, the following new licenses/upgrades were earned:

Louis FratelloKD2CNMTechSamantha KatusKD2CNNTechJoseph NowakowskiKD2CNOTechMichael McCannKB2GHZExtra

The VE team included Scott Barto, KB2KOL; Jay Clark, KF2JY; Tomm Dean, KA2NXY; Ed Jablonski, KC2YMN; Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM; Ed Patton,

N2ING; and Matt Starr, N2TFA.

AREA VE SESSIONS

08/04/2012 **Jamestown**

Sponsor: CARS

Location: Prendergast Library

509 Cherry Street 2nd floor conf rm

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

8/11/2012 Medina

Sponsor: Orleans County Amateur Radio Club

Location: Ridgeway Fire Hall

11392 Ridge Road, Medina, NY

Time: 9:00 AM (walk-ins allowed)

8/13/2012 <u>Lyons</u>

Sponsor: Drumlins ARC

Location: Wayne County Offc. of Emerg. Mgmt.

7336 State Route 31, Lyons, NY

Time: 7:15 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

8/18/2012 <u>Howard</u>

Sponsor: Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association

Location: "at the Hamfest"

Howard Community Building

7481 Hopkins Road

1/2 mile south of I-86 Exit 35

Time: 10:30 AM (walk-ins allowed)

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QST GOES DIGITAL

NEW! Introducing the Digital Edition of QST. In addition to receiving QST by mail each month, ARRL members have access to the digital edition of QST. You can choose to read QST online, or download the entire issue to your computer or laptop. The new format offers several advantages including enhanced content, convenient access, and a more interactive experience. Members must have a valid ARRL website login to access the current digital edition of QST and archived editions.

CONTEST CALENDAR

Start and Finish **Contest Title** Sponsor's Website

Aug 3, 0100Z - Aug 3, 0230Z, **QRP Fox Hunt** Aug 3, 0200Z - Aug 3, 0300Z SNS and NS Weekly Sprints Aug 4, 0000Z - Aug 5, 2359Z Int'l Lighthouse-Lightship Contest Aug 4, 0000Z - Aug 4, 2359Z TARA Grid Dip Shindig Aug 4, 0001Z - Aug 5, 2359Z 10-10 Summer Phone QSO Party Aug 4, 1200Z - Aug 4, 2359Z European HF Championship Aug 4, 1800Z - Aug 5, 1800Z **ARRL UHF Contest** Aug 4, 1800Z - Aug 5, 0600Z North American QSO Party Aug 5, 0700Z - Aug 5, 0830Z RSGB RoPoCo CW Aug 5, 1300Z - Aug 5, 1630Z South Africa DX SSB Contest Aug 6, 1600Z - See website **OK1WC Memorial Contest** Aug 7, 0100Z - Aug 7, 0300Z ARS Spartan Sprint Aug 8, 1300Z - Aug 8, 1400Z & CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test Aug 8, 1900Z - Aug 8, 2000Z & Aug 9, 0300Z - Aug 9, 0400Z Aug 8, 1800Z - Aug 8, 2000Z NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint Aug 10, 0100Z - Aug 10, 0230Z QRP Fox Hunt Aug 10, 0230Z - Aug 10, 0300Z, NCCC Sprint Ladder Aug 11, 0000Z - Aug 12, 2359Z Worked All Europe Aug 11 1600Z, - Aug 12, 0400Z & Maryland-DC QSO Party Aug 12, 1600Z - Aug 12, 2400Z Aug 11, 2000Z - Aug 11, 2400Z Fall VHF Sprints Aug 12, 0000Z - Aug 12, 2359Z Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon Aug 12, 1700Z - Aug 12, 2100Z NJQRP Skeeter Hunt Aug 12, 2000Z - Aug 12, 2200Z Feld Hell Sprint NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint Aug 15, 0030Z - Aug 15, 0230Z Aug 17, 0100Z - Aug 17, 0230Z **QRP Fox Hunt** Aug 17, 0230Z - Aug 17, 0300Z NCCC Sprint Ladder Aug 18, 0000Z - Aug 19, 2359Z **Dominican Republic Contest** Aug 18, 0000Z - See website SARTG WW RTTY Contest Aug 18, 0800Z - Aug 19, 0800Z Russian District Award Contest Aug 18, 6 AM - Aug 19, 12 AM **ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest** Aug 18, 1200Z - Aug 19, 1200Z Keymen's Club of Japan Contest Aug 18, 1800Z - Aug 19, 0600Z North American QSO Party Aug 18, 2000Z - Aug 18, 2200Z Feld-Hell Gridloc Sprint Aug 19, 1300Z - Aug 19, 16009Z SARL Digital Contest Aug 19, 1800Z - Aug 19, 2359Z **ARRL Rookie Roundup** Aug 20, 0100Z - Aug 20, 0300Z Run For the Bacon Aug 22, 0000Z - Aug 22, 0200Z SKCC Sprint Aug 22, 1300Z - Aug 22, 1400Z & **CWops Mini-CWT Test** Aug 22, 1900Z - Aug 22, 2000Z &

QRP Fox Hunt NCCC Sprint Ladder YO DX Contest **ALARA Contest** Hawaii QSO Party SCC RTTY Championship Kansas QSO Party QRP ARCI Welcome to QRP Ohio QSO Party South Africa DX CW Contest QRP Fox Hunt NCCC Sprint Ladder

Aug 23, 0300Z - Aug 23, 0400Z Aug 24, 0100Z - Aug 24, 0230Z

Aug 24, 0230Z - Aug 24, 0300Z

Aug 25, 0000Z - Aug 26, 2359Z

Aug 25, 0400Z - Aug 27, 0400Z

Aug 25, 1200Z - Aug 26, 1159Z

Aug 25, 1500Z - Aug 25, 1800Z

Aug 25, 1600Z - Aug 26, 0400Z

Aug 26, 1400Z - Aug 26, 1600Z

Aug 31, 0100Z - Aug 31, 0230Z

Aug 31, 0230Z - Aug 31, 0300Z

Aug 25, 0400Z - See website

Aug 25, 1400Z - See website

www.grpfoxhunt.org/summer rules.htm www.ncccsprint.com illw.org www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara grid rules.html www.ten-ten.org lea.hamradio.si/~scc/euhf/euhfc.htm arrl.org/contests ncjweb.com www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/rropoco.shtml www.sarl.org.za www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc www.arsqrp.blogspot.com/ www.cwops.org/onair.html

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

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

Full information at: http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

07/24/2012 3905 Century Club Net 2012 Eyeball

07/27/2012 Camp Perry National Match

08/03/2012 Ernie Pyle 112th Birthday

08/03/2012 Indiana State Fair

08/03/2012 Thacher Island Activation

08/03/2012 War of 1812 200th Anniversary

08/04/2012 Annual Pro Foot Ball Hall of Fame Festival

08/04/2012 Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival

08/04/2012 International Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend

08/04/2012 Potomac School / Pioneer Days

08/04/2012 River City Days

08/04/2012 Sheboygan Brat Days

08/04/2012 US Coast Guard 222 Birthday

08/05/2012 Colorado 14er Event

08/05/2012 Twins Day Festival, The World's Largest Gathering of Identical Twins

08/07/2012 National Lighthouse day -

08/08/2012 56th Annual Northern Illinois Steam Power Show and Threshing Bee

08/08/2012 Cache County Fair 08/09/2012 Iowa State Fair

08/10/2012 Tall Ships Races 2012 - A Coruña -

08/11/2012 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday 08/12/2012 The Navaio Code Talker

08/13/2012 Corvette Reunion and Back to the Bricks

08/13/2012 Indianapolis MotoGP

08/17/2012 Bayfront Marine Center Small Boat Festival

08/17/2012 Radioweekend Shelltower Amsterdam

08/18/2012 ABC Reunion, Fox Lake Lake, MN, Portable Operation 08/18/2012 Anniversary of the "Kelly Little Green Men" Kelly Kentucky

08/18/2012 Big Sable Point Lighthouse Activation-ILLW

08/18/2012 Centennial Ridge, Queen Mine

08/18/2012 International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend

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08/18/2012 Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend 08/18/2012 Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend

08/18/2012 Ohio Carnation Days Festival and Alliance Amateur Radio Club 25th Anniversary

08/18/2012 Point Reyes Lighthouse Activation

08/23/2012 Boxboro - ARRL New England Convention

08/24/2012 61st Houghton County Fair

08/25/2012 Deming Duck Races / New Mexico Centennial

08/25/2012 Kansas QSO Party

08/25/2012 National Park Service Anniversary, Coronado National Memorial

08/25/2012 Threshing Bee Special Event Station

08/26/2012 Albany Amateur Radio Association 100th Anniversary

08/26/2012 Hollenberg Pony Express Station Festival

08/30/2012 50th Anniversary of Sinnemahoning State Park

08/31/2012 Fort Bridger Wyoming Mountain Man Rendezvous







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