

## CHINESE AUCTION/PICNIC A SUCCESS!

By Tomm Dean, KA2NXY, Telstar Editor

Well, it sure is surreal, to say the least. After eagerly anticipating the Chinese Auction/Picnic to be held at the August meeting, I must say I was very surprised to wake up on August 7th and learn the event had come and gone. I had been in a coma for 8 days, and missed it!

Nevertheless, my news sources have brought me up to date on the success of the event.

It has been estimated that fifty to sixty people attended the event at the Nike Base Club Station in Hamburg. Attendees included about twenty members, including one from Florida and another from North Carolina. Attracting people were over 30 gifts in the Chinese Auction. Income from the event raised over \$600, to be used for erection of the antenna tower.

Thanx to [Uncle Joe's Diner](#) of Hamburg for use of their electronic community billboard. Also, thanx to Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM, and Don Niles, K2PMC for the photos (see page 7).

## TOWER PROGRESS

Painting of the replacement antenna tower for the club station has been completed.

A work party was held on September 13th. The purpose was preparation of wood to use in the construction of a form to hold the concrete base. Members disassembled a shipping crate from the Town of Hamburg, and removed all (hopefully) nails and screws.

Town equipment was used for excavating an

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## PREPARATION FOR 2012

### NYS QSO CONTEST

By Vice President John Leitten, KA2RFT

The date of the 2012 NYS QSO PARTY:

**Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012:**

**10 AM to 10 PM local time**

Last year, **STARS** entered the New York State QSO contest as **WB2ELW**. We did very well for our class; multi-operator, phone, low power. We came in **FIRST!**

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# WIN THIS RADIO



A 5th **BAOFENG UV-5R** portable radio will be raffled off; ticket sales begin at the October 4th 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 a built in LED flashlight on 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
August	Ed Patton,	N2ING
September	Scott Barto,	KB2KOL

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## NYS QSO CONTEST

So, we have set the bar for ourselves for 2012.

This is a really cool contest. You call "CQ". You are the station the others are after. We worked all of the northeast USA and southeast Canada. The object is to work all the counties in NYS (62), and as many stations as you can.

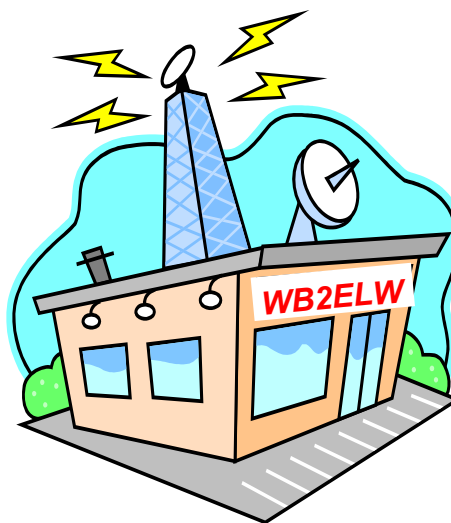
We will talk about the contest at the October 4th general meeting. At that time, we will see how many can come out and work WB2ELW for a spell. Also, if you like, you can "hunt & pounce" instead of calling "CQ".

This year, STARS has an enhancement for its operations. The 1 by 1 call sign, **N2E**, has been assigned to STARS for the day of this contest.

Let's see if we can outdo ourselves this year and make it two in a row. If you can't the meeting, and want to work the contest, email KA2RFT [johnham334@aol.com](mailto:johnham334@aol.com) before the meeting. This way, we will know how many are interested in working this fun contest.

## 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.





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## TOWER PROGRESS

eight foot square hole to a 42 inch depth.

Another work party took place on September 25th. During that session, the tower base was positioned and leveled. Also, rebar was placed in the hole in a grid pattern, and then connected with wire.

Remaining steps are inspection, creation of the form, pouring and curing of the concrete, assembly of the tower sections, and erection.

Thanx for the help to: **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY; Scott Barto, KB2KOL; John Czuba, W2IV; Tomm Dean, KA2NXY; Pat Groom, KC2VWG; Jon Hall, KC2QKB; Ed Jablonski, KC2YMM; Bob Koster, KA2WYE; John Leitten, KA2RFT; Dave Ludlow, KG4LQT; Howard Marien, KD2CAE; John Morrow, KC2TXV; Don Niles, K2PMC; Keith Patterson, KC2DGC; and Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK.**



Above: Conrad Barrick and Ed Jablonski set the tower base.

Below: Keith Patterson and Ed Jablonski place and secure the rebar in the hole.



Below: Tower base and rebar cage complete and ready for inspection, form, concrete and tower installation.



## 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.

Phone: 667-7367

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

[blinski77@aol.com](mailto:blinski77@aol.com) (Ed)

## NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations for **STARS** Club officers will open at the October 4th meeting.

Now is the time to start considering who you want to lead the club for 2013. Offices up for nomination include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, and director,

## OCTOBER MEETING TOPIC

For the October 4th meeting, a presentation on antennas will be given by **Don Niles, K2PMC**.

## NOVEMBER MEETING TOPIC

For the November 1st meeting, **Bill Edgar, N3LLR**, will address the membership.

Bill Edgar is the American Radio Relay League's Atlantic Division Director..

## WHERE AND WHAT?



Be the first to answer where this picture was taken, and what the person is doing to win a Tim Hortons gift card. Send answers to [wb2elw@verizon.net](mailto:wb2elw@verizon.net). (KA2WYE, KA2NXY and KC2TXV not eligible).

## FROM HAM & EGGS TO COFFEE & DONUTS

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 Clark Street. It shares a parking lot with the CVS pharmacy.



## STARS AT HERITAGE DISCOVERY CENTER

The Heritage DiscoverY Center at 100 Lee Street, Buffalo, held an open house from Friday, September 22nd through Sunday, September 24th. The Center includes many museum entities, including the Western New York Railway Historical Society and the Steel Plant Museum.

The event also attracted displays from the Buffalo Lighthouse Association, the Buffalo Irish Genealogical Society, the Nickel Plate Road society, model railroad organizations, and the **STARS** ham radio group.

**STARS** operated a station on Saturday. The station was outside, under a canopy tent. Operations were hampered by the rainy and windy weather. Equipment included an IC-7000 transmitter, a Buddipole antenna, and a few laptop computers.

Despite the weather, a temperamental antenna, and a leaking canopy, the station continue to operate. Visitors were welcomed with a satisfying selection of doughnuts.

Thanx to the member who assisted at the station, including **John Leitten, KA2RFT**; **Judy Levan, N2TEZ**; **Don Niles, K2PMC**; and **Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK**.

## DID YOU SEE...

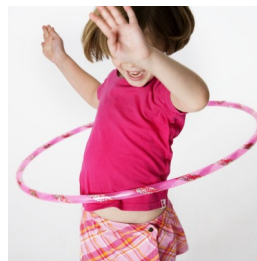
- ◆ Hero Painting
- ◆ Ultimate Dog Tease
- ◆ DeLijn Ant eater
- ◆ Piano Stairs
- ◆ DeLijn Penguins
- ◆ Chocolate Chip Cookies
- ◆ Wrong Side Prank
- ◆ Air Florida Construction
- ◆ Hula Hoop Glass of Red

Each month on the second page of the newsletter, in the "Blue and Underlined" box., is a sample link.

Each of those links will bring you to a captivating video of something totally unrelated to amateur radio.

Each was chosen for its ability to capture your mind in ultimate fascination, uproarious humor, or pure fun.

Check it out! Then check your previous issues.









## 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 conducted an examination session on Saturday, September 15, 2012. Two candidates for upgraded licenses appeared.

One candidate successfully upgraded to "Extra".

All STARS Volunteer Examiners wore or received new black polo shirts with the ARRL VE logo, presenting a professional image of the VE team.

Participating VEs included **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY**; **John Czuba, W2IV**; **Tomm Dean, KA2NXY**; **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**; and **Matthew Starr, N2TFA**.

## AREA VE SESSIONS

10/06/2012

[North Tonawanda](#)

**Sponsor:** ARA of the Tonawanda's  
**Location:** North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters  
 495 Zimmerman Street - Basement  
**Time:** 10:00 AM (Registration preferred)

10/06/2012

[Jamestown](#)

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

10/08/2012

[Lyons](#)

**Sponsor:** Drumlins ARC  
**Location:** Wayne County Offc. of Emerg. Mgmt.  
 7336 State Route 31, Lyons, NY  
**Time:** 7:15 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/20/2012

[Rochester](#)

**Sponsor:** Rochester ARA  
**Location:** Rochester Institute of Technology-  
 Gleason Engineering Bldg, Rm 3139  
 1 Lomb Memorial Drive  
**Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/28/2012

[Geneseo](#)

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

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# CONTEST CALENDAR



Start and Finish	Contest Title	Sponsor's Website
Oct 2, 0200Z - Oct 2, 0400Z	ARS Spartan	<a href="http://www.arsgrp.blogspot.com">www.arsgrp.blogspot.com</a>
Oct 2, 1600Z - See website	OK1WC Memorial Contest	<a href="http://www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc">www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc</a>
Oct 3, 0700Z - Oct 3, 0959Z	German Telegraphy Contest	<a href="http://kontest.de/dtc/DTC-Rules_e.pdf">kontest.de/dtc/DTC-Rules_e.pdf</a>
Oct 3, 7 PM - Oct 3, 11 PM	432 432 MHz Fall VHF Sprint	<a href="http://www.svhfs.org">www.svhfs.org</a>
Oct 4, 1700Z - Oct 4, 2000Z	SARL 80m QSO Party	<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/">www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/</a>
Oct 5, 0200Z - Oct 5, 0300Z	SNS and NS Weekly Sprints	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Oct 5, 1400Z - Oct 7, 0200Z	DX/NA YLRL Anniversary Party	<a href="http://www.ylrl.org">www.ylrl.org</a>
Oct 6, 0000Z - Oct 6, 2400Z	PSK Rumble - The Fall Classic	<a href="http://www.n2ty.org">www.n2ty.org</a>
Oct 6, 0000Z - Oct 6, 2359Z	Worked All Provinces of China	<a href="http://www.mulandxc.org">www.mulandxc.org</a>
Oct 6, 0000Z - Oct 7, 2359Z	ARRL EME Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>
Oct 6, 0400Z - Oct 7, 0359Z	EPC Russia DX Contest	<a href="http://www.epc-ru.ru">www.epc-ru.ru</a>
Oct 6, 0800Z - Oct 7, 0800Z	Oceania DX Phone Contest	<a href="http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com">www.oceaniadxcontest.com</a>
Oct 6, 1200Z - Oct 7, 1200Z	Worked All Britain HF Contest	<a href="http://www.worked-all-britain.co.uk">www.worked-all-britain.co.uk</a>
Oct 6, 1600Z - Oct 7, 2200Z	California QSO Party	<a href="http://www.cqp.org">www.cqp.org</a>
Oct 6, 1600Z - Oct 6, 1959Z	EU Autumn Sprint	<a href="http://www.eu-sprint.com">www.eu-sprint.com</a>
Oct 7, 0600Z - Oct 7, 1000Z	UBA ON Contest, SSB	<a href="http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest">www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest</a>
Oct 7, 0700Z - Oct 7, 1900Z	RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2011/rsprint.shtml">www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2011/rsprint.shtml</a>
Oct 10, 0001Z - Oct 10, 2359Z	10-10 Sprint	<a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>
Oct 10, 0030Z - Oct 10, 0230Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
Oct 10, 1300Z - See website	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	<a href="http://www.cwops.org/onair.html">www.cwops.org/onair.html</a>
Oct 12, 0230Z - Oct 12, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Oct 13, 8 PM - Oct 13, 2 AM	Great Pumpkin Sprint	<a href="http://www.podxs070.com">www.podxs070.com</a>
Oct 13, 0000Z - Oct 14, 1600Z	Makrothen RTTY Contest	<a href="http://home.arcor.de/waldemar.kebsch">home.arcor.de/waldemar.kebsch</a>
Oct 13, 0800Z - Oct 14, 0800Z	Oceania DX CW Contest	<a href="http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com">www.oceaniadxcontest.com</a>
Oct 13, 1200Z - Oct 14, 1200Z	Scandinavian Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.sactest.net">www.sactest.net</a>
Oct 13, 1200Z - Oct 14, 2359Z	QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	<a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests">www.qrparci.org/contests</a>
Oct 13, 1600Z - See website	Arizona Centennial QSO Party	<a href="http://www.azqsoparty.org">www.azqsoparty.org</a>
Oct 13, 1600Z - Oct 13, 2000Z	EU Autumn Sprint	<a href="http://www.eu-sprint.com">www.eu-sprint.com</a>
Oct 13, 1600Z - See website	Pennsylvania QSO Party	<a href="http://www.nittany-arc.net">www.nittany-arc.net</a>
Oct 13, 1700Z - Oct 13, 2100Z	FISTS Fall Sprint	<a href="http://www.fists.org">www.fists.org</a>
Oct 14, 0000Z - Oct 14, 0400Z	North American RTTY Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>
Oct 14, 0000Z - Oct 14, 2359Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
Oct 14, 0600Z - Oct 14, 0900Z	UBA ON Contest, CW	<a href="http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest">www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest</a>
Oct 15, 1300Z - Oct 19, 2359Z	School Club Roundup	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup-scr">www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup-scr</a>
Oct 19, 0230Z - Oct 19, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Oct 20, 0000Z - Oct 21, 1600Z	Arucaria VHF Contest	<a href="http://www.avhfc.com">www.avhfc.com</a>
Oct 20, 0000Z - Oct 21, 2400Z	JARTS WW RTTY Contest	<a href="http://www.jarts.jp">www.jarts.jp</a>
Oct 20, 0001Z - Oct 21, 2359Z	10-10 Fall CW QSO Party	<a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>
Oct 20, 1000Z - Oct 21, 1000Z	Scandinavian YLRA Contest	<a href="http://www.sylra.is">www.sylra.is</a>
Oct 20, 1400Z - Oct 20, 2300Z	Iowa QSO Party	<a href="http://www.wa0dx.org">www.wa0dx.org</a>
Oct 20, 1400Z - Oct 21, 0200Z	New York QSO Party	<a href="http://www.nyqp.org">www.nyqp.org</a>
Oct 20, 1500Z - Oct 21, 1459Z	Worked All Germany	<a href="http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/wag">www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/wag</a>
Oct 20, 1500Z - Oct 21, 1500Z	Stew Perry Warmup Contest	<a href="http://www.kkn.net/stew">www.kkn.net/stew</a>
Oct 20, 1600Z - Oct 21, 2359Z	W/VE Islands QSO Party	<a href="http://www.usislands.org">www.usislands.org</a>
Oct 20, 1900Z - See website	Telephone Pioneer QSO Party	<a href="http://www.tpqso.com">www.tpqso.com</a>
Oct 20, 2000Z - Oct 20, 2200Z	Spooky Feld-Hell Sprint	<a href="http://www.feldhellclub.org">www.feldhellclub.org</a>
Oct 21, 0000Z - Oct 21, 0200Z	Asia-Pacific Sprint	<a href="http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt">jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt</a>
Oct 21, 0600Z - Oct 21, 1000Z	UBA ON Contest, 2m	<a href="http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest">www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest</a>
Oct 21, 1700Z - Oct 22, 0100Z	Illinois QSO Party	<a href="http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html">www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html</a>
Oct 22, 0200Z - Oct 22, 0400Z	Run For the Bacon	<a href="http://www.fpqrp.org">www.fpqrp.org</a>
Oct 24, 0000Z - Oct 24, 0200Z	SKCC Weekday Sprint	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
Oct 24, 1300Z - Oct 24, 1400Z, and Oct 24, 1900Z - Oct 24, 2000Z, and Oct 25, 0300Z - Oct 25, 0400Z	CWops Mini-CWT Test	<a href="http://www.cwops.org/onair.html">www.cwops.org/onair.html</a>
Oct 25, 1900Z - Oct 25, 2000Z	RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2011/rsprint.shtml">www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2011/rsprint.shtml</a>
Oct 26, 0230Z - Oct 26, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Oct 27, 0000Z - Oct 28, 2359Z	CQ World Wide SSB Contest	<a href="http://cq-amateur-radio.com">cq-amateur-radio.com</a>

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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>

- 10/05/2012 Falling Leaves Festival  
 10/05/2012 Lone Pine Film Festival  
 10/06/2012 232nd Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain  
 10/06/2012 24th Oliver Hardy Festival  
 10/06/2012 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta  
 10/06/2012 Archaeology Open House  
 10/06/2012 EPCOT 30th Anniversary  
 10/06/2012 Mason-Dixon Survey Special Event  
 10/06/2012 Mississippi ARRL Day In The Park  
 10/06/2012 North Shore Scenic Railroad Radio Club - Railroad Mobile Day  
 10/06/2012 Opening Day Elk Season New Mexico  
 10/06/2012 Warren Fall Festival  
 10/07/2012 Belchalwell (Bell Hill) Shutter Telegraph over 200 yrs  
 10/10/2012 30th Anniv, Canonization of St. Maximilian Kolbe, SP3RN, Patron St. of Amateur Radio  
 10/13/2012 Birthplace of America--Kensington Runestone  
 10/13/2012 BSA Mt. Monadnock District Camporee  
 10/13/2012 Dempsey Challenge Bicycle Race  
 10/13/2012 Hillsboro Lighthouse Special Event  
 10/13/2012 Transmitting from Nowhere, KS  
 10/13/2012 University of Alabama Radio Club 50th Anniversary Ham Homecoming  
 10/13/2012 US Navy Birthday established 1775  
 10/13/2012 W5I Eisenhower Special Event  
 10/14/2012 National Wildlife Refuge Week 2012  
 10/14/2012 Wreath Laying and Scout Pilgrimage for Warren G. Harding  
 10/17/2012 73rd Anniversary USCG Auxiliary  
 10/17/2012 Farm-City Days  
 10/18/2012 **85th Anniversary Celebration**  
 10/19/2012 Boy Scouts Pine Tree Council JOTA  
 10/19/2012 Iowa Civil War Sesquicentennial Special Event Station  
 10/19/2012 Oktoberfest 2012  
 10/20/2012 BSA Jamboree On The Air  
 10/20/2012 Car show & Chili Cookoff  
 10/20/2012 Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 73rd Anniversary  
 10/20/2012 Jamboree On The Air  
 10/20/2012 National Wildlife Refuge Week  
 10/20/2012 National Wildlife Refuge Week 2012  
 10/20/2012 WWII Sub USS Cobia AGSS-245 celebrating its 69th Anniversary  
 10/21/2012 US Coast Guard Auxiliary's 73rd Anniversary  
 10/26/2012 29th Lexington (NC) Barbeque Festival  
 10/27/2012 24th Annual NASCAR Days Festival  
 10/27/2012 Halloween Capitol of the World  
 10/28/2012 Fort Hancock Establishment Day  
 10/29/2012 Nevada Day  
 10/31/2012 2012 Frankenstein Halloween Special Event



## USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

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**STARS WEBSITE:** <http://www.wb2elw.com/>

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

**TELSTAR EDITOR** [wb2elw@verizon.net](mailto:wb2elw@verizon.net)