

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 OFFICERS

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Vice President	John Leitten, KA2RFT
Secretary	Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM
Financial Secretary	Judy Levan, N2TEZ
Treasurer	John Czuba, W2IV
Director	Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY, & } Choose one
Director	Jon Hall, KC2QKB }

**Elections will take place at the monthly meeting,  
at 7:00 PM, on Thursday, November 1, 2012,  
at the Hamburg Youth Center.**

*“Write in” votes are welcome!*

## TOWER PROGRESS

A work party was held on October 2nd. The purpose was pouring and finishing the concrete base.

The concrete base is complete. Remaining tasks include tower assembly, erection, installation of cables and antennas, and protective fencing.

Further progress on tower preparations have been suspended until the threat of severe

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## 2012 NYS QSO CONTEST

By Vice President John Leitten, KA2RFT

The New York QSO party for 2012 is now in the books. All operators had fun, as did those who came to observe and chat with other members. Our total score this year was not as high as last year. For some reason our number of contacts was about 70 less than last year. The N1MM logging program

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weather passes.

Thanx for assistance to **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY**; **Tomm Dean, KA2NXY**; **Jon Hall, KC2QKB**; **John Leitten, KA2RFT**; **Keith Patterson, KC2DGC**; and **Wayne Flick**.

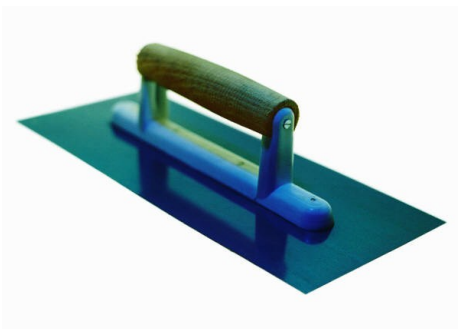


# WAYNE FLICK MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER



At the October meeting, both the Board and general membership voted to award Wayne Flick honorary membership in STARS for one year.

Wayne, a resident of Orchard Park, provided guidance and assistance in creating the concrete base for the tower at the Nike Base Clubhouse.



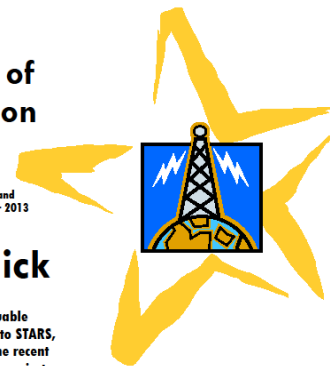
## Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate of appreciation and honorary membership in STARS for 2013 is awarded to

**Wayne Flick**

In recognition of invaluable contributions and guidance to STARS, particularly in regard to the recent antenna tower construction project.

South Towns Amateur Radio Society



Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 10/4/12  
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## NYS QSO CONTEST

worked fine (I love the report-making part of that program). Unlike last year, all other equipment worked without problems. For sure, we have removed the 'poltergeist' from the club house.

Our county count was about the same as was our number states. So, in short, we made quality contacts this year, but not a lot. I think weather was rainy last year. This year's good weather may have had many hams outside doing fall chores, and not hamming.

The action was slow but steady. We were on the air for most of the 12 contest hours. Mostly, we called CQ. If no one comes back, you can't work them! The times we tried to "hunt and pounce" we found no one calling CQ. So maybe, with our score even lower than last year, we will do 'OK' in the listing with the others who submit logs. Time will tell. We did this for fun and to sharpen our operating skills; not to be first, even though we came in first in our class last year.

A noteworthy call worked was with former STARS President **Wayne Carpus, W2ZDP**, from his new home in North Carolina. **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**, worked some DX: **GD4HWD** and **G7LWN** (Great Britain).

We made 139 contacts. They included 34 of New York's 62 counties, 26 of the 50 States, and 2 of 9 Canadian provinces.

I have applied for a 1x1 call sign for next year's NYS QSO Party (October 19, 2013). I am hoping we will get 'N2E' as we had for this year. Next year (2013) the tower will be up with the 'HT-6' beam antenna. Also, the open wire 160 meter antenna will be up 40 or more feet higher. That should help rake in the QRP.

**STARS has been  
designated a  
Special Service  
Club**



## STARS HELPS JOTA

**By Clubhouse Chair, Patrick Groom, KC2VWG**

**STARS** participated in the NY QSO Party 2012 contest on Saturday, October 20th. Operators soon learned that another contest was running simultaneously. Specifically, scouts were operating their 'Jamboree on the Air' (JOTA). During the NYS QSO Party, several scouting stations contacted us.

**STARS** members took the time to chat with many prospective HAMS from the scout groups. All JOTA QSOs were made on 14.323 MHz USB. Here is a list of JOTA stations contacted (including Great Britain).

W0QMF	Boy Scouts, Missouri
W4DUG	Girl Scouts, Odessa, Florida
N0SS/0	Boy Scout Camp-1, Missouri
K4B	Boy Scouts, South Carolina
GB4HWD	British Boy Scouts, near London, England
WN4BSA	Boy Scouts, South Carolina
N5PUU	Boy Scouts, Arkansas

We also had a very strong signal (5-11) from **N4PJA** in TN, whose power was only 5 watts!

## FEMA GRANT SOUGHT

**STARS** responded to a "Request for Proposals" from the Federal Emergency Management Administration. The proposals are for grants of up to \$35,000, for the purpose of increasing a community's ability to respond to natural and man-made disasters.

The **STARS** proposal would fund a mobile communications command post, to allow the establishment of amateur radio communications during the disruption of power and communications networks. The grant proposal was written by **Scott Barto, KB2KOL**.

Awards are expected to be announced in November.

# WIN THIS RADIO



A 6th **BAOFENG UV-5R** portable radio will be raffled off; ticket sales begin at the November 1st 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
August	Ed Patton,	N2ING
September	Scott Barto,	KB2KOL
October	Richard Gerster	K2RWG

## PUMPKIN PATROL SET

In the 1970s, a serious injury was suffered by a truck driver on the NYS Thruway. It was Halloween, when youngsters dumped items over a bridge, striking the trucker.

The event was witnessed by a local resident. Thereafter, she spent each Halloween watching the bridge, to deter similar future acts.

The word spread and soon others began watching bridges on Halloween. Over the years, the NYS Police began coordinating the efforts. Amateur radio operators were recruited as bridge observers.

Today, amateur operators, under the direction of the State Police, are stationed on the Thruway bridges on



Halloween and the day before Halloween. In Erie County, amateurs come from the ARES/RACES team.

**Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**, is this year's amateur net coordinator. She will be in constant radio contact with 8 volunteers each evening to keep our bridges safe. Additionally, an amateur radio (no transmit capability) will be installed in the car of the State Police coordinator.

## QST GOES DIGITAL

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.**

## WHERE AND WHAT?



Last month's issue offered a prize for answering the questions above. Two answers were received. Neither were correct, so no prize was awarded.

Pictured is **John Morrow, KC2TXV**. He is operating the amateur radio station installed at Buffalo Mercy Hospital on Abbott Road.

Each hospital in the Buffalo region has such a radio for emergency communications purposes. They are all tested during an annual drill run by Erie County Emergency Services and the NYS Department of Health.

Incidentally, both incorrect answers were given by a STARS member that was participating in the same drill at another location! (hi hi)



**Bob Koster, KA2WE**, and **John Morrow, KC2TXV**, contact net control from Buffalo Mercy Hospital for the annual hospital amateur radio drill.

## RENEWALS DUE

The deadline for renewal of STARS membership is January 1st, 2013. An application form is attached to the end of this newsletter.

This year, there is a special advantage in renewing early. The price of postage is scheduled to increase in the near future.

So, get your form to **Judy Levan, N2TEZ**, early, and save by avoiding the postage increase. That's more money in **YOUR** pocket!

## GET INVOLVED

Let the editor know what you like or don't like about the **TELSTAR** news letter. Or, better yet, write an article.

Contact the editor: — [wb2elw@verizon.net](mailto:wb2elw@verizon.net)



## 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.

## 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**.

## TECH CLASS BEGINS

STARS began a class for new amateurs on Tuesday, October 23rd, at the EMPACT AMERICA offices, 7615 Seneca Street, Elma.

The class is sponsored by the Elma CERT, the West Seneca CERT, as well as EMPACT AMERICA. Thirteen students are enrolled.

Led by chief instructor **Keith Patterson, KC2DGC**, the staff includes **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY**; **Tomm Dean, KA2NXY**; **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**; **Bob Koster, KA2WYE**; and **Jim Beck, W2SV**.

## AREA VE SESSIONS

11/03/2012

[North Tonawanda](#)

**Sponsor:** ARA of the Tonawandas  
**Location:** North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters  
 495 Zimmerman Street - Basement  
**Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/03/2012

[Jamestown](#)

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

11/03/2012

[Bath](#)

**Sponsor:** Keuka Lake ARA  
**Location:** Dormann Public Library  
 101 West Morris Street  
**Time:** 4:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/07/2012

[Canandaigua](#)

**Sponsor:** SQUAW Island ARC  
**Location:** Ontario County EOC  
 2914 County Road 48  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/17/2012

[Hamburg](#)

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



11/27/2012

[Lancaster](#)

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

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# CONTEST CALENDAR



Start and Finish	Contest Title	Sponsor's Website
Nov 2, 0200Z - Nov 2, 0300Z	SNS and NS Weekly Sprints	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com">www.ncccsprint.com</a>
<b>Nov 3, 0000Z - Nov 4, 2359Z</b>	<b>ARRL EME Contest</b>	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>
Nov 3, 0600Z - Nov 3, 1000Z and	IPARC Contest, CW	<a href="http://www.mydarc.de/dl0ipa/">www.mydarc.de/dl0ipa/</a>
Nov 3, 1400Z - Nov 3, 1800Z	IPARC Contest, CW	
Nov 3, 0600Z - Nov 3, 1000Z and	IPARC Contest, SSB	<a href="http://www.mydarc.de/dl0ipa/">www.mydarc.de/dl0ipa/</a>
Nov 3, 1400Z - Nov 3, 1800Z	IPARC Contest, SSB	
Nov 3, 1200Z - Nov 4, 1200Z	Ukrainian DX Contest	<a href="http://www.ucc.zp.ua">www.ucc.zp.ua</a>
Nov 3, 1600Z - See website	OK1WC Memorial Contest	<a href="http://www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc">www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc</a>
Nov 3, 1700Z - Nov 4, 0500Z	Radio Club of America QSO Party	<a href="http://www.radioclubofamerica.org">www.radioclubofamerica.org</a>
<b>Nov 3, 2100Z - Nov 5, 0300Z</b>	<b>ARRL November Sweepstakes</b>	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>
Nov 3, 2100Z - Nov 5, 0300Z	Collegiate ARC Championship	<a href="http://www.collegiatechampionship.org">www.collegiatechampionship.org</a>
Nov 4, 0900Z - Nov 4, 1100Z and	High Speed Club CW Contest	<a href="http://www.highspeedclub.org/">www.highspeedclub.org/</a>
Nov 4, 1500Z - Nov 4, 1700Z	High Speed Club CW Contest	
Nov 4, 1100Z - Nov 4, 1700Z	DARC 10-Meter Digital "Corona"	<a href="http://www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport">www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport</a>
Nov 5, 1600Z - See website	OK1WC Memorial Contest	<a href="http://www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc">www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc</a>
Nov 6, 0200Z - Nov 6, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	<a href="http://www.arsgrp.blogspot.com">www.arsgrp.blogspot.com</a>
Nov 9, 0230Z - Nov 9, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Nov 10, 0000Z - Nov 11, 2400Z	Worked All Europe DX Contest	<a href="http://www.waedc.de">www.waedc.de</a>
Nov 10, 0001Z - Nov 11, 2359Z	10-10 Fall Digital QSO Party	<a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>
Nov 10, 0700Z - Nov 11, 1300Z	Japan International DX Contest	<a href="http://jidx.org">jidx.org</a>
Nov 10, 1200Z - Nov 11, 1200Z	OK-OM DX Contest	<a href="http://okomdx.crk.cz">okomdx.crk.cz</a>
Nov 10, 1400Z - Nov 11, 0200Z	Kentucky QSO Party	<a href="http://www.wkdx.com">www.wkdx.com</a>
Nov 10, 1900Z - Nov 12, 0500Z	CQ WE (Western Electric)	<a href="http://cqwe.cboh.org">cqwe.cboh.org</a>
Nov 11, 0000Z - Nov 11, 2359Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
Nov 12, 1800Z - Nov 12, 2000Z	NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc-eu.org/SprintHelp/SprintRules.pdf">naqcc-eu.org/SprintHelp/SprintRules.pdf</a>
Nov 14, 1300Z - See website	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	<a href="http://www.cwops.org/onair.html">www.cwops.org/onair.html</a>
Nov 14, 2000Z - Nov 14, 2100Z	RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/rsprint.shtml">www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/rsprint.shtml</a>
Nov 15, 0130Z - Nov 15, 0330Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
Nov 16, 0215Z - Nov 16, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Nov 16, 1600Z - Nov 16, 2200Z	YO International PSK31 Contest	<a href="http://www.yo5crq.ro/Rules2012EN.htm">www.yo5crq.ro/Rules2012EN.htm</a>
Nov 17, 0000Z - Nov 17, 2400Z	CQ SA SSB Contest	<a href="http://brcontest.com/">brcontest.com/</a>
Nov 17, 1000Z - Nov 18, 1000Z	SARL Field Day Contest	<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za/">www.sarl.org.za/</a>
Nov 17, 1200Z - Nov 18, 1200Z	LZ DX Contest	<a href="http://lzdx.bfra.org">lzdx.bfra.org</a>
Nov 17, 1600Z - Nov 17, 1800Z	Feld-Hell Turkey Shoot Sprint	<a href="http://www.feldhellclub.org">www.feldhellclub.org</a>
Nov 17, 1600Z - Nov 18, 0700Z	All Austria 160 Meter Contest	<a href="http://www.oevsv.at">www.oevsv.at</a>
<b>Nov 17, 2100Z - Nov 19, 0300Z</b>	<b>ARRL November Sweepstakes</b>	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>
Nov 17, 2100Z - Nov 19, 0300Z	Collegiate ARC Championship	<a href="http://www.collegiatechampionship.org">www.collegiatechampionship.org</a>
Nov 17, 2100Z - Nov 18, 0100Z	RSGB Second 1.8MHz Contest	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/">http://www.rsgbcc.org/</a>
Nov 18, 0000Z - Nov 18, 2400Z	EPC PSK63 QSO Party	<a href="http://eu.srars.org/">eu.srars.org/</a>
Nov 18, 1300Z - Nov 18, 1700Z	Homebrew and Oldtime Contest	<a href="http://www.grpcc.de/contestrules/hotr.html">www.grpcc.de/contestrules/hotr.html</a>
Nov 19, 0200Z - Nov 19, 0400Z	Run For the Bacon	<a href="http://www.fpggrp.org">www.fpggrp.org</a>
Nov 23, 0230Z - Nov 23, 0300Z, &	NCCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Nov 28, 1300Z - Nov 28, 1400Z, &	NCCC Sprint	
Nov 28, 1900Z - Nov 28, 2000Z	NCCC Sprint	
Nov 24, 0000Z - Nov 26, 2400Z	CQ World Wide CW Contest	<a href="http://cq-amateur-radio.com">cq-amateur-radio.com</a>
Nov 28, 0000Z - Nov 28, 0200Z	SKCC Straight Key Sprint	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
Nov 29, 0000Z - Nov 29, 0600Z	Top Band Sprint	<a href="http://www.grparci.org/contests">www.grparci.org/contests</a>
Nov 29, 0300Z - Nov 29, 0400Z	CWops Mini-CWT Test	<a href="http://www.cwops.org/onair.html">www.cwops.org/onair.html</a>
Nov 29, 2000Z - Nov 29, 2100Z	RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/rsprint.shtml">www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/rsprint.shtml</a>
Nov 30, 0230Z - Nov 30, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Nov 30, 2200Z - Dec 2, 1600Z	ARRL 160-Meter Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/160-meter">www.arrl.org/160-meter</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>

10/31/2012	2012 Frankenstein Halloween Special Event	
11/01/2012	Music By the Bay	
11/01/2012	Tuckerton Wireless (WSC) 100th Anniversary	
11/03/2012	45N90W (four grid squares in a single contact)	
11/03/2012	Dupont Rescue Experience	
11/03/2012	Radio Central Day	
11/03/2012	Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald (Split Rock Lighthouse)	
11/04/2012	Extra Hour Special Event Station	
11/05/2012	John McCrae House Remembrance Day	
11/07/2012	US Marine Corps Birthday	
11/09/2012	Sinking of Edmund Fitzgerald	
11/09/2012	Stuart Air Show	
11/09/2012	World's Largest Cuckoo Clock/Brick Wall Sculpture Kick-Off	
11/10/2012	Highlands and Islands	
11/10/2012	HMS Surprise	
11/10/2012	Honor US Coast Guard Vets	
11/10/2012	US Veterans Day; US Marine Corp Birthday established 1775	
11/10/2012	Veterans Day	
11/10/2012	Veterans Day SE	
11/10/2012	Veterans Day Special Event Station	
11/10/2012	Veterans Day Triple Event - USMC Birthday, Veterans Day, Loss of 5 Sullivan Brothers	
11/11/2012	USS South Dakota BB57 Veteran's Day Salute!	
11/11/2012	Veterans Day	
11/11/2012	Veterans Day Salute	
11/17/2012	NRA's 141st Birthday party	
11/17/2012	Tuckerton Historical Society 40th Anniversary W2WSC/40	
11/23/2012	Steamship Portland Commemorative Special Event Station	
11/24/2012	17th Annual Radio on the Square	
11/24/2012	Boorman House Christmas Program	
11/24/2012	Ten-Ten International Club Station Special Event	
11/24/2012	The First Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth	



## USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

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**ARRL MAIN SITE**

<http://www.arrl.org/home>

**ARRL ATLANTIC DIVISION**

<http://www.atldiv.org>

**STARS WEBSITE:**

<http://www.wb2elw.com/>

**STARS REFLECTOR:**

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

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# 2013 STARS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Are you a member of ARRL? YES NO

Do you want to receive your Telstar by email? YES NO

**If no, please include \$6 additional to cover the cost of printing and postage.**

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS: Additional names and information:

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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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