

2013 OFFICERS INSTALLED

The December meeting served as the annual dinner for STARS members. In addition to the traditional pizza and wings, there were plenty of desserts of all types. Unused and unclaimed desserts were taken to the Hamburg Public Safety Office, for the enjoyment of the Hamburg dispatchers, as well as the on-duty police officers.

Officers installed were:

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Vice President	John Leitten, KA2RFT
Secretary	Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM
Financial Secretary	Judy Levan, N2TEZ
Treasurer	John Czuba, W2IV
Director (2 years)	Conrad Barrick, KC2WRV
(Continuing his second year as director is Pat Groom, KC2VWG)	

HELP FOR OWNERS OF BAOFENG RADIOS

For several months, **STARS** has raffled off a Baofeng UV-5R portable at each meeting. The units have capabilities that many new owners may not know.

The featured speaker at the January **STARS** meeting will be **Robert Koster, KA2WYE**. He will share his knowledge of the Baofeng unit, and will help others program their units.

If you have one, bring it to the meeting!

FEMA GRANT PROGRESS

As we left this topic last month, the federal government postponed until the end of December their decisions regarding which applicants (including **STARS**) would receive the FEMA grants.

FEMA states that over 2,000 applications had been received, and that more time was needed to properly review them.

Accordingly, their decision is expected within the next several hours.

Stay tuned for further developments!

WIN THIS RADIO



An 8th **BAOFENG UV-5R** portable radio will be raffled off; ticket sales begin at the January 3rd 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
November	Ed Baumeister	KD2CFS
December	Linda Jablonski	KC2YMM

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.

Also, when received via the Internet, you can control-click on anything appearing underlined in blue. Those are hyperlinks that will bring you directly to the mentioned Internet site. This is especially useful in the Contest Calendar section. Those links would have to be copied into your keyboard if you only had a paper/mailed copy. Perfection is necessary during the copying phase.

Finally, each edition of **TELSTAR** has a "Blue and Underlined" box. In that box is a "sample link". If you check those samples, each one will bring you to an entertaining web site, unrelated to ham radio.

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



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!

TOWERS

On December 15th, **Ed & Linda Jablonski, (KC2YMN & KC2YMM)**, sponsored an antenna work party at their home. At the conclusion, two large beam antennas were assembled, and cables were prepared for installation. On a later day, the antennas were mounted to the tower, and the tower was raised to vertical.

At the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse, cable supports were installed, cables were prepared, and the rotor was aligned. Erection is expected soon.

PHOTOS BY LINDA JABLONSKI, KC2YMM.



Keith Patterson, KC2DGC, adjusts the rotor control box.



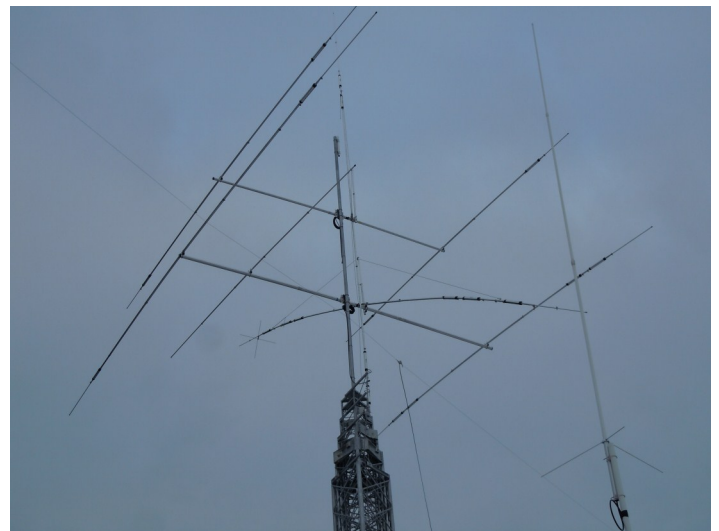
Adjustments are made to the A4S beam antenna.



Son-in-law Bob, & Ed Jablonski, KC2YMN, mount the beams.



L to R: **Tomm Dean, KA2NXY**; **Bob Koster, KA2WYE**; **Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK**; **Ed Jablonski, KC2YMN**; **Chloe Kostek**, granddaughter of Ed & Linda Jablonski; **Steve Piotrowski, AG2AA**; and **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY**. Not in photo: **John DiLivio, K2CF**; and **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**.



The erect Jablonski tower with the four element A4S beam antenna, and the three element beam antenna. Also visible, a vertical 2 meter ground plane, and a half wave long-wire dipole.

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

[\(more info\)](#)

TEN NEW AMATEURS FROM ELMA CLASS

The Elma technician class, sponsored by West Seneca CERT, Elma CERT, and EMPact America, concluded on December 4th. Ten passed the amateur technician license examination:

Brandon Bodkin	KD2DFH
William Hanson	KD2DFI
Gail Kaminski	KD2DFJ
Steven Kondrak	KD2DFK
Carmen LaFalce	KD2DFL
Timothy Lynch	KD2DFM
Michael Pfohl	KD2DFN
Mark Press	KD2DFO
Joseph Sajdak	KD2DFP
Mettieirene Wagner	KD2DFQ

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

VEs were **Jim Starr, N2TFA**; **Ed Patton, N2ING**; **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**; **Tomm Dean, KA2NXY**; **John Czuba, W2IV**; **Shane Brady, WB2WPM**; **Jim Beck, W2SV**; and **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY**.

AREA VE SESSIONS

01/05/2013 [North Tonawanda](#)

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

01/05/2013 [Jamestown](#)

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

01/09/2013 [Canandaigua](#)

Sponsor: SQUAW Island ARC
Location: Ontario Co. Safety Training Facility
 2914 County Road 48
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

01/19/2013 [Hamburg](#)

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



01/27/2013 [Geneseo](#)

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

01/29/2013 [Lancaster](#)

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

[\(click on City for more info\)](#)

HAMFESTS

1/12/2013 [SARC Winterfest 2013](#)

Location: Lovell Field Civic Center
40 West Main Street
Marathon

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Skyline Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.skylineradioclub.org>

1/26/2013 [Lockport ARA's Hamfest](#)

Location: South Lockport Fire Company
Ruhlman Road (corner of Transit Road,
Rte 78)
Lockport

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lockport Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.LockportARA.us>

(control + click on name for detailed information)

NEWSLETTER NAME

In the last issue, we raised the fact that years ago the STARS newsletter was known as TELLSTARS, while today it is known as TELSTAR.

We asked members to let us know which name they preferred. After a month, the voting is now closed.

Here are the results:

Preferring TELLSTARS: 0
Preferring TELSTAR: 0

The newsletter name will remain unchanged.

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

Skyline Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 5241, Cortland NY 13045
k2iwr@arrr.net
<http://www.skylineradioclub.org>



Skyline Amateur Radio Club Presents The Annual January Winterfest 2013

- Where: Marathon Civic Center, Marathon NY
- When: January 12, 2013
- Time: 7am-12pm / Setup: 6am on Hamfest Day or 5pm-8pm on Jan. 11
- Talk-in: 147.180(+ .600)
- Table Reservations / Info: Patrick Dunn – kc2bqz@gmail.com

- Features:
- VE session
- Indoor Tables
- FREE COFFEE!!
- Prizes
- Amateur Fellowship
- and more.....

visit the first hamfest of the year. The icebreaker event continues for 2013 For over 16 years the SARC Winterfest is one of the most popular hamfests of the year.

Travel Directions / Other Information: <http://www.skylineradioclub.org>

Skyline Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 5241
Cortland, NY 13045
email: kc2bqz@gmail.com
web: <http://www.skylineradioclub.org>
[facebook.com/skylineradioclub](https://www.facebook.com/skylineradioclub)

SARC January Winterfest 2013



52nd Annual Winter Hamfest



* come to one of the areas longest running Winter Hamfests. *

**Saturday January 26th, 2013
8:00 am until Noon**

Vendor setup 7:00 am

South Lockport Fire Co. ~ 5666 South Transit Rd.

Lockport NY



General Admission \$5.00

EVENT Door Prizes

> You Do Not Need To Be Present to Win <

- 2013 ARRL Local Weather Monitor Set
- Weather Alert MFG FT4500B
- 2013 Testek 200W PFM4000 VGS85
- MFG FT4500B

For More Information contact: Gary Smith
gsmith@juno.com / 716-433-3132

Table Reservations
Must Be Paid In Advance

Make checks Payable To: L. A. R. A.
send table reservation & payment to
850 Willow St., Lockport NY 14094



BREAK OUT OF THE WINTER DOLDRUMS

Join us and find that great deal and meet up with old friends.

Breakfast & Lunch Snacks,
Soda & Coffee

Will be available for Purchase

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
EMAIL: _____
FIRST TABLES: x1 1st Table \$10.00 (includes 1 admission)
ADDITIONAL TABLES: _____ Additional Tables \$5.00

CONTEST CALENDAR

Start and Finish

Contest Title

Sponsor's Website

Jan 1, 0000Z - Jan 1, 2400Z	ARRL Straight Key Night	www.arrl.org/straight-key-night
Jan 1, 0000Z - Jan 1, 0100Z	New Years Snowball Contest	http://ev5agb.com/index.htm
Jan 1, 0800Z - Jan 1, 1100Z	SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	www.sartg.com
Jan 1, 0900Z - Jan 1, 1200Z	AGCW Happy New Year Contest	www.agcw.de/en/?Contests_and_CW-activities
Jan 1, 1400Z - Jan 1, 1800Z	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	www.agcw.de/en/?Contests_and_CW-activities
Jan 2, 0200Z - Jan 2, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Jan 4, 0200Z - Jan 4, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Jan 4, 0200Z - Jan 4, 0300Z	SNS and NS Weekly Sprints	www.ncccsprint.com
Jan 4, 0230Z - Jan 4, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Jan 5, 0000Z - Jan 5, 2400Z	070 PSKFest	www.podxs070.com
Jan 5, 1500Z - Jan 5, 1800Z	QRP Pet Rock Sprint	www.qrparci.org/contests
Jan 5, 1800Z - Jan 6, 2400Z	ARRL RTTY Roundup	www.arrl.org/contests
Jan 5, 2000Z - Jan 5, 2300Z and	EUCW 160m Contest	www.agcw.de/eucw/eu160.html
Jan 6, 0400Z - Jan 6, 0700Z		
Jan 6, 1800Z - Jan 6, 2400Z	Kids Day	www.arrl.org/kids-day
Jan 7, 1600Z - Jan 7, See web	OK1WC Memorial Contest	www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc
Jan 8, 0200Z - Jan 8, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	www.arsqr.blogspot.com
Jan 9, 0200Z - Jan 9, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Jan 9, 1300Z - Jan 9, See web	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	www.cwops.org/onair.html
Jan 11, 0200Z - Jan 11, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Jan 11, 0230Z - Jan 11, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Jan 12, 0000Z - Jan 13, 2400Z	Hunting Lions in the Air Contest	http://lionshuntingintheair.lionwap.org/
Jan 12, 1200Z - Jan 13, 2359Z	MI QRP Club Jan QRP Contest	www.miqrp.org
Jan 12, 1200Z - Jan 13, 1200Z	WW Peace Messenger Cities	www.s59dcd.si/en10/
Jan 12, 1200Z - Jan 13, 1200Z	UK DX RTTY Contest	www.ukdx.srars.org
Jan 12, 1800Z - Jan 13, 0600Z	North American QSO Party	www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php
Jan 12, 2000Z - Jan 12, See web	EUCW 160 Meter Contest	www.uft.net
Jan 13, 0000Z - Jan 13, 2400Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	www.skccgroup.com/
Jan 13, 0630Z - Jan 13, 0830Z	NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	www.sk3bg.se/contest/nrau.htm
Jan 13, 0900Z - Jan 13, 1100Z	NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	www.sk3bg.se/contest/nrau.htm
Jan 13, 0900Z - Jan 13, 1059Z	DARC 10 Meter Contest	www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest
Jan 13, 1000Z - Jan 13, 1400Z	Midwinter Contest	http://midwintercontest.veron.nl/contest_mw_eng.htm
Jan 14, 1800Z - Jan 14, 2000Z	NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	http://naqcc-eu.org/
Jan 16, 0200Z - Jan 16, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Jan 16, 2300Z - Jan 17, See web	Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest	www.antiquewireless.org
Jan 17, 0130Z - Jan 17, 0330Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	http://naqcc.info
Jan 17, 0200Z - Jan 17, 0256Z	Locust QSO Party	www.k6vva.com/lqp
Jan 18, 0200Z - Jan 18, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Jan 18, 0230Z - Jan 18, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Jan 19, 0000Z - Jan 19, 0400Z	LZ Open Contest	www.lzopen.com
Jan 19, 0000Z - Jan 20, 2359Z	YLISSB QSO Party	www.ylssystem.org
Jan 19, 0600Z - Jan 19, 1400Z	International United Teenager Contest	http://ur4nww.narod.ru/documents/pdf/CQUTContest_2013A.pdf
Jan 19, 1200Z - Jan 20, 1200Z	Hungarian HA DX Contest	www.ha-dx.com/HADX/html/rules_en.html
Jan 19, 1600Z - Jan 19, 1800Z	Feld Hell Gridloc Sprint	www.feldhellclub.org
Jan 19, 1800Z - Jan 20, 0600Z	North American QSO Party	www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php
Jan 19, 1900Z - Jan 21, 0400Z	ARRL January VHF Contest	www.arrl.org/contests
Jan 21, 0200Z - Jan 21, 0400Z	Run For the Bacon	www.fqgrp.org
Jan 23, 0200Z - Jan 23, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Jan 25, 0130Z - Jan 25, 0330Z	NAQCC Special 160M Sprint	http://naqcc.info
Jan 25, 0200Z - Jan 25, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Jan 25, 0230Z - Jan 25, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Jan 25, 2200Z - Jan 27, 2200Z	CQ WW 160 Meter Contest	www.cq160.com
Jan 26, 0600Z - Jan 27, 1800Z	REF French Contest	http://concours.ref-union.org/contest
Jan 26, 1200Z - Jan 27, 1200Z	BARTG RTTY Contest	www.bartg.org.uk
Jan 26, 1300Z - Jan 27, 1300Z	UBA Contest	www.uba.be/hf/contest-rules
Jan 26, 1700Z - Jan 27, 1700Z	Winter Field Day	www.spar-hams.org
Jan 27, 2000Z - Jan 27, 2359Z	QRP Winter Fireside SSB Sprint	www.qrparci.org/contests
Jan 27, 1900Z - Jan 28, 2300Z	WAB Top Band Phone Contest	www.worked-all-britain.co.uk/contest
Jan 27, 1400Z - Jan 28, 0800Z	Classic Exchange	www.classicexchange.org
Jan 30, 0200Z - Jan 30, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm



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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>

01/01/2013	72 Rag Chew New Years Day Special Event	
01/01/2013	Ham Radio University/NLI Section Convention	
01/01/2013	SKCC 7th Anniversary	
01/04/2013	Sam Rayburn Birthday Memorial	
01/05/2013	Eagle Watch on The Mississippi	
01/06/2013	ARRL Kids Day	
01/12/2013	ARRL Puerto Rico State Convention	
01/12/2013	State of Florida 175th Constitution Convention Commemorative Special Event	
01/12/2013	USS NAUTILUS first ship underway on nuclear power 1954; U.S. Seal Teams established 1962.	
01/14/2013	Inauguration of Barack Obama	
01/23/2013	Stratford Academy Radio Days	
01/26/2013	2013 Kansas Day at Santa Fe Trail Stage Coach Stop	
01/26/2013	Commemoration of Ohio Blizzard of '78	
01/26/2013	Hot Rods to Hell 46 Filming Anniversary	
		

USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

(control + click to use link)

ARRL MAIN SITE:	http://www.arrl.org/home
ARRL ATLANTIC DIV.:	http://www.atldiv.org
CONTESTS:	http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar
	http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/perpetualcal.php
HAMFESTS:	http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar
STARS WEBSITE:	http://www.wb2elw.com/
STARS REFLECTOR:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STARS-WB2ELW/
TELSTAR EDITOR:	wb2elw@verizon.net

2013 STARS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

CALL SIGN _____ LICENSE CLASS _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ BIRTHDAY (Month/Date) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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:

CALL SIGN _____ NAME _____

CLASS _____ BIRTHDAY (Month/Date) _____

CALL SIGN _____ NAME _____

CLASS _____ BIRTHDAY (Month/Date) _____

CALL SIGN _____ NAME _____

CLASS _____ BIRTHDAY (Month/Date) _____

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:

JUDY LEVAN N2TEZ Signatu
120 UNIVERSITY BLVD
DEPEW NY 14043-2874