

STARS TO CONDUCT RADIO CLASSES

The **STARS** instructor team will be very busy this year. First on the schedule will be a technician license class, sponsored by EMPact America, to be held at their site, 7615 Seneca Street in Elma. This class will be held on 4 Saturday mornings, from 9:00 AM until 1:30 PM, beginning on April 6th. Early registration is encouraged, as this class has received plenty of publicity. This class will be under the direction of **Keith Patterson, KC2DGC**.

A second class will cover material for licensure for general amateur operators. Sponsored by **STARS**, plans are to conduct it on Thursday evenings, at the STARS Nike Base Station. The class is expected to commence after Easter, and will be led by **Ed Patton, N2ING**.

Also, we would like to know if there is interest in an amateur extra class. If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the following, as appropriate:

Technician Class:

www.preparehub.org/radioclass

General Class: (send message to)

wb2elw@verizon.net

Extra Class: (send message to)

wb2elw@verizon.net

CIVIL WAR COMING

Joanne Burris will speak about the Civil War at the March **STARS** meeting.

A "story teller in the old tradition", she seeks the listener's imagination to see the events of the times through the eyes of those who were there.

FEMA GRANT PROGRESS

As we left this topic last month, it was unknown when the federal government's decision would be made. No change to this information has occurred.

Accordingly, stay tuned for further developments on these grant awards!

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
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Secretary	Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM
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Clubhouse Chair	Pat Groom, KC2VWG
Telstar Editor	Tomm Dean, KA2NXY
Webmaster	Marc Fruth, N2UBT

WE GOOFED (NOT!)

Despite sending out over 100 issues of the newsletter last month, no one brought any mistakes to our attention.

We take pride in getting things right, and encourage readers to notify us about any errors. We will then set the record straight in the following issue.

If ewe sea sum thing wee did knot get rite, lettuce no.

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BLUE AND UNDERLINED

When you see something in **TELSTAR** in blue letters and underlined, that means it is an Internet link. Hold the "Control" key and click on it to open a link to an Internet site.

(control + click) → [sample link](#)

TOWER PROGRESS

Last month, we reported that a new top section was discovered at the Nike Base Radio Station as Board members left their monthly meeting.

Days later, the Town called Vice President **John Leitten, KA2RFT**, to report the new section they delivered was missing!

Unbeknownst to the Town, the new section had been moved inside the Clubhouse for safe-keeping and further preparation.

Needless to say, its presence inside the Clubhouse has cramped the interior space. If you come to the Clubhouse, use caution around the tower, as some drips from the coating have created a sharp saw-like edge.

STARS MEETINGS

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

The next meeting is March 7th, at 7:00 PM, at the Hamburg Youth Center.

All are welcome,

The STARS board usually meets at 7:00 PM on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse. This month's meeting will take place on March 28th.

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

SKYWARN TRAINING

What is **SKYWARN**?

SKYWARN is a volunteer network of persons willing to observe and report specific weather conditions to the National Weather Service. While radar provides an invaluable tool for monitoring weather conditions, human eyes can fill in the details that radar cannot display.

To become a **SKYWARN** volunteer, one must attend at least one training class every three years. **SKYWARN** volunteers are issued an identification card for use during serious weather conditions.

Amateur radio operators are valuable **SKYWARN** volunteers, as the National Weather Service often uses



amateur radio equipment to receive reports from field observers.

Upcoming training is listed in the table below. For more information, and to register for a training session, use this link:

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

(control + click on above link for the NWS)

DATE	TIME	COUNTY	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION
March 5, 2013	7PM	Erie	Lancaster Lancaster Office of Emergency Mgmt 321 Columbia Ave	Lancaster Amateur Radio Club
March 7, 2013	7PM	Ontario	Canandaigua Ontario County Safety Training Facility 2914 County Rd 48	Ontario County Office of Emergency Management
March 20, 2013	7PM	Oswego	Fulton Oswego County Office of Emergency Mgmt 200 North 2nd Street	Oswego County RACES
March 20, 2013	7PM	Erie	Kenmore Kenmore West High School 33 Highland Parkway	ARATS
March 25, 2013	7:30PM	Chautauqua	Jamestown WCA Hospital 207 Foote Ave	CCAFMA
April 13, 2013	9AM	Monroe	Rochester Public Safety Training Center, Room 105 1190 Scottsville Road	Monroe County Office of Emergency Management
April 15, 2013	6PM	Monroe	Rochester Public Safety Training Center, Room 109 1190 Scottsville Road	Monroe County Office of Emergency Management
April 25, 2013	7PM	Erie	Cheektowaga Erie County Fire Training Academy 3359 Broadway	Erie County SMART
May 7, 2013	7PM	Niagara	North Tonawanda North Tonawanda Fire Department 495 Zimmerman St	North Tonawanda Fire/Police

MUG FOR THE CAMERA

Did you know that **STARS** has an official mug? How many do you have? What!? You don't own one?

Well, you must really be wet behind the ears.

Back by popular demand, official **STARS** mugs will be on sale at the March meeting. For a bargain price of \$5, you can own your own mug. But wait, for a limited time, these mugs will also be on sale at the rate of 2 for \$10. So, come to the March meeting and these mugs will be available for sale. Hurry, for when these mugs sell out, they are gone!

Use them for your favorite hot or cold beverage. The opaque sides of the mug are great for hiding those annoying pulp-like foreign bodies floating around in your orange juice. Or, you can use them as mini-planters for those small flowers you adore. Or, get two and use them in your radio shack. One for each ear will keep unwanted lid noises from entering your body.

Best of all, you can use a **STARS** mug for those special large shots you enjoy after a hard day. Buy now and enjoy a "mug shot" tonight. (Shots not provided with mug sales.)

(Void where prohibited, as per local custom. Mug not suitable for molten lava containment.)

WANTED: YOU !

Clubhouse Chairman **Patrick Groom KC2VWG**, has been charged with the responsibility of forming a team to redesign and tidy up the Nike Base Clubhouse Station.

If you can help Pat with this project, contact him at:

pgroom@verizon.net



REPORTERS WANTED

Is there an area of amateur radio you would like to see addressed in **TELSTAR**? We are seeking reporters to write columns on a regular basis.

If you have an affinity for and knowledge of particular subject areas within amateur radio, your services are requested as a regular columnist.

Topics could include contesting, digital modes, emergency service, equipment review, antenna issues, satellite communications, regulation/legal issues, or any of a number of other areas.

Interested? Contact us at: wb2elw@verizon.net.



Dayton Hamvention® 2013

"DX Hamvention"

May 17-19, 2013

Nearly 25,000 attended Hamvention® 2012.

(Check out the [2012 Hamvention Radio Ad](#))

Internet site for the Hamvention:

<http://www.hamvention.org/>

For a complete up-to-date listing of all Inside Exhibitors and Flea Market Vendors, please visit our friends at

PCBoard.ca



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'S HONORED

STARS Volunteer Examiners (VE's) were recognized at the February meeting and awarded certificates of appreciation for examinations worked in 2012.

Matthew "Jim" Starr	N2TFA	7
Conrad Barrick	KC2WRY	6
John Czuba	W2IV	6
Linda Jablonski	KC2YMM	5
Jay Clark	KF2JY	4
Scott Barto	KB2KOL	3
Edward Patton	N2ING	3
Edward Jablonski	KC2YMN	2
Shane Brady	WB2WPM	2
James Beck	W2SV	1
John Crawford Sr	KB2VWC	1
Anne Fanelli	WI2G	1
Thomas Dean	KA2NXY	8

Certificate of Appreciation



This certificate is awarded to
Matthew "Jim" Starr
N2TFA

in recognition of valuable contributions to
STARS as a Volunteer Examiner
for 8 sessions during 2012.

South Towns Amateur Radio Society

Thomas Dean, KA2NXY 2/7/13
Kenneth Pokigo, KA2AYK 2/7/13

AREA VE SESSIONS

03/13/2013 [Canandaigua](#)

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

03/16/2013 [Erie PA](#)

Sponsor: Wattsburg Wireless Association
Location: Greene Twnshp Mun Bldg Rm 107
9333 Tate Road
(use district justice entrance)
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

03/16/2013 [Hamburg](#)

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



03/16/2013 [Rochester NY](#)

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

03/24/2013 [Geneseo](#)

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

03/26/2013 [Lancaster](#)

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

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

CONTEST CALENDAR

Start and Finish	Contest Title	Sponsor's Website
Mar 1, 0200Z - Mar 1, 0300Z	NS/NCCC Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Mar 1, 0200Z - Mar 1, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 2, 0000Z - Mar 3, 2400Z	ARRL Int'l Phone DX Contest	www.arrl.org/contests
Mar 2, 0600Z - see website	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	grp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-eng
Mar 2, 2000Z - see website	Open Ukraine RTTY Championship	uarl.com.ua/openrtty
Mar 3, 1100Z - Mar 3, 1700Z	DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	www.darc.de/
Mar 4, 1600Z - see website	OK1WC Memorial Contest	www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc
Mar 3, 1200Z - Mar 3, 1400Z	SARL Hamnet 40m Sim. Emrg Contest	www.sarl.org.za/
Mar 4, 2000Z - Mar 4, 2130Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/r80mcc.shtml
Mar 5, 0200Z - Mar 5, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	www.arsqrp.blogspot.com
Mar 5, 1900Z - Mar 5, 2100Z	YL CW Party	www.agcw.de
Mar 6, 0200Z - Mar 6, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 6, 2300Z - see website	John Rollins Memorial DX Contest	www.antiquewireless.org
Mar 8, 0200Z - Mar 8, 0330Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 8, 0230Z - Mar 8, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Mar 9, 1000Z - Mar 10, 1000Z	RSGB Commonwealth Contest	www.rsgbcc.org
Mar 9, 1400Z - Mar 9, 2000Z	AGCW QRP Contest	www.agcw.de
Mar 9, 1500Z - Mar 9, 1800Z	QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint	www.qrparci.org/contests
Mar 9, 1600Z - Mar 10, 1600Z	EA PSK63 Contest	www.ure.es
Mar 9, 1900Z - Mar 10, 1900Z	Idaho QSO Party	www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty
Mar 10, 0000Z - Mar 10, 0400Z	North American RTTY Sprint	www.ncjweb.com
Mar 10, 1800Z - Mar 11, 0100Z	Wisconsin QSO Party	www.warac.org
Mar 13, 0100Z - Mar 13, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 13, 1100Z - see website	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	www.cwops.org/onair.html
Mar 13, 1800Z - Mar 13, 2000Z	NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	naqcc-eu.org/sprints/rules/current.pdf
Mar 13, 2000Z - Mar 13, 2130Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/r80mcc.shtml
Mar 15, 0100Z - Mar 15, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 15, 0230Z - Mar 15, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Mar 16, 12 PM - Mar 16, 2 PM	Feld-Hell St Patrick's Day Sprint	www.feldhellclub.org
Mar 16, 0000Z - Mar 17, 2400Z	Worldwide EME Contest	www.dubus.org
Mar 16, 0200Z - Mar 18, 0200Z	BARTG HF RTTY Contest	www.bartg.org.uk
Mar 16, 1000Z - Mar 17, 1000Z	SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Dig. Contest	www.sarl.org.za/
Mar 16, 1200Z - Mar 17, 1200Z	Russian DX Contest	www.rdxcc.org
Mar 16, 1300Z - see website	Oklahoma QSO Party	www.k5cm.com/okqp.htm
Mar 16, 1400Z - see website	Virginia QSO Party	www.gsl.net/sterling
Mar 16, 1400Z - see website	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	www.agcw.org/en/
Mar 16, 1800Z - Mar 16, 1800Z	QCWA Spring QSO Party	www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm
Mar 17, 0000Z - Mar 17, 0400Z	North American Sprint	www.ncjweb.com
Mar 18, 0200Z - Mar 18, 0400Z	Run For the Bacon	www.fpgrp.org
Mar 19, 1700Z - see website	CLARA and Family HF Contest	www.clarayl.ca
Mar 20, 0100Z - Mar 20, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 21, 0030Z - Mar 21, 0230Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	naqcc.info
Mar 21, 2000Z - Mar 21, 2130Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/r80mcc.shtml
Mar 22, 0100Z - Mar 22, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 22, 0230Z - Mar 22, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Mar 23, 0000Z - Mar 23, 2359Z	FOC QSO Party	www.g4foc.org
Mar 23, 0001Z - Mar 30, 2359Z	Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party	arlhs.com
Mar 23, 1800Z - Mar 24, 2359Z	Alaska QSO Party	www.k17yk.us/akqso.htm
Mar 27, 0100Z - Mar 27, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 27, 1300Z - see website	CWops Mini-CWT Test	www.cwops.org/onair.html
Mar 29, 0100Z - Mar 29, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Mar 29, 0230Z - Mar 29, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Mar 30, 0000Z - Mar 31, 2400Z	CQ WPX SSB Contest	www.cqwpix.com




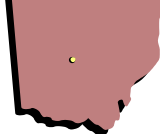
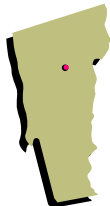


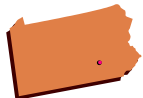






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For more information on contests: <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

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

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| 03/01/2013 | Showboat Branson Belle |  |  |  |
| 03/02/2013 | 210 Anniversary of Ohio Statehood | | | |
| 03/02/2013 | 222 Year Anniversary of Vermont Statehood | | | |
| 03/08/2013 | National American Red Cross Month Special Event Station |  | | |
| 03/09/2013 | 60th Anniversary of the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club & Nebraska State ARRL Convention | | | |
| 03/09/2013 | Navy Seabees Birthday, Girl Scouts of America Founded 1912 | | |  |
| 03/09/2013 | Pennsylvania Charter Day |  |  | |
| 03/10/2013 | Lost Hour Special Event Station | | | |
| 03/15/2013 | 264th Anniversary of the Founding of Goliad | | | |
| 03/15/2013 | Commemoration of the 94th Birthday of The American Legion |  | | |
| 03/15/2013 | Louisiana Nursery Festival Special Event | | | |
| 03/16/2013 | 31st Annual Cherry Blossom Festival | | | |
| 03/16/2013 | Battle of Guilford Courthouse Commemoration - Greensboro, North Carolina | | | |
| 03/16/2013 | Celebrate Wellington! | | | |
| 03/18/2013 | Omagh St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival |  | |  |
| 03/23/2013 | GMC Motorhome Rally | | | |
| 03/23/2013 | Ponce de Leon 500th Anniversary and 2013 Charlotte County Air Show | | | |
| 03/23/2013 | The Burning of Bluffton - 1863 | |  | |
| 03/24/2013 | Chalbury Shutter Telegraph Over 200 Years | | | |
| 03/30/2013 | Amateur Radio Lighthouse Spring QSO Party |  | | |

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