

## STARS FEATURED IN FIELD DAY VIDEO

This past Field Day, **STARS** operated station WB2ELW from the Nike Base Clubhouse location. Members **Scott Barto, KB2KOL** and **Don Niles, K2PMC** brought to our attention that operation of the **STARS** station is featured in an Internet piece compiled by

"radioamateurlogbook". The item features **Scott Barto, KB2KOL** at the controls. To see this video, control+click on the icon to the left.



As Scott says, he was parked on a frequency in the 80 meter band. One station tried to "steal the frequency", without success. If you check the noise level, it is sitting at "S5". Also, if you notice, all the stations he was working are barely readable with the one exception of a loud VE3, while our signal ranges from 18 - 24db above the noise. We suspect the video was made by a "VE3", but we can't say for sure.

## PICNIC AND MEETING SET FOR AUGUST 1st

The August meeting of **STARS** will take place on August 1st, at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse, 2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg. The Clubhouse is located just west of the Hamburg Town Arena, and is sporting a new antenna tower. The meeting will be short, to allow the annual picnic to take place at the conclusion of the meeting.

Members are encouraged to bring their families and friends to the picnic.

**STARS** will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, soda pop, and water. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass among the picnic celebrants. Side dishes and "munchies" are sought. Also, bring your lawn chairs and other picnic accessories.



Four tickets must be sold before the slightly used laptop computer is raffled off. Raffle tickets will also be available for movie passes, dinner certificates, as well as the 50/50 drawing.

## CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Vice President	John Leitten, KA2RFT
Secretary	Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM
Financial Sec'y	Judy Levan, N2TEZ
Treasurer	John Czuba, W2IV
Director (1 yr.)	Pat Groom, KC2VWG
Director (2 yr.)	Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY
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Clubhouse Chair	Pat Groom, KC2VWG
Telstar Editor	Tomm Dean, KA2NXY
Webmaster	Greg Hoerner, KD2DJV

## WE GOOFED

The last issue omitted a name in the article on those providing a major contribution to the tower project.

**Ed Patton, N2ING** secured the crane service that hoisted the tower into place on the concrete base.

In the last issue, an incorrect call sign was listed for **Ken Pokigo**. His correct call sign is **KC2AYK**. Thanx to **Scott Barto, KB2KOL** for letting us know.

If something is not right, let us know:

[wb2elw@verizon.net](mailto:wb2elw@verizon.net)

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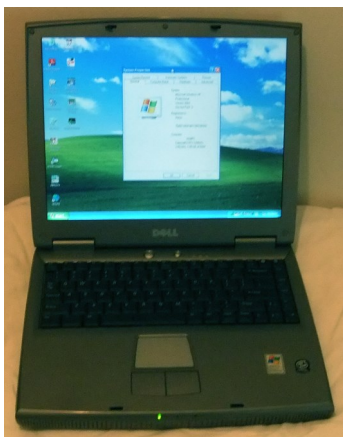
When you see something in **TELSTAR** in blue letters and underlined, that means it is an Internet link. Hold the "Control" key and click on the link to open.

*Try it!*      ➡      [sample link](#) (control + click)

## LAPTOP FOR RAFFLE

Four remaining raffle tickets for a used Dell Inspiron 1150 will be sold at the August meeting. The laptop has a Celoron 2.6 Ghz. processor, 1 gigabyte memory, 30 gigabytes hard drive, Windows XP Pro SP3 installed, a fan temperature control driver, a battery for about 2 hours of service, a new AC jack and an AC charger.

Amateur software is already installed, including Morse Runner, Gray Line, N1MM, MMSSTV, WSJT6, TLW3, HRD, & Digital Master.



## 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.

**However, the August meeting will be combined with the annual picnic on August 1 at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse, 2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg.**

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 August 22nd.

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

## RESONANT PRETZELS

For Field Day, **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**, brought some wonderful pretzels to the Clubhouse. It seems they sure resonated with the members, as they have asked for the recipe. She has agreed to share it!

### Ingredients

**3 lbs Pretzels**—(Sam's Club has pretzels in a case of 6 one pound bags.)

**1 pkg Ranch dressing**—(Instead of paying big bucks for a little package, I use the Hidden Valley original seasoning and salad dressing mix, which I buy at BJ's; and use 3 tablespoons, which is equivalent to 1 package.)

**8 oz. Orville Redenbacher Popcorn Oil**—(I buy this at Walmart in a 16 ounce bottle; I use half.)

**2 tbl. Garlic Powder**—(I like using the garlic powder with parsley.)

**2 tbl. Dill Weed**—(I buy this at Lutz Bulk Food store in Warsaw. This seasoning is costly in our food stores.)

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Do not use a plastic bag (everything will stick to the bag).

Enjoy!

## AIRCRAFT HITS FOUR BUILDINGS

This is tough to see. It just shows the dangers of attending these events.

Amazing photo below shows great detail. The pilot at low level had no control over his aircraft. It narrowly missed a crowd gathered for the air show and slammed into four buildings. One can only imagine the horror of the occupants inside those buildings.

No one on the ground was killed, but it probably scared the crap out of them. **SEE PHOTO ON PAGE 5**

## WIRE FOR SALE

**John Leitten, KA2RFT**, recently bought some insulated stranded wire at a garage sale.

The wire is about 1/2 inch in diameter, made of 133 strands of #22 gauge wire, and is very flexible. It is listed as military grade number 4 wire, .

The wire would be great for station or tower grounding. It could also make a set of jumper cables.

The wire will be for sale at the July 11th meeting for \$0.50 per foot.

Once the cost of the purchase has been recovered, all further sales will go to the **STARS** treasury.

## CHINESE AUCTION

Plans are being made for a Chinese Auction this October.

Members are invited to consider donating good amateur equipment to the Club for inclusion in the auction.

Please, no "junk"! All items will be subject to review for acceptance.

## LEARN TO FISH FOR FREE—AUGUST 10TH

[EMPact America](#) is sponsoring a fishing clinic at Chestnut Ridge Park on Saturday, August 10th.

Fishing gear and bait will be available, as experts will cover casting, knot tying, basic tackle techniques, baiting hooks, fish identification, fish ethics, cleaning and cooking.

This is a free event.

Register at [FishNY.com](http://FishNY.com), or call Michelle McCulloch at 716 435-7873 for further information.

## STARS VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAM

As a public service, **STARS** has an active Volunteer Examiner (VE) team. Unpaid, these "Men (and women) in Black" run the examination sessions for federal amateur operator licenses. Direction is provided by the American Radio Relay League's (ARRL) Volunteer Examiner Coordinator office.

Exam night duties include checking identification of candidates, verifying existing license information, collection of designated examination fees, distribution and collection of testing materials, grading of examination papers, and notification of candidates of their passing/failing status. In addition, the team completes a package of paperwork for submission to the appropriate authorities.

This past year, any VE appearing for a **STARS** exam session received a black ARRL VE polo shirt (hence the name "Men (and women) in Black").

To date, about 15 STARS members are part of the VE team.

The photo below, by **Robert Koster, KA2WYE**, was taken at the conclusion of the 2013 Elma Technician class. In the front row from left to right, **Jim Starr, N2TFA**; **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**; and **Shane Brady, WB2WPM**. In the rear row from left to right, **Ed Patton, N2ING**; **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY**; **Tomm Dean, KA2NXY**; and **John Czuba, W2IV**.



## TOWER AVAILABLE

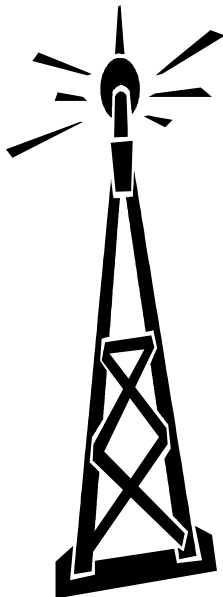
A while ago, Tim Mesch bought new property. Included with that property was a 100 foot Rohn antenna tower.

Tim is not a radio operator and does not need or want the tower.

If you are interested in this tower, contact him for further details:

**Tim Mesch**  
 10100 Peck Hill Road  
 Perrysburg, NY 14129-9701

716 229-1558



## HAMFESTS

08/17/2013 [KLARA Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Howard Community Building  
 7481 Hopkins Road  
 Howard, NY

**Sponsor:** Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** [www.klara.us/](http://www.klara.us/)

08/20/2013 [Warren Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Trumbull County Fairgrounds  
 899 Everett-Hull Road  
 Cortland, OH 44410

**Sponsor:** Warren Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** <http://warrenhamfest.blogspot.com/>

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## CB MOBILE ANTENNA

Does anyone have a old used CB mobile antenna with which they are willing to part? It's for my friend's son. If he wants to go further into ham, we will know. This is just to get his feet wet. He's got a wire for an antenna which I know isn't doing his finals any good. I'm giving him a nice CB I got from a buddy and if he handles that well, I might invest in a 2 meter unit. I want to see if the interest he has lasts.

**Dave, K64LQT**

Email: [bearsnack009@verizon.net](mailto:bearsnack009@verizon.net)

## NEW ICOM SITE

**Bob Koster, KA2WYE**, brought to our attention a new Internet site from ICOM America. The site address is [www.hamstudy.org](http://www.hamstudy.org).

Free, the site covers the basics of ham radio along with specifics on what is needed to pass the various license tests, general, technician or amateur extra.

## TESTING NEEDS

- Legal photo ID (a driver's license is excellent!)
- 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 GENERALS FROM ELMA CLASS

The Elma general class, sponsored by STARS, and [:EMPact America](#), concluded on July 25th. Six passed the amateur general license examination that evening. Also, two took the "early bird special" exam the preceding Saturday. The new generals include:

Nicholas Cinelli	KD2BZY
Patrick Groom	KC2VWG
Homer Harshberger, Jr	KD2AID
Franklin Tyx	KB2ADN
Michael Vogel	KD2DSM
Thomas Winters	KD2CHX

One new general did not last long. After passing the general exam, he took less than an hour to pass the extra exam. Congratulations to the new extra:

Patrick Groom	KC2VWG
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In addition, one candidate will test at a later date.

Led by Ed Patton, N2ING, the instructors included Tomm Dean, KA2NXY and Bob Koster, KA2WYE.

VEs were Jim Starr, N2TFA; Ed Patton, N2ING; Tomm Dean, and Jim Beck, W2SV; with Jay Clark, KF2JY serving "on call".

## AREA VE SESSIONS

### 08/03/2013 [Jamestown](#)

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

### 08/14/2013 [Niagara Falls](#)

Sponsor: Niagara Radio Club, Inc.  
 Location: Venture Forthe, Inc.  
 3900 Packard Road  
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

### 08/17/2013 [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)

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## VE SESSION RESULTS

STARS conducted an examination session on July 20, 2013. Two "early bird" candidates from the Elma general class showed. Both passed their general exams.

Michael Vogel	KD2DSM
Thomas Winters	KD2CHX

Also, the exam for the general class on July 25th was open to any candidate. One general appeared and passed the upgrade exam for amateur extra:

Brad Feltz	N2DNR
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Volunteer Examiners included Shane Brady, WB2WPM; Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY; Tomm Dean, KA2NXY; Ed Patton, N2ING; and Jim Starr, N2TFA; with Jay Clark, KF2JY serving "on call".

Congratulations to all three amateurs.

# CONTEST CALENDAR



Start and Finish	Contest Title	Sponsor's Website
Aug 2, 0100Z - Aug 2, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	<a href="http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm">www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm</a>
Aug 2, 0230Z - Aug 2, 0300Z	NS Weekly Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com">www.ncccsprint.com</a>
Aug 3, 0000Z - Aug 5, 2359Z	Int'l Lighthouse-Lightship Contest	<a href="http://illw.org">illw.org</a>
Aug 3, 0000Z - Aug 3, 2359Z	TARA Grid Dip Shindig	<a href="http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_grid_rules.html">www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_grid_rules.html</a>
Aug 3, 0001Z - Aug 4, 2359Z	10-10 Summer Phone QSO Party	<a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>
Aug 3, 1200Z - Aug 3, 2359Z	European HF Championship	<a href="http://lea.hamradio.si/~scc/euhf/euhfc.htm">lea.hamradio.si/~scc/euhf/euhfc.htm</a>
Aug 3, 1800Z - Aug 4, 1800Z	ARRL UHF Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>
Aug 3, 1800Z - Aug 4, 0600Z	North American QSO Party	<a href="http://ncjweb.com">ncjweb.com</a>
Aug 4, 0700Z - Aug 4, 0830Z	RSGB RoPoCo CW	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/rropoco.shtml">www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/rropoco.shtml</a>
Aug 4, 1300Z - Aug 4, 1630Z	South Africa DX SSB Contest	<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za">www.sarl.org.za</a>
Aug 5, 1600Z - See website	OK1WC Memorial Contest	<a href="http://www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc">www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc</a>
Aug 6, 0100Z - Aug 6, 0300Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	<a href="http://www.arsgrp.blogspot.com/">www.arsgrp.blogspot.com/</a>
Aug 9, 0100Z - Aug 9, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	<a href="http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm">www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm</a>
Aug 9, 0230Z - Aug 9, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Aug 10, 0000Z - Aug 11, 2359Z	Worked All Europe	<a href="http://www.waedc.de">www.waedc.de</a>
Aug 10, 1200Z - Aug 11, 2359Z	Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
Aug 10, 1600Z - See website	Maryland-DC QSO Party	<a href="http://mdcqsoparty.w3vpr.org">mdcqsoparty.w3vpr.org</a>
Aug 10, 2000Z - Aug 10, 2400Z	Fall VHF Sprint - 50 MHz	<a href="http://www.svhfs.org">www.svhfs.org</a>
Aug 11, 1700Z - Aug 11, 2100Z	NJQRP Skeeter Hunt	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w2lj">www.qsl.net/w2lj</a>
Aug 14, 0030Z - Aug 15, 0230Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
Aug 14, 1300Z - See website	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	<a href="http://www.cwops.org/onair.html">www.cwops.org/onair.html</a>
Aug 16, 0100Z - Aug 16, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	<a href="http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm">www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm</a>
Aug 16, 0230Z - Aug 16, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Aug 17, 6 AM - Aug 18, 12 AM	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>
Aug 17, 0000Z - Aug 18, 2359Z	Dominican Republic Contest	<a href="http://www.hi8ud.org">www.hi8ud.org</a>
Aug 17, 0000Z - See website	SARTG WW RTTY Contest	<a href="http://www.sartg.com/contest/wwrules.htm">www.sartg.com/contest/wwrules.htm</a>
Aug 17, 0800Z - Aug 18, 0800Z	Russian District Award Contest	<a href="http://rdaward.org/rdac1.htm">rdaward.org/rdac1.htm</a>
Aug 17, 1200Z - Aug 18, 1200Z	Keymen's Club of Japan Contest	<a href="http://www.kcj-cw.com">www.kcj-cw.com</a>
Aug 17, 1800Z - Aug 18, 0600Z	North American QSO Party	<a href="http://ncjweb.com">ncjweb.com</a>
Aug 17, 2000Z - Aug 17, 2200Z	Feld-Hell Gridloc Sprint	<a href="http://www.feldhellclub.org">www.feldhellclub.org</a>
Aug 18, 1300Z - Aug 18, 1630Z	SARL Digital Contest	<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za">www.sarl.org.za</a>
Aug 18, 1800Z - Aug 18, 2359Z	ARRL Rookie Roundup	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>
Aug 19, 0100Z - Aug 19, 0300Z	Run For the Bacon	<a href="http://www.fpqrp.org">www.fpqrp.org</a>
Aug 19, 1800Z - Aug 19, 2000Z	NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc-eu.org/sprints/rules/current.pdf">naqcc-eu.org/sprints/rules/current.pdf</a>
Aug 23, 0100Z - Aug 23, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	<a href="http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm">www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm</a>
Aug 23, 0230Z - Aug 23, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Aug 24, 0400Z - See website	ALARA Contest	<a href="http://alara.org.au">alara.org.au</a>
Aug 24, 0400Z - Aug 26, 0400Z	Hawaii QSO Party	<a href="http://www.hawaiiqsoparty.org">www.hawaiiqsoparty.org</a>
Aug 24, 1200Z - Aug 25, 1159Z	YO DX Contest	<a href="http://www.yodx.ro">www.yodx.ro</a>
Aug 24, 1200Z - Aug 25, 1159Z	SCC RTTY Championship	<a href="http://lea.hamradio.si/~scc/rtty/rtty.htm">lea.hamradio.si/~scc/rtty/rtty.htm</a>
Aug 24, 1400Z - See website	Kansas QSO Party	<a href="http://www.ksgsoparty.org">www.ksgsoparty.org</a>
Aug 24, 1600Z - Aug 25, 0400Z	Ohio QSO Party	<a href="http://www.ohqp.org">www.ohqp.org</a>
Aug 25, 1300Z - Aug 25, 1630Z	South Africa DX CW Contest	<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za">www.sarl.org.za</a>
Aug 28, 0000Z - Aug 28, 0200Z	SKCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/">www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/</a>
Aug 28, 1300Z - see website	CWops Mini-CWT Test	<a href="http://www.cwops.org/onair.html">www.cwops.org/onair.html</a>
Aug 30, 0100Z - Aug 30, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	<a href="http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm">www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm</a>
Aug 30, 0230Z - Aug 30, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint Ladder	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html">www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html</a>
Aug 31, 0000Z - Aug 31, 2359Z	Feld Hell Sprint	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/">sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/</a>
Aug 31, 1200Z - See website	CWops CW Open	<a href="http://www.cwops.org/cwopen.html">www.cwops.org/cwopen.html</a>
Aug 31, 1200Z - Sep 1, 0400Z	Colorado QSO Party, Sep 1	<a href="http://ppraa.org/coqp">ppraa.org/coqp</a>



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

# SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

(local events  
in **bold**)

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

07/31/2013	EAA Airventure 2013		
07/31/2013	Union County Fair		
08/01/2013	Sheboygan Brat Days		
08/02/2013	Crater Lake National Park 111th Anniversary		
08/02/2013	Indiana State Fair		
08/02/2013	Thacher Island Activation		
08/03/2013	<b>Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival</b>		
08/03/2013	<b>ILLW Fort Niagara Lighthouse</b>		
08/03/2013	River City Days		
08/04/2013	Coast Guard 223rd Birthday		
08/04/2013	Colorado 14er and Summits On The Air (SOTA) Event		
08/07/2013	National Lighthouse Day		
08/08/2013	57th Annual Northern IL Steam Power Show and Threshing Bee		
08/08/2013	Iowa State Fair		
08/09/2013	Fountain Valley Community Campout		
08/10/2013	70th Anniversary ( June 13, 1943) Crash of the Flying Sioux B-17s		
08/10/2013	97th Anniversary of Braselton, Georgia		
08/10/2013	Maligned Swine Special Event		
08/10/2013	Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival		
08/12/2013	W9IMS MotoGP Special Event		
08/14/2013	The Navajo Code Talker Day		
08/16/2013	Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club 50th Anniversary Annual Show		
08/16/2013	International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend		
08/17/2013	Aircraft Carrier USS Intrepid CV/CVS-11 70th Anniversary		
08/17/2013	Alliance, Ohio Carnation Days Festival		
08/17/2013	ARLHS / ILLW--International Lighthouse-Lightship Week		
08/17/2013	ARLHS/ILLW - International Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend		
08/17/2013	Fire Island Lighthouse		
08/17/2013	Gustave Whitehead - Aviation Pioneer		
08/17/2013	<b>International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend</b>		
08/17/2013	Point Reyes Lighthouse Activation		
08/17/2013	<b>Squaw Island ARC 60th Anniversary</b>		
08/17/2013	Tall Ships in Green Bay		
08/17/2013	US Island Activation - Goose Island WI		
08/17/2013	USS Albacore Memorial		
08/23/2013	<b>The Flight of the Five</b>		
08/24/2013	National Park Service Birthday		
08/25/2013	Hollenberg Pony Express Festival /153rd Anniversary of the Pony Express		

## USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

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**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 REFLECTOR:**

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

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