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STARS PICNIC A SUCCESS UNDER NEW TOWER

STARS held its annual picnic under beautiful skies on August 1st at the Nike Base Clubhouse radio station. For some members, this was their first close-up view of the recently installed new antenna tower. Also new, was the prepared parking area in front of the building.

It seems that picnic attendance was larger than previous years. Well over 30 persons were there. In addition to members, many family members and other guests were in attendance.

the standard list of expectations, including several assorted salads, four different styles of baked beans, and a zesty pepper relish dip. Desserts were divine!

The laptop computer raffle was concluded; John Hasselback, WA2DRG, took the prize.

Pictures are on pages 5 & 6, (thanx to John Morrow, KC2TXV; & Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM).

CHINESE AUCTION FUND RAISER - OCTOBER 3rd

Plans are being made for a Chinese Auction fund raiser this October 3rd at 7 PM. The event will take place of the Hamburg Youth Center, 200 Prospect Avenue, Hamburg.

Members are invited to consider donating good amateur equipment to the Club for inclusion in the auction. Also welcome will be donations of baskets, gift cards or other such items. Please, no "junk"! All items will be subject to review for acceptance.

Food items (pizza, donuts, beverages) will be available at the raffle. Members are invited to bring family and friends to this event.

Member volunteers are also being sought for contacting businesses for donations, picking up donations, and selling refreshments during the event.

If you can help or donate, contact either of the organizers:

Sue McIvor (716) 289-7005 Lynne Pokigo (716) 648-9209

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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)

WHAT IS SDR?

What is SDR? If you said Strategic Defense Reserve, you would be incorrect. In amateur radio, SDR stands for "Software Defined Radio". It is a radio communication system where components that have been typically implemented in hardware (e.g. mixers, filters, amplifiers, modulators/demodulators, detectors, etc.) are instead implemented by means of soft-



ware on a personal computer or embedded system.

Learn more about SDR at the September meeting.

Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK, will be the featured speaker on

Software Defined Radio in the amateur community.

WE GOOFED

On page 6 of the last issue, an article was titled, "TEN NEW GENERALS...". Actually, only six new generals came from the class. Thank to Tomm Dean, KA2NXY for bringing this to our attention.

If you see something we did not get right, let us know:

wb2elw@verizon.net

STARS MEETINGS

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★ 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 September meeting will be **September 5th**, 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, just west of the Hamburg Town
 Arena, 2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg.

This month, it is scheduled for September 26th.

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

ANTENNA IN OLCOTT

On Sunday, August 25th, **STARS** sent a work party to the home of **Ed Taublieb**, **KB2KVA**, in Olcott. The objective was the installation and connection of an antenna for Ed's shack.

After a few hours of work, a vertical Cushcraft R-5 was erected, and a coaxial supply cable was buried.

The project needs one piece to place the system into service, a Cushcraft MN-5 impedance matching box. If anyone has one available, contact **John Leitten**, **KA2RFT**, at johnham334@aol.com.

Thanx to the following members for this project:

Conrad Barrick KC2WRY
John Leitten KA2RFT
Don Niles K2PMC

LETTER OF THANX

Ed Taublieb, KB2KVA P.O. Box 565 Olcott, NY 14226 August 24, 2013

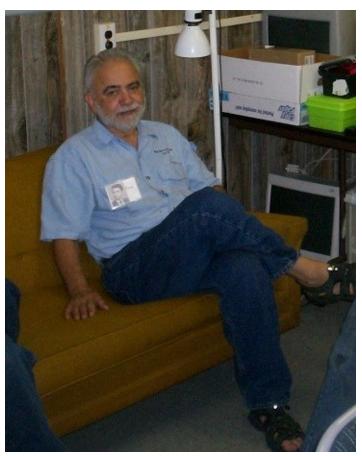
John Leitten, KA2RFT Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY Don Niles, K2PMC

Dear John, Conrad and Don,

I am writing to express my thanks for your setting up the R5 antenna and burying the coax. I know it was a very long drive for you and Terry and that the project took up most of your Sunday. I also know that without your time and knowledge the job would never have been done.

This is the first time I have been the recipient of a crew doing an antenna project. It gave me a really good feeling that STARS members did this for me. This is especially so because I am unable to attend meetings or help out on club projects.

Sincerely, Ed Taublieb, KB2KVA



ED TAUBLIEB, KB2KVA, AT THE NIKE BASE CLUBHOUSE

CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITY

The Nike Base Clubhouse is open each Thursday from 7 PM. All members are welcome to come out, operate the radios, or assist with the special projects.

In recent months, the clubhouse was used as a staging area for the preparation and assembly of the antenna tower. In the process, things were not as "orderly" as one would expect. However, now that the tower is up, clean-up efforts are underway. Unnecessary items are being put out for disposal. Also, fresh paint has been noticed on some of the walls.

Within the past few weeks, elements of the TH-6 beam antenna have been assembled. They will be joined on the spar and the entire antenna will be set in place in the near future.

So, come on out and join the team on Thursday evenings. The Clubhouse is just west of the Hamburg Town Arena, at 2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg.

EDWARD BAUMEISTER KD2CFS /SK

It is with sadness we report that STARS member, Edward Baumeister, KD2CFS, passed from our world in March of this year. Ed was an amateur who let his license expire, and then later in life decided to regain that license. He gained his new technician license and was studying for the general.

Ed's passing was not realized until several months after the event. The monthly email of *TELSTAR* began coming back as "undeliverable". We expected to ask him about it at the next meeting, but he did not appear.

A letter was mailed to Ed, with the latest *TELSTAR*, and it included a note asking him about the accuracy of the email address. No answer was received. A phone call was made with no response.

On a hunch, an Internet search of Ed's name was made. It was then that we found his obituary.

In the short period we knew Ed, he was always friendly and helpful to all. Rest in peace, Ed.

QUICK BATTERY TEST

When you see something on the Internet, you often wonder about its accuracy. Recently, a video appeared on testing batteries in less than 2 seconds.

Basically, you let the end of the battery drop onto a hard surface from a height of about 3/4 inch. If the battery bounces, it is near the end of its life. If it has no bounce, it is new and full of energy.

Being the proverbial skeptics, we tried it. It does work, and is an accurate method.

See it on line at:

www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Y_m6p9916ME

NYSP TROOPER EXAM

Did you ever wonder how you could become a New York State Trooper? Well, the first part is easy; apply for the NYSP Trooper Exam.

The application period for the upcoming NYSP Trooper Exam 2013 has begun and will end on September 8, 2013. ONLINE applications for candidates are now available at www.NYTROOPER.com.

Applicants for this exam must be 20-29 years of age on the application-filing deadline. The maximum age may be extended up to six (6) years for active military service.

The written exam to establish a new eligibility list for the position of Trooper will be conducted on the four (4) Saturdays in the month of October 2013. These dates are 10/05, 10/12, 10/19 and 10/26.

OPERATORS NEEDED FOR TRIATHLONS

The Cattaraugus County ARES Team is seeking amateur radio operators for two scheduled triathlons, on September 22nd and September 28th, in Allegany State Park.

Operators will need to report at 7 AM, with activities expected to conclude by 4 PM. Food will be provided for participating amateurs.

Radio operators will need a good antenna and a radio that puts out some power. In addition to serving from personal vehicles, some operators (and equipment) will be needed for bike repair and EMS vehicles.

If available and interested, contact:

Gary Tillinghast, KB2YAA

Phone: (716) 592-9554

Email: tillfam180@verizon.net

Radio: 145.39 repeater













NEW TOWER AND THE **STARS** SIGN CAN BE SEEN IN THIS PHOTO.





IS THERE A FIREFIGHTER AROUND?
WHERE'S **BOB KOSTER**, **KA2WYE**, WHEN YOU NEED HIM?

STARS has been designated a Special Service Club



UNIDENTIFED **STARS** MEMBER CHECKS THE PARKING SURFACE FOR ANTS.







EMCOMM EAST

Registration is now open for *EmComm East*, an ARRL-sanctioned Amateur Radio emergency communications conference where amateur operators involved in emergency, disaster response and recovery communications can attend training sessions on technical topics, learn from served agencies, and interact with other operators from all over the area.

EmComm East will he held again this year at Saint John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, on Sunday, September 29, 2013.

The featured speaker this year will be **Harold Kra-mer**, **WJ1B**, ARRL Chief Operating Officer, who was working the Boston Marathon Finish Line operation as a radio operator when the bombs exploded.

Most presentation slots have been filled but a few are still available. If you are interested, please contact info@emcommeast.org or visit the conference website at www.emcommeast.org.

PEPPER RELISH DIP

After receiving several positive comments about the Pepper Relish Dip that appeared at the picnic, we decided to share the recipe:

Ingredients:

1 8 ounce jar Jake and Amos Sweet and Hot

Pepper Relish

2 8 ounce bars Philadelphia Cream Cheese

Soften the cream cheese. Then mix all ingredients until well blended. Return dip to refrigerator to firm up the mixture.

Jake and Amos Sweet and Hot Pepper Relish is made in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It is available locally at Zittel's Country Market, at 4415 Southwestern Boulevard, just east of South Park Avenue.

HAMFESTS

09/08/2013 <u>Lancaster Hamfest</u>

Location: Bowen Road Grove - Como Park

3845 Bowen Road Lancaster, NY 14086

Sponsor: Lancaster Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://gbhamfest.hamgate.net

09/29/2013 EmComm East

Location: St. John Fisher College

3690 East Avenue Rochester, NY 14602

Sponsor: Monroe County ARES, Inc.
Website: http://emcommeast.org

(control + click on name for full information)

NEW ICOM SITE

Bob Koster, KA2WYE, brought to our attention a new Internet site from ICOM America. The site address is www.hamstudy.org.

Free, the site covers the basics of ham radio, as well as information on licensing examinations,

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

EXAM SITES

09/07/2013 <u>Jamestown</u>

Sponsor: CARS

Location: Prendergast Library

509 Cherry Street 2nd fl conf rm

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

09/11/2013 Niagara Falls

Sponsor: Niagara Radio Club, Inc.
Location: Venture Forthe, Inc.

3900 Packard Road

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

09/11/2013 Canandaigua

Sponsor: SQUAW Island ARC

Location: Ontario Co. Safety Training Facility

2914 County Road 48

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

09/14/2013 <u>Springville</u>

Sponsor: Cattaraugus County ARET

Location: Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Board Room

222-224 East Main Street

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) (FREE!)

09/21/2013 Hamburg

Sponsor: STARS

Location: Hamburg Youth Center

200 Prospect Avenue

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

09/21/2013 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)

(control-click on City for more info)

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)



09/21/2013 <u>Rochester</u>

Sponsor: Rochester ARA

Location: RIT Gleason Engineering Bldg Rm 3139

1 Lomb Memorial Drive

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

09/22/2013 <u>Geneseo</u>

Sponsor: Genesee Valley ARA

Location: Livingston County Government Center

2 Court Street Rm 205

Time: 5:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

09/24/2013 <u>Lancaster</u>

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



Aug 31, 1200Z - Sep 1, 0400Z Sep 1, 1800Z - Sep 2, 0300Z Sep 2, 2300Z - Sep 3, 0300Z Labor Day Sprint Sep 3, 0200Z - Sep 3, 0400Z **ARS Spartan Sprint** Sep 5, 1700Z - Sep 5, 2100Z NRAU 10m Activity Contest Sep 6, 0100Z - Sep 6, 0230Z **QRP Fox Hunt** Sep 6, 0130Z - Sep 6, 0200Z NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder Sep 6, 2400Z - Sep 7, 0600Z 070 Club KA3X Memorial Sprint Sep 6, 0230Z - Sep 6, 0300Z NS Weekly Sprint Sep 7, 0000Z - Sep 8, 2400Z All-Asian DX Contest Sep 7, 0000Z - Sep 7, 2400Z Russian Radio RTTY WW Sep 7, 0600Z - Sep 7, 0800Z Wake-Up! QRP Sprint Sep 7, 1100Z - Sep 7, 1700Z DARC 10 Meter Digital "Corona" Sep 7, 1200Z - Sep 8, 2400Z SKCC Weekend Sprintathon Sep 7, 1300Z - Sep 8, 1300Z IARU Region I Field Day Sep 7, 1300Z - Sep 7, 1600Z Straight Key Party Sep 7, 1800Z - Sep 8, 1800Z QCWA Fall QSO Party Sep 8, 0000Z - Sep 8, 0400Z North American Sprint Sep 8, 1100Z - Sep 8, 1700Z DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest Sep 8, 1300Z - Sep 8, 1900Z Swiss HTC QRP Sprint Sep 8, 1500Z - See website QRP ARCI Two Sidebands Sprint Sep 9, 1600Z - See website **OK1WC Memorial Contest** Sep 11, 1300Z - See website CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test Sep 11, 1800Z - Sep 11, 2000Z NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint Sep 13, 0100Z - Sep 13, 0230Z QRP Fox Hunt Sep 13, 0130Z - Sep 13, 0200Z NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder Sep 14, 0000Z - Sep 15, 2400Z Worked All Europe DX Contest Sep 14, 0000Z - Sep 14, 2359Z FOC QSO Party Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon Sep 14, 1200Z - Sep 15, 2359Z Sep 14, 1400Z - Sep 15, 0200Z Arkansas QSO Party Sep 14, 1600Z - Sep 14, 2400Z Ohio State Parks On the Air Sep 14, 1800Z - Sep 16, 0259Z ARRL September VHF Contest Sep 15, 0000Z - Sep 15, 0400Z North American Sprint Sep 15, 1000Z - Sep 15, 1400Z WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone Sep 15, 1300Z - Sep 16, 0700Z Classic Exchange Sep 16, 0100Z - Sep 16, 0300Z Run For the Bacon Sep 19, 0030Z - Sep 19, 0230Z NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint Sep 20, 0130Z - Sep 20, 0200Z NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder Sep 21, 1000Z - Sep 22, 0400Z ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest Sep 21, 1000Z - Sep 22, 1000Z SARL VHF/UHF Analog/Digital Contest Sep 21, 1200Z - Sep 22, 1200Z CIS DX PSK Contest Sep 21, 1200Z - Sep 22, 1159Z Scandinavian Activity Contest Sep 21, 1300Z - Sep 22, 1300Z SRT HF Contest SSB

Sep 21, 1400Z - Sep 22, 0300Z South Carolina QSO Party Sep 21, 1500Z - Sep 22, 0300Z QRP Afield Feld-Hell Hell on Wheels Sprint Sep 21, 1600Z - Sep 21, 1800Z Sep 21, 1600Z - Sep 22, 2400Z Washington State Salmon Run Sep 22, 1300Z - Sep 23, 0700Z Classic Exchange Sep 22, 1700Z - Sep 22, 2100Z BARTG Sprint 75 Sep 23, 2300Z - Sep 24, 0300Z 144 MHz Fall VHF Sprint Sep 25, 0000Z - Sep 25, 0200Z SKCC Straight Key Sprint Sep 27, 0130Z - Sep 27, 0200Z NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder Sep 28, 0000Z - Sep 29, 2359Z ARRL EME Contest Sep 28, 0000Z - Sep 29, 2359Z CQ WW RTTY Contest Sep 28, 1400Z - See website Texas QSO Party Sep 28, 1400Z - Sep 28, 1700Z AGCW VHF/UHF Contest Sep 29, 0000Z - Sep 29, 2359Z Maine QSO Party

migrp.org

www.arsqrp.blogspot.com

www.nrau.net/activity-contests/below-30mhz.html

www.grpfoxhunt.org/summer rules.htm

www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

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www.radio.ru/cg/contest/rule-results/index2.shtml

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www.iaru-r1.org/ www.agcw.de

www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm

www.ncjweb.com

www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport/corona/

http://htc.ch/sites/htc/files/download/

www.grparci.org/contests www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc www.cwops.org/onair.html

nagcc-eu.org/sprints/rules/current.pdf

www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm

www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

www.g4foc.org

www.skccgroup.com/operating activities/

www.arkanhams.org parks.portcars.org www.arrl.org/contests www.ncjweb.com

wab.intermip.net/Contest%20Rules.php#OtherRules

www.classicexchange.org

www.fpqrp.org naqcc.info

www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up www.sarl.org.za/

www.eupsk.com www.sactest.net

www.strangeradioteam.com/SRT-HF-SSB-eng.asp

scqso.com

newenglandqrp.org/afield www.feldhellclub.org www.wwdxc.org

www.classicexchange.org

www.bartg.org.uk www.svhfs.org

www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/

www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html www.arrl.org/eme-contest

www.cqwwrtty.com www.txap.net www.agcw.org/en/

www.maineqsoparty.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

08/31/2013 Payne County Fair

09/01/2013 Labor Day

09/01/2013 QCWA Chapter 212 10th Anniversary 09/05/2013 North Carolina Mountain State Fair

09/07/2013 125th Anniversary of Corwin OH Circus Train Wreck

09/07/2013 Apple Days Amateur Radio Demonstration 09/07/2013 Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial Station

09/07/2013 Harris Barn Restoration

09/07/2013 Indiana Dunes - Indiana Parks on the Air

09/07/2013 Ohio State Parks On the Air 09/07/2013 Route 66 On The Air Special Event 09/07/2013 US Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson Memorial

09/07/2013 Williams County Fair 09/08/2013 America's Cup Finals

09/12/2013 IOTA NA058, Lighthouses USA738 and USA1014

09/13/2013 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration 09/13/2013 Friday the 13th Special Event Operation

09/13/2013 Northwest Angle Recognition

09/13/2013 Old Mulkey Meetinghouse Special Event

09/14/2013 Nantucket County Fair 09/14/2013 National Hollerin' Contest

09/14/2013 National Road & "S" Bridge - 185 years old

09/15/2013 West Point of the West

09/18/2013 National POW/MIA Recognition Day 09/19/2013 General Assembly IARU Region 2

09/20/2013 Plano Balloon Festival Special Event Station

09/20/2013 Stars & Stripes

09/21/2013 2013 Carousel Festival

09/21/2013 69th anniversary of the Voice of America Bethany Relay Station

09/21/2013 80th Anniversary of the Collins Radio Company

09/21/2013 Copper Island CISA Activation 09/21/2013 Scappose Sauerkraut Festival 09/22/2013 MARA Annual Swap Meet

09/22/2013 Qualifying Long Island (WI051) in the Wisconsin River Near Lone Rock, WI

09/26/2013 Comanche Code Talkers of WWI & WWII

09/28/2013 19th Annual Fiesta Sahuarita 09/28/2013 3rd Annual Hot Diggity Dog Day

09/28/2013 80th Anniversary of the Collins Radio Company

09/28/2013 Celebrating 145 years of Tabasco Brand Pepper Sauce Spicing up the World

09/28/2013 Everybodys Day

09/28/2013 National Public Lands Day 09/28/2013 Old Settler's Reunion

09/28/2013 USS Wisconsin Final Decommissioning





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http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/perpetualcal.php

HAMFESTS: http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar

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