



South Towns Amateur Radio Society

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

CHINESE AUCTION

When: Thursday, October 3, 2013

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Hamburg Youth Center
200 Prospect Ave
Hamburg, NY 14075



Theme Baskets
Raffles
50/50



Refreshments
Available



CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Vice President	John Leitten, KA2RFT
Secretary	Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM
Financial Sec'y	Judy Levan, N2TEZ
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Director (2 yr.)	Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY

Clubhouse Chair	Pat Groom, KC2VWG
Telstar Editor	Tomm Dean, KA2NXY
Webmaster	Greg Hoerner, KD2DJV

WE GOOFED

The last issue, had an error in the Pepper Relish Dip recipe. The jar of relish should be a 16 ounce jar (they don't make an 8 ounce jar). The ratio of relish to cream cheese should be a 1:1 ratio. Thanx to **Tomm Dean, KA2NXY** for spotting the error.

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

wb2elw@verizon.net

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NOMINATIONS FOR STARS OFFICERS

At this month's meeting (preceding the Chinese Auction) nominations for **STARS** officers for 2014 will be taken. Voting is scheduled for the November monthly meeting.

All members are encouraged to give thought to **STARS** members who would be worthy of leading **STARS** next year.

While all current officers have performed admirably, a few may turn down re-election, due to other personal issues.

STARS MEETINGS

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

The October meeting will be **October 3rd**, at **6:30 PM**, at the Hamburg Youth Center. The earlier time will precede the Chinese Auction.

All are welcome,

The **STARS** board usually meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth 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 **October 24th**.

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

CHINESE AUCTION THIS THURSDAY

STARS will hold its annual Chinese Auction fundraiser at the Hamburg Youth Center 200 Prospect Avenue, on Thursday, October 3rd, at 7:00 PM. The event is open to all. Members are encouraged to bring friends and relatives.

Members are also encouraged to bring gift baskets and business donations for inclusion in the auction. Those items should be brought to the event no later than 6:15 PM. Also, those items can be given to **Don Niles, K2PMC**, before the auction date. To date, several gift baskets and donation gift certificates have been received.

Pizza, donuts, and beverages will be available at the event.

Members should note that the scheduled monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, preceding the Chinese Auction. The meeting will be short, so as not to interfere with the auction. Members will be requested to volunteer for various auction functions.

ARRL 2013 AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Do you know someone who has really stood out in their service to amateur radio? Why not nominate them for one of the ARRL Atlantic Division Awards?

Categories include **Amateur of the Year**, **Keith Freeburg N2BEL Educator of the Year**, and **Technical Achievement**.

Nominations are currently open, and will close on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

For more information, go to:

www.atldiv.org/AtlAwards.htm

AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS SCHEDULED

STARS will hold classes for those interested in upgrading to an amateur extra license. Under the direction of **Ed Patton, N2ING**, the classes will begin on Wednesday, October 9th, at the **STARS Nike Base Clubhouse**, 2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg. .

Any general wishing to upgrade is should register with Ed at: epatton3@verizon.net .

GENERAL CLASS SCHEDULED

The **Lancaster Amateur Radio Club** will hold classes for the amateur general license. The classes will be held from 7 PM to 9 PM on Monday and Wednesday evenings, beginning October 21st.

Those interested in this class must register with **John Maxwell, W2JM**, at phone number (716) 404-9256.

ZOMBIE FEST WILL INCLUDE STARS

The 2nd Annual Zombie Preparedness and Family Safety Fair will be held on October 12th from 11 AM to 3 PM. The event, sponsored by [EMPact America](http://EMPactAmerica.com), will take place at the Jamison Business Park, 611 Jamison Road, Elma, NY.

This year, **STARS** will operate a table at the event. The plan is to have an operating amateur radio station that can be seen by event participants.

Club members wishing to help staff the table should contact **Bob Koster, KA2WYE**, at ka2wye@arrl.net .

Event details are at: www.preparehub.org/events/event_details.asp?id=353301

PUMPKIN PATROL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Over 30 years ago, an object thrown from a Thruway bridge on Halloween injured a passing truck driver.

One woman was so incensed by the prank, that she began stationing herself on a local bridge on Halloween. Her intent was the prevention of similar damage.

Others soon joined her on different bridges. Today, that effort has evolved into the Pumpkin Patrol, sponsored by many county ARES teams under the direction of the **New York State Police**.

Today, amateurs man radio equipped vehicles on October 30th and 31st, from 6:30 PM until 11:00 PM.

Locally, the event is run by **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**. She needs volunteer amateur operators for this year.

Volunteers are issued vehicle ID cards, and receive a certificate of appreciation from the State Police.

If you can help this year, contact **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM** at lindajadnil@aol.com or (716) 667-7367.

STARS PREPARES FOR NYS QSO PARTY

Last year, **STARS** took first place in the "worked most states" category of the **New York State QSO Party**. The year before, **STARS** had the highest score for the "single station multi-operator" category.

STARS will try to repeat first place honors this year as the **NYS QSO Party** takes place on Saturday October 19, 2013, from 10 AM to 10 PM. For this event, **STARS** will use the special call sign "W2E".

All members are encouraged to come down to the Nike Base Club Station and try out the new antennas.

Full contest details can be found at: www.nyqp.org

MAGNETIC FIELD TO SHIFT (ON THE SUN)

http://blogs.smithsonianmag.com/science/2013/09/the-suns-magnetic-field-is-about-to-reverse/?utm_source=smithsonianopic&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20130908-Weekender

NYS CONSERVATION OFFICER TEST

The opportunity to become a New York State Conservation Officer is here. Those interested must file by October 2nd. For more information, use this link:

www.cs.ny.gov/examannouncements/announcements/oc/25-679.cfm

STARS (INC.)

STARS is registered with New York State as a 402-A not for profit corporation.

Donations to **STARS** are tax deductible.



**NWS
SKYWARN
PROGRAM**

Winter Skywarn Spotter Training

Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7 PM

Erie County Fire Training Academy

3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga

Register at ECMC@erie.gov or at 858-7101

TOWER PROGRESS

On Wednesday, October 25th, a team of **STARS** members were part of a work party at the Nike Base Clubhouse. They assembled the TH-6 beam antenna.

Also, a loading coil was created, for placement between the antenna and the feed cable.

On Thursday, October 26th, with the assistance of the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department, the antenna was installed at the top of the tower. Readings on the feed cable were found to be appropriate.

Remaining tasks include preparation of the radio side of the feed cable, and insertion through the wall of the clubhouse.

The team included (below L to R) **Jon Hall, KC2QKB**; **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY**; **Ed Jablonski, KC2YMN**; **John Leitten, KA2RFT**; and **Don Niles, K2PMC**.

(Photos by Tomm Dean, KA2NXY)





BEFORE THE BEAM...



AFTER THE BEAM...



STARS BEAM TEAM MAKES FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INSTALLED ELEMENTS



JON HALL, KC2QKB, PREPARES COIL FOR INSTALLATION BETWEEN ANTENNA AND FEED LINE



ED "SPIDERMAN" JABLONSKI, KC2YMN, CLIMBS INTO THE HAMBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT BUCKET



ED CANNOT DECIDE WHETHER HE WANTS TO STAND ON THE BUCKET OR THE TOWER

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

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VE SESSION RESULTS

STARS conducted an examination session on September 21, 2013. One person passed the technician exam and has joined the amateur population

Eric Schaefer **KD2EST**

Volunteer Examiners included **Shane Brady, WB2WPM; Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY; Scott Barto, KB2KOL, Tomm Dean, KA2NXY; Ed Patton, N2ING;** and **Jim Starr, N2TFA.**

Congratulations to the new amateur operator.

HAMFESTS

10/05/2014 [Conneaut ARC Hamfest](#)

Location: American Legion Hall Cowle Post 151
272 Broad Street
Conneaut, OH 44030

Sponsor: Conneaut Amateur Radio Club &
American Legion Auxiliary Cowle 151

Website: <http://qsl.net/w8bhz/>

(control + click on name for full information)

EXAM SITES

10/04/2013 [Wellsville](#)
Sponsor: CCARET
Location: BRICO Technologies
4371 Bolivar Road
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **(FREE)**

10/05/2013 [North Tonawanda](#)
Sponsor: ARA of the Tonawandas
Location: North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters
495 Zimmerman Street - Training Rm.
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/06/2013 [Jamestown](#)
Sponsor: CARS
Location: Prendergast Library
509 Cherry Street 2nd fl conf rm
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/09/2013 [Niagara Falls](#)
Sponsor: Niagara Radio Club, Inc.
Location: Venture Forthe, Inc.
3900 Packard Road
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/19/2013 [Erie PA](#)
Sponsor: Wattsburg Wireless Association
Location: Greene Twnshp Mun Bldg Rm 107
9333 Tate Road
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/19/2013 [Rochester](#)
Sponsor: Rochester ARA
Location: RIT Gleason Engineering Bldg Rm 3139
1 Lomb Memorial Drive
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/27/2013 [Geneseo](#)
Sponsor: Genesee Valley ARA
Location: Livingston County Government Center
2 Court Street Rm 205
Time: 5:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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CONTEST CALENDAR



Start and Finish	Contest Title	Sponsor's Website
Oct 1, 2300Z - Oct 2, 0300Z	222 MHz Fall VHF Sprint	www.svhfs.org
Oct 3, 0700Z - Oct 3, 0959Z	German Telegraphy Contest	kontest.de/dtc/DTC-Rules_e.pdf
Oct 3, 1700Z - Oct 3, 2100Z	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	www.nrau.net/activity-contests/
Oct 3, 1700Z - Oct 3, 2000Z	SARL 80m QSO Party	www.sarl.org.za/
Oct 4, 0230Z - Oct 4, 0300Z	NS Weekly Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
Oct 4, 1400Z - Oct 6, 0200Z	DX/NA YLRL Anniversary Party	www.ylrl.org
Oct 5, 0000Z - Oct 5, 2400Z	TARA PSK Rumble	www.n2tv.org
Oct 5, 0000Z - Oct 6, 2359Z	15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest	contests.wsstvc.org/rules/
Oct 5, 0400Z - Oct 6, 0359Z	EPC Russia DX Contest	www.epc-ru.ru
Oct 5, 0800Z - Oct 6, 0800Z	Oceania DX Phone Contest	www.oceaniadxcontest.com
Oct 5, 1200Z - Oct 6, 1200Z	Worked All Britain HF Contest	www.worked-all-britain.co.uk
Oct 5, 1600Z - Oct 6, 2200Z	California QSO Party	www.cqp.org
Oct 5, 1600Z - Oct 5, 1959Z	EU Autumn Phone Sprint	www.eu-sprint.com
Oct 6, 0600Z - Oct 6, 1000Z	UBA ON Contest, SSB	www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest
Oct 6, 0700Z - Oct 6, 1900Z	RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest	www.rsgbcc.org
Oct 7, 1600Z - See website	OK1WC Memorial Contest	www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc
Oct 8, 0200Z - Oct 8, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	www.arsgrp.blogspot.com
Oct 9, 0030Z - Oct 9, 0230Z	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	naqcc.info/sprint201312mw.html
Oct 9, 1300Z - See website	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	www.cwops.org/onair.html
Oct 9, 1900Z - Oct 9, 2000Z	RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/rsprint.shtml
Oct 9, 2300Z - Oct 10, 0300Z	432 MHz Fall VHF Sprint	www.svhfs.org
Oct 10, 0001Z - Oct 10, 2359Z	10-10 Sprint	www.ten-ten.org
Oct 10, 0030Z - Oct 10, 0230Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	naqcc.info
Oct 11, 0130Z - Oct 11, 0200Z	NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Oct 11, 0230Z - Oct 11, 0300Z	NCCC Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Oct 12, 0000Z - Oct 13, 1600Z	Makrothen RTTY Contest	home.arcor.de/waldemar.kebsch
Oct 12, 0800Z - Oct 13, 0800Z	Oceania DX CW Contest	www.oceaniadxcontest.com
Oct 12, 1100Z - Oct 12, 1700Z	902+ MHz Fall Sprint	www.svhfs.org
Oct 12, 1200Z - Oct 13, 1200Z	Scandinavian Activity Contest	www.sactest.net
Oct 12, 1200Z - Oct 13, 2359Z	QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	www.qrparci.org/contests
Oct 12, 1200Z - Oct 13, 2359Z	Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon	www.skccgroup.com
Oct 12, 1600Z - See website	Arizona QSO Party	www.azqsoparty.org
Oct 12, 1600Z - Oct 12, 2000Z	EU Autumn CW Sprint	www.eu-sprint.com
Oct 12, 1600Z - See website	Pennsylvania QSO Party	www.nitfany-arc.net
Oct 12, 1700Z - Oct 12, 2100Z	FISTS Fall Sprint	www.fists.org/operating.html#sprints
Oct 13, 0000Z - Oct 13, 0600Z	Great Pumpkin Sprint	www.podxs070.com
Oct 13, 0000Z - Oct 13, 0400Z	North American RTTY Sprint	www.ncjweb.com
Oct 13, 0600Z - Oct 13, 0900Z	UBA ON Contest, CW	www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest
Oct 19, 0000Z - Oct 20, 1600Z	Arucaria VHF Contest	www.avhfc.com
Oct 19, 0000Z - Oct 20, 2400Z	JARTS WW RTTY Contest	www.jarts.jp
Oct 19, 0001Z - Oct 20, 2359Z	10-10 Fall CW QSO Party	www.ten-ten.org
Oct 19, 1400Z - Oct 19, 2300Z	Iowa QSO Party	www.wa0dx.org
Oct 19, 1400Z - Oct 20, 0200Z	New York QSO Party	www.nyqp.org
Oct 19, 1500Z - Oct 20, 1459Z	Worked All Germany	www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/wag/en
Oct 19, 1500Z - Oct 20, 1500Z	Stew Perry Warmup Contest	www.kkn.net/stew
Oct 19, 1600Z - Oct 20, 2359Z	W/VE Islands QSO Party	www.usislands.org
Oct 19, 1900Z - See website	Telephone Pioneer QSO Party	www.tpqso.com
Oct 19, 2000Z - Oct 19, 2200Z	Spooky Feld-Hell Sprint	www.feldhellclub.org
Oct 20, 0000Z - Oct 20, 0200Z	Asia-Pacific Sprint	jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt
Oct 20, 0600Z - Oct 20, 1000Z	UBA ON Contest, 2m	www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest
Oct 20, 1700Z - Oct 21, 0100Z	Illinois QSO Party	www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html
Oct 21, 0200Z - Oct 21, 0400Z	Run For the Bacon	www.fqgrp.org
Oct 21, 1300Z - Oct 25, 2359Z	ARRL School Club Roundup	www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup
Oct 21, 1800Z - Oct 21, 2000Z	NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	naqcc-eu.org/sprints/rules/current.pdf
Oct 23, 0000Z - Oct 23, 0200Z	SKCC Weekday Sprint	www.skccgroup.com
Oct 24, 1900Z - Oct 24, 2000Z	RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/rsprint.shtml
Oct 26, 0000Z - Oct 27, 2359Z	ARRL EME Contest	www.arrl.org/eme-contest
Oct 26, 0000Z - Oct 27, 2359Z	CQ World Wide SSB Contest	www.cqww.com



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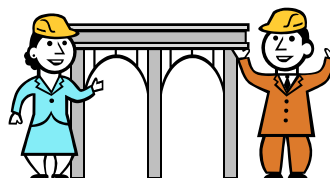
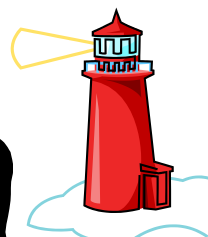
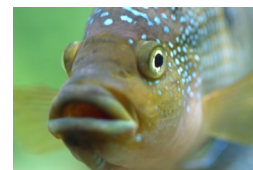


For more information on contests: <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

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

10/04/2013	Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
10/04/2013	Dedication Anniv. of Mission Dolores, San Francisco, Oct 9, 1776
10/04/2013	Julian Apple Days
10/04/2013	October Sky: Rocket Boys Festival
10/05/2013	Battle of Kings Mountain SC
10/05/2013	Currahee Challenge - Band of Brothers - Camp Toccoa
10/05/2013	Heritage Festival - City of Chesapeake's 50th Anniversary
10/05/2013	Radioville Special Event
10/05/2013	SARA 35th anniversary
10/06/2013	250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763
10/06/2013	Battle of Fort Williams
10/06/2013	Fort Hancock Establishment Day
10/06/2013	National Fire Prevention Week Special Event
10/10/2013	Rockford University Celebration
10/12/2013	Aviation Day, Outlaw Airport, CKV
10/12/2013	Dempsey Challenge
10/12/2013	Discovery of America: Kensington Runestone
10/12/2013	Eisenhower Birthday Special Event Station
10/12/2013	Heritage Festival - City of Chesapeake's 50th Anniversary
10/12/2013	Hillsboro Lighthouse
10/12/2013	Lester Dent-Doc Savage Mystery Special Event
10/12/2013	Run for the Pinical
10/12/2013	SAARC 89th Anniversary Celebration
10/12/2013	Site of 1st Bridge Authorized by Northwest Territory
10/12/2013	US Navy Birthday
10/12/2013	Warren Fall Festival
10/13/2013	National Wildlife Refuge Week 2013
10/15/2013	Sunbelt Ag Expo
10/16/2013	107th Annual Circleville Pumpkin Show
10/18/2013	Commemorating the USCG Auxiliary 74th Anniversary
10/18/2013	Rip Van Winkle Council JOTA
10/18/2013	Round Island Lighthouse (MS) Reactivation
10/19/2013	27th FAI World Aerobatic Championships
10/19/2013	38th Annual Juan Bautista de Anza Days
10/19/2013	Allegheny County Courthouse 125th Anniversary Celebration
10/19/2013	Heritage Day
10/19/2013	Jamboree On The Air 2013
10/19/2013	Three States Special Event
10/19/2013	Trinity Car Show & Chili Cookoff
10/19/2013	US Coast Guard Auxiliary 74th Anniversary
10/25/2013	Ensor Museum Auction & Tailgate Special Event
10/26/2013	Anoka Halloween Capitol of the World Special Event Station
10/26/2013	Bay Area Science Festival
10/26/2013	Moonville Tunnel Special Event
10/26/2013	NASCAR Days
10/26/2013	Navy Day Celebration from NAS Fallon
10/27/2013	Remembrance of the Sinking of HMS Bounty
10/31/2013	100 Years of Elk in Arizona



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/>

TELSTAR EDITOR:

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