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STARS HIGH IN THE NYS QSO PARTY

On Saturday, October 18th, the **STARS** Nike Base Station was active from 10 AM to 10 PM with amateurs for the 2014 NYS QSO Party. Operating with special call sign "W2E", **STARS** earned its highest score in recent years, with over 13,000 points. ("W2E" secured for 2015!)

Daylight activities generally used the 40 meter band. However, shortly after 7 PM, operators switched to the 80 meter band. Most out of state QSOs were with amateurs from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan. The furthest QSO was with an amateur from Georgia. Despite the contest setting, STARS operators took time to speak with many Boy Scouts operating for the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). A full account of the activity can be found on page 9.

Contest activities were led by Vice President John Leitten, KA2RFT. Members signed in for the contest: Paul Blachowski, WA2DII; Wayne Carpus, W2ZDP; Tomm Dean, KA2NXY; John Dilivio, K2CF; Don Niles, K2PMC; Jon Hall, KC2QKB; and Bob Koster, KA2WYE.

CHINESE AUCTION A SUCCESS!

The Third Annual Chinese Auction was held by STARS on Thursday, October 2nd, at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center.

Several dozen people attended. Food was plentiful, as were the gift baskets offered.

There were two separate door prizes, as well as a raffle on a \$150 money tree.

Most attendees enjoyed the event.

Pictures can be found on page 5.

STARS ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

At the November 6th meeting, elections will be held to choose STARS officers for 2015.

Those elected will be installed at the annual Christmas celebration/STARS meeting to be held on December 4th, at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center.

A list of candidates nominated can be found on the lower left corner of page 2.

Write-in candidates are acceptable.

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CLUB OFFICERS

President Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK

Vice President John Leitten, KA2RFT

Secretary Mettieirene Wagner, KD2DFQ

Financial Sec'y Judy Levan, N2TEZ

Treasurer John Czuba, W2IV

Director (1 yr.) Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY

Director (2 yr.) Jon Hall, KC2QKB

Clubhouse Chair Pat Groom, KC2VWG

Telstar Editor Tomm Dean, KA2NXY

Webmaster Don Niles, K2PMC

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ELECTIONS AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The annual election of **STARS** officers will take place at the November 6^{th} meeting, with installation expected at the December meeting.

The following nominations were made for 2015:

President: Kenneth Pokigo, KC2AYK

Vice President: Scott Barto, KB2KOL
Treasurer: John Leitten, KA2RFT

Recording Sec'y: Mettieirene Wagner, KD2DFQ

Financial Sec'y: Judy Levan, N2TEZ

Director (2 yrs): Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY

Write in votes for other candidates are acceptable.

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STARS MEETINGS

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

★ This month's meeting will be on November 6th, at
 ★ 7:00 PM, at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center.

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.

However, to avoid conflict with a holiday, this month's board meeting will meet one week earlier, at 7:00 PM on **November 20**th, at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse.

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)

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 1ST

It's that time of year again!

Applications for renewal of membership in **STARS** are due on January 1, 2015. A renewal form is on page 10.

TELSTAR MAILING COSTS INCREASED

Previously, the charge to receive *Telstar* by mail has been \$6 per year. That price covered the \$5.88 for a year's worth of stamps, but did not cover the cost of paper, ink, printing, envelopes or labeling.

At the October board meeting, the charge to receive *Telstar* by mail was increased to \$15. The new price takes effect on January 1, 2015.

CHANGE CLOCKS

Daylight Savings Time ends and Eastern Standard Time returns on Sunday, November 2nd, at 2:00 AM.

Turn clocks back one hour.

Our local time will be UTC (Z) minus 5 hours.

HALLOWEEN MEAL



CLOSINGS ON WIVB

Should poor weather cause any scheduled **STARS** activity to be cancelled, the closing message will found on WIVB Channel 4 Buffalo.



NWS SKYWARN TRAINING

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/skywarnt.htm

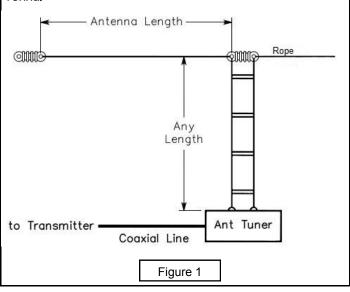
DATE TIME C		COUNTY LOCATION		ORGANIZATION		
Monday November 17, 2014	6:30 PM	Erie	Erie County Emergency Services Training Center	Erie County		
			Services Training Center	Register at: 858-7101 or 858-7109 wi		
			3359 Broadway	name, organization, contact phone #		
			Cheektowaga, NY	Email: <u>ECMRC@erie.gov</u>		



This month we are going to discuss the Zepp antenna, more specifically, the End Fed Zepp (EFZ) antenna (Figure 1). The EFZ, like the dipole is a half wave antenna at its fundamental frequency. The Zepp got its name from its use as a trailing antenna on Zeppelin airships. It must be fed with a balanced line, preferably 600 ohms, but could also be fed with 450 ohm ladder line. Over the years many center fed antennas have been developed and called a Zepp of one sort or another. But the Zepp originated as an end fed antenna.

At the end of any antenna the voltage is always at a maximum which means high impedance and reactance. Because of this the standard EFZ employs a transmission line matching stub to attain a reasonable match on the fundamental frequency. As a result, the EFZ is relegated to single band operation. The radiation pattern on its fundamental frequency is identical to that of the Center Fed Dipole.

Figure 1 is a diagram of a non-resonant EFZ. Because it is non-resonant, it can be used as a multi-band antenna.

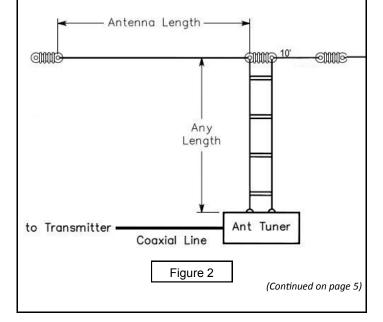


However, as it is true in life, it is also true with antennas. Nothing is really free.

The tuner in your radio, or an external tuner may be able to achieve a reasonable match in the above setup. However, the high voltage and reactance will put a strain on the balun and the tuner. At low power (100W or less) this may be acceptable. At high power, it may very well fracture the balun, or cause arcing in the tuner. The efficiency of the system will also be degraded, regardless of the power level. At QRP levels this could mean the difference between making or not making a contact.

Now I'm going to show you a little trick that you can use to not only make this EFZ into a multiband antenna, but one which, on certain bands, will outperform the Center Fed Dipole.

By adding 10 feet of wire to what would normally be the open leg of the feed line, we are introducing inductive reactance to offset the capacitive reactance at the end of the wire.



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Figure 2 above is our EFZ with an additional 10 feet of wire attached at the feed point. I don't want to bury you with numbers, but I will provide one example.

On 40 meters with a power of 1000 watts, the feed point voltage of the Figure 1 antenna is over 5000 volts with an SWR in excess of 65 to 1. With the same power, the antenna in Figure 2 voltage is just over 1300 volts with an SWR just under 4 to 1.

Let's now compare the 20 meter radiation patterns of the antenna in Figure 2 with a conventional Center Fed 40 meter Dipole.

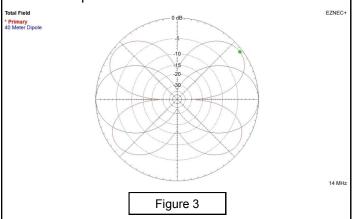


Figure 3 above is an azimuth plot on 20 meters of the 40M EFZ (Red) vs center fed 40M dipole (Blue). The 40 meter dipole exhibits the classic figure 8 pattern while the EFZ pattern more resembles a cloverleaf. This can be an advantage based upon your situation.

The 10' wire can be in line with the antenna as in Figure 2. or at right angles, or vertical. It doesn't make much difference. The only caution is that if the wire is vertical, keep it away from the main feed line.

In my opinion, a 1 to 1 or 4 to 1 balun would work fine. However, I would prefer the 1 to 1.

73 and see you next month,



Don, K2PMC

(Editor's note: If you have questions or comments, email Don Niles at: k2pmc@arrl.net.)

CHINESE AUCTION







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AREA VE SESSIONS

11/01/2014 **Jamestown**

Sponsor: CARS

Location: Prendergast Library

509 Cherry Street 2nd fl. Conf. Rm.

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

11/01/2014 North Tonawanda

Sponsor: ARA of the Tonawandas

Location: North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters

495 Zimmerman Street - Training Rm

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/08/2014 <u>Coudersport PA</u>

Sponsor: Elk County ARA

Location: Charles Cole Mem'l Hospital—Conf. Rm.

Route 6 East

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

11/12/2014 <u>Canandaigua</u>

Sponsor: SQUAW Island ARC

Location: Ontario Co. Safety Training Facility

2914 County Road 48

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

11/12/2014 Niagara Falls

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

3900 Packard Road

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

11/15/2014 <u>Erie PA</u>

Sponsor: Wattsburg Wireless Association
Location: Greene Twnshp Mun Bldg Rm 114

9333 Tate Road

(use district justice entrance)

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

11/15/2014 Rochester NY

Sponsor: Rochester ARA

Location: RIT Gleason Engineering Bldg Rm 3139

1 Lomb Memorial Drive

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

11/15/2014 <u>Hamburg</u>

Sponsor: STARS

Location: Hamburg Youth Center

200 Prospect Avenue

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

11/18/2014 Meadville PA

Sponsor: Crawford ARS

Location: St Brigid Church Social Hall

383 Arch Street

Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins)

11/25/2014 <u>Lancaster</u>

Sponsor: Lancaster ARC

Location: Lancaster ARC- Club House Building

525 Pavement Road

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

(control-click on City for more info)



- Free; no charge for examination

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
- Calculators are permitted as long as any programming has been cleared.

(more info)

CONTEST CALENDAR

Start and Finish Contest Title Sponsor's Website



Nov 1, 0600Z - See website	IPA Contest	www.iparc.de
Nov 1, 1200Z - Nov 2, 1200Z	Ukranian DX	http://urdxc.org/rules.php?english
Nov 1, 1200Z - Nov 2, 1200Z	Himalayan Contest	www.arsi.info/contests/himalayan
Nov 1, 1700Z - Nov 2, 0500Z	Radio Club of America QSO Party	www.radioclubofamerica.org
Nov 1, 2100Z - Nov 3, 0300Z	ARRL November Sweepstakes	http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
Nov 2, 0900Z - see website	High Speed Club CW Contest	www.highspeedclub.org/
Nov 2, 1100Z - Nov 2, 1700Z	DARC 10-Meter Digital "Corona"	www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport
Nov 3, 1630Z - Nov 3, 1730Z	OK1WC Memorial Contest	www.memorial-ok1wc.cz
Nov 4, 0200Z - Nov 4, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	www.arsqrp.blogspot.com
Nov 6, 1300Z - See website	CWOps Weekly Mini-CWT Tests	www.cwops.org/cwt.html
Nov 6, 1800Z - Nov 6, 2200Z	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	www.nrau.net/
Nov 7, 0145Z - Nov 7, 0215Z	NS Weekly RTTY Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
Nov 7, 0230Z - Nov 7, 0300Z	NS Weekly CW Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
Nov 8, 0000Z - Nov 9, 2400Z	Worked All Europe DX Contest	www.waedc.de
Nov 8, 0000Z - Nov 9, 2359Z	ARRL EME Contest	www.arrl.org/eme-contest
Nov 8, 0001Z - Nov 9, 2359Z	10-10 Fall Digital QSO Party	www.ten-ten.org
Nov 8, 0700Z - Nov 9, 1300Z	Japan International DX Contest	http://jidx.org
Nov 8, 1200Z - Nov 9, 1200Z	OK-OM DX Contest	http://okomdx.crk.cz
Nov 8, 1200Z - Nov 9, 2359	Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon	www.skccgroup.com
Nov 8, 1400Z - Nov 9, 0200Z	Kentucky QSO Party	www.wkdxa.com
Nov 8, 1900Z - Nov 10, 0500Z	CQ WE (Western Electric)	http://cqwe.cboh.org
Nov 12, 2000Z - Nov 12, 2100Z	RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2014/rsprint.shtml
Nov 15, 1000Z - Nov 16, 1000Z	SARL Field Day Contest	www.sarl.org.za/
Nov 15, 1200Z - Nov 16, 1200Z	LZ DX Contest	http://lzdx.bfra.org
Nov 15, 1200Z - Nov 16, 1159Z	Russian WW Multi-Mode Contest	www.rdrclub.ru
Nov 15, 1600Z - Nov 15, 1800Z	Feld-Hell Turkey Shoot Sprint	www.feldhellclub.org
Nov 15, 1600Z - Nov 16, 0700Z	All Austria 160 Meter Contest	www.oevsv.at
Nov 15, 2100Z - Nov 17, 0300Z	ARRL November Sweepstakes	www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
Nov 15, 2100Z - Nov 16, 0100Z	RSGB Second 1.8 MHz Contest	www.rsgbcc.org/
Nov 16, 0000Z - Nov 16, 2359Z	ARS HF Contest	www.arsitalia.it
Nov 16, 1300Z - Nov 16, 1700Z	Homebrew and Oldtime Contest	www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/hotr.html
Nov 17, 0200Z - Nov 17, 0400Z	Run For the Bacon	www.fpqrp.org
Nov 20, 0130Z - Nov 20, 0330Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	http://naqcc.info
Nov 21, 1600Z - Nov 21, 2200Z	YO International PSK31 Contest	http://www.yo5crq.ro/Rules2014EN.htm
Nov 22, 1200Z - Nov 23, 1200Z	LZ DX Contest	http://lzdx.bfra.org/rulesen.html
Nov 26, 0000Z - Nov 26, 0200Z	SKCC Straight Key Sprint	www.skccgroup.com
Nov 27, 0000Z - Nov 27, 0600Z	Top Band Sprint	www.qrparci.org/contests
Nov 27, 2000Z - Nov 27, 2100Z	RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2014/rsprint.shtml
Nov 29, 0000Z - Nov 30, 2359Z	CQ World Wide CW Contest	www.cqww.com
Nov 29, 0000Z - Nov 29, 2359Z	Full Day of Hell	www.feldhellclub.org

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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

Nevada Sesquicentennial Celebration 11/01/2014 150th Anniversary of the Quebec Conference 11/01/2014 SES OO4CLM 11/01/2014 11/01/2014 Frankenstein 2014 Halloween FunExpedition N1A Number One Alabama Crimson Tide Special Event 11/01/2014 Stuart Air Show / 40th Anniversary of Martin County Amateur Radio Association 11/01/2014 106th Anniversary of the Berlin Treaty 11/01/2014 Georgia Tech Homecoming 11/01/2014 Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald (Split Rock Lighthouse) 11/01/2014 VCARA 20th Year Anniversary 11/01/2014 Extra Hour Special Event Station, 3rd Annual 11/02/2014 11/07/2014 39th Anniversary Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald 11/08/2014 Hillsboro Lighthouse Special Event 11/08/2014 Honoring Veterans for Veterans Day NCTECH Hamfest Anniversary Station 11/08/2014 OARC 50th Birthday Celebration 11/08/2014 11/08/2014 Smith Mountain Fire Tower Anniversary 11/08/2014 USS Cobia WWII Sub Celebrating Vets Day/Commemorating the 52 Subs/Crew Members Lost in WWII 11/08/2014 Veteran's Day Commemoration Veterans Day and USMC Birthday Special Event 11/08/2014 150th Anniversary of Pima County, Arizona 11/09/2014 Veterans Day Special Event 11/11/2014 11/15/2014 151st Anniversary of "The Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" W6SFM Bug Round Up 11/15/2014 NRA 143rd Birthday Party 11/17/2014 98th Anniversary of HMHS Britannic Sinking 11/21/2014 Metro DX Club 35th Anniversary 11/22/2014 Turkey Islands for Thanksgiving Expedition 11/22/2014 W6OI and VE9TEN and DL0X Special Event

Steamship Portland Commemorative Special Event

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USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

ARRL MAIN SITE: http://www.arrl.org/home

ARRL ATLANTIC DIV .: http://www.atldiv.org

The First Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth

Battle of Franklin, TN

Radio on the Square

11/22/2014

11/28/2014 11/29/2014

11/29/2014

11/29/2014

CONTESTS: http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar

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

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

STARS REFLECTOR: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STARS-WB2ELW/

STARS WEBSITE: http://www.wb2elw.net TELSTAR EDITOR: wb2elw@verizon.net

NYS QSO PARTY — 10/18/2014 — STARS

Statistics

TOTAL POINTS: 13,530

QSOs per hour: STATES: 15 – 66 QSOs PROVINCES: 1 –

15 QSOs

Hour Starting	#QSOs
1400Z	11
1500Z	11
1600Z	9
1700Z	39
1800Z	36
1900Z	7
2000Z	5
2100Z	4
2200Z	5
2300Z	17
0000Z	27
0100Z	35

STATE	#QSOs
CT	2
DE	1
GA	1
IL	2
IN	3
MA	5
MD	3
MI	8
NC	2
NJ	5
ОН	10
PA	18
SC	1
VA	3
VT	2

PROVINCE #QSOs Ontario 15

QSOs by BAND

BAND	#QSOs
20 meter	1
40 meter	123
80 meter	82

NYS COUNTIES CONTACTED: 49 - 125 QSOs

CNTY	#QSOs	CNTY	#QSOs	CNTY	#QSOs	CNTY	#QSOs
ALB	1	FRA	-	ONE	1	SEN	4
ALL	-	FUL	1	ONO	3	STL	1
BRX	-	GEN	1	ONT	1	STE	2
BRM	3	GRE	2	ORA	-	SUF	8
CAT	1	HAM	3	ORL	1	SUL	-
CAY	1	HER	1	OSW	2	TIO	-
CHA	2	JEF	-	OTS	1	TOM	2
CHE	3	KIN	1	PUT	-	ULS	2
CGO	1	LEW	2	QUE	3	WAR	1
CLI	1	LIV	1	REN	4	WAS	3
COL	1	MAD	1	ROC	-	WAY	11
COR	1	MON	11	RIC	1	WES	3
DEL	1	MTG	1	SAR	4	WYO	2
DUT	5	NAS	4	SCH	5	YAT	-
ERI	8	NEW	-	SCO	1		
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2015 STARS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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