

STARS COMPLETES AMATEUR CLASS

For the past several weeks, **STARS**, in cooperation with **West Seneca CERT** and **Empact America**, has conducted a training program for those interested in becoming amateur radio operators. Led by Chief Instructor **Robert Koster, KA2WYE**, instructional staff and examiners included **Shane Brady, WB2WPM**; **Thomas Dean, KA2NXY**; **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY**; **Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM**; **Ed Jablonski, KC2YMN**; and **Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK**. The class took place on Wednesday evenings, at the West Seneca Emergency Operations Center .

Before the scheduled examination date, 4 members took and passed licensing examinations at another location. Two of those "early birds" took extra level examinations on the same night their classmates were taking their technician exams. Congratulations go to:

Edward Battaglia	KD2ILR	Extra
Arthur Gburek	KD2IPP	Technician
Lisa Gee	KD2IPO	Technician
Greg Gibbs	WA2GKG	General
Ed Hausauer	KD2IPM	Technician
Loreen Hayes	KD2IPL	Technician
John Krull	KD2IPK	Technician
Cory Messerschmidt	KD2IPJ	Technician
Cindy Minnich	KD2IPI	Technician
Steven Moeller	KD2IPR	General
Deborah Perrucelli	KD2ILQ	Technician
Aaron Price	KD2ILJ	Extra
Joseph Puntillo	KD2IPH	Technician
Julie Puntillo	KD2IPG	Technician
Ronald Runo	KD2IJL	Technician
Laurence Williams	KD2IPF	Technician
Sharon Winkler	KD2IPE	Technician

STARS REPEATERS

Two Yaesu System Fusion repeaters are now in service at the Hamburg Clubhouse. Both utilize a CTCSS tone of 88.5 Hz for access.

The 2 meter repeater on 147.09 MHz will accept analog or digital radio transmissions. Whether entered with a digital signal or an analog signal, the output will be analog.

The UHF repeater on 442.325 MHz also will accept either type of signal. However, if a digital signal is received, it will be repeated as digital.

The 2 meter and UHF Colden repeaters remain in service, with an access tone of 107.2 Hz. .

STARS WEBSITE

The **STARS** website, under the management of **Don Niles, K2PMC**, continues development. It is accessed at www.wb2elw.net .

One of the more interesting features, is the erection of the tower at the STARS Radio Clubhouse (don't try this at home!) The video can be found under the tab for "**STARS Gallery**".

If you haven't been there lately, check it out. Also, if you have anything that should be included on the website, send it to **Don Niles, K2PMC**:

k2pmc@arrl.net



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	LOCATION	ADDRESS	SPONSOR	CONTACT
Friday May 1, 2015 3 PM	Buffalo State College	Classroom Building Room A209	Buffalo State Geography and Planning Department	Dr. Stephen Vermette vermetsj@buffalostate.edu
Wednesday May 6, 2015 7 PM	Wyoming County Public Safety Building	151 North Main St Warsaw, NY 14569	Wyoming County Office of Emergency Services	Tony Santoro asantoro@wyomingco.net
Thursday May 7, 2015 7 PM	Penfield Town Hall	3100 Atlantic Ave Penfield, NY 14526	Monroe County Office of Emergency Management	Fred Rion FRion@monroecounty.gov
Tuesday May 12, 2015 7 PM	Genesee County Fire Training Center	7690 State Street Rd Batavia, NY 14020	Genesee County Office of Emergency Services	Tim Yaegar – tim.yaeger@co.genesee.ny.us
Wednesday May 13, 2015 6:30 PM	Jefferson County Office Building	175 Arsenal St Watertown, NY 13601	Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management	Joseph Plummer
Tuesday May 19, 2015 7 PM	Saint Peter's Episcopal Church	12 Elm St Westfield, NY 14787	Chautauqua and Erie Amateur Radio Club	Richard Odebralski 716-224-2170
Thursday May 28, 2015 7 PM	Cayuga County Office Building Sixth Floor	160 Genesee St Auburn, NY 13021	Cayuga County Emergency Management	Brian Dahl bdahl@cayugacounty.us

AMATEUR REPEATERS

WESTERN NEW YORK

(2 Meter - VHF)

Location	Listen From	Transmit To	CTCSS	Callsign
ALBION	145.270	144.670	141.3	WA2DQL
ALMA	147.210	147.810	123.0	KA2AJH
AMHERST	147.390	147.990	88.5	W2DXA
ARKWRIGHT	146.670	146.070	88.5	K2XZ
BATAVIA	147.285	147.885	141.3	W2SO
BEMUS POINT	145.290	144.690	127.3	WA2LPB
BOSTON	146.910	146.310		W2EUP
BROCKPORT	146.760	146.160	110.9	WR2AHL
BUFFALO	146.865	147.465	151.4	WB2ECR
CHURCHVILLE	145.210	144.610	110.9	N2EPO
CLARENCE CENTER	147.360	147.960	107.2	AG2AA
COLDEN	145.310	144.710	88.5	W2IVB
COLDEN	147.090	147.690	107.2	WB2ELW
DELEVAN	145.390	144.790		K2XZ
EDEN	146.835	146.235	88.5	WB2JPQ
FREWSBURG	146.790	146.190	127.3	W2DRZ
GAINSVILLE	145.490	144.890	88.5	WB2JPQ
HAMBURG	147.090	147.69	88.5	WB2ELW
JAMESTOWN	146.940	146.340	127.3	K2LUC
JAMESTOWN	145.330	144.730	127.3	KS2D
KENMORE	147.000	147.600	107.2	K2LED
LANCASTER	147.255	147.855	107.2	W2SO
LEWISTON	146.775	146.175		WB2NCR
LIMESTONE	146.850	146.250		W3VG
LOCKPORT	146.820	146.220	107.2	W2RUI
NORTH TONAWANDA	146.955	146.355	151.4	W2SEX
PERRYSBURG	147.135	147.735	107.2	KC2DKP
POMFRET	146.625	146.025	127.3	W2SB
RIPLEY	145.470	144.870	127.3	N2FMM
WETHERSFIELD	145.170	144.570		K2ISO
WETHERSFIELD	146.640	146.040		K2XZ
WETHERSFIELD	147.315	147.915	141.3	KC2QNX
WETHERSFIELD	147.105	147.705	141.3	N2FQN
WHEATFIELD	146.730	146.130		KD2GBR

HAMFESTS

05/15-17/2015 [Dayton, Ohio](#)

Location: HARA Arena
1001 Shiloh Springs Rd
Dayton, OH

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: www.hamvention.org

3 miles south and 3.5 miles west of the intersection of Interstate 70 and Interstate 75.

(control + click on name for full information)

STARS 2015 GOALS

Upgrade WB2ELW website	●
Install an IRLP node	●
Implement UHF repeater	●
Install a satellite antenna	●
Complete N1MM linking	●
Rebuild antenna interface box	●
Offer several monthly programs	●
Conduct a "Homebrew Build Project"	●
Participate in Field Day	●
Participate in the NYS QSO Contest	●
Participate in additional contests	●
Conduct 1 major fundraiser	●
Participate in Hamburg's Burgerfest	●

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May 15-17, 2015 Hara Arena, Dayton, Ohio

AREA EXAM SITES

05/06/2015

[Springville](#)



Sponsor: Cattaraugus County ARET
 Location: Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Board Room
 222-224 East Main Street
 Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/12/2015

[Meadville PA](#)

Sponsor: Crawford ARS
 Location: St Brigid Church Social Hall
 383 Arch Street
 Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins)

05/13/2015

[Niagara Falls](#)

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

05/16/2015

[Hamburg](#)

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



05/16/2014

[Rochester NY](#)



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

05/31/2015

[Geneseo](#)

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

(control-click on City for more info)



: (no fee charged)

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.

[\(more info\)](#)

NEW GENERAL EXAMS

Are you studying for your upgrade examination for a general amateur license? Have you been delaying your exam for "unmentionable" reasons?

Well, it will behoove you to take that exam before July 1st, 2015. On that day, a new set of examination questions will be in place for general exams.

So, take it before July 1st, or start studying a new set of questions.

PAPER LICENSES

Effective February 17th, The Federal Communications Commission has ended the automatic issuance of papers/cards as amateur radio licenses.

The official standard will be the FCC database of license information, available to all on the Internet.

For those who insist on a paper of some sort, the FCC will issue a paper copy upon written request. For more information, see the ARRL article:

www.arrl.org/news/fcc-paperless-amateur-radio-license-policy-goes-into-effect-on-february-17

CONTEST CALENDAR



Start and Finish	Contest Title	Sponsor's Website
Wednesdays 1300Z – See web	CWOps Weekly Mini-CWT Tests	www.cwops.org/cwt.html
Fridays, 0145Z - 0215Z	NS Weekly RTTY Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
Fridays, 0230Z - 0300Z	NS Weekly Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
May 1, 1300Z - May 1, 1900Z	AGCW QRP/QRP Party	http://www.agcw.org/
May 2, 0000Z - May 3, 2400Z	Worldwide EME Contest	www.dubus.org
May 2, 0001Z - May 3, 2359Z	Ten-Ten Spring CW Contest	www.ten-ten.org
May 2, 1000Z - May 4, 0400Z	2 GHz and Up World Wide Contest	www.ham-radio.com/sbms
May 2, 1200Z - May 2, 1700Z	Microwave Spring Sprint	http://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints
May 2, 1200Z - May 3, 1159Z	ARI International DX Contest	www.ari.it
May 2, 1300Z - May 3, 0700Z	7th Area QSO Party	http://7qp.org
May 2, 1600Z - May 3, 0400Z	Indiana QSO Party	www.hdxcc.org/inqp
May 2, 1700Z - May 2, 2100Z	FISTS Spring Slow Speed Sprint	http://fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints
May 2, 1700Z - May 3, 2359Z	Delaware QSO Party	www.fsarc.org
May 2, 1700Z - May 3, 0459Z	Radio Club of America QSO Party	www.radioclubofamerica.org
May 2, 2000Z - See website	New England QSO Party	www.negp.org
May 4, 1630Z - May 4, 1730Z	OK1WC Memorial Contest	www.memorial-ok1wc.cz
May 4, 1900Z - May 4, 2030Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2015/r80mcc.shtml
May 4, 2300Z - May 5, 0300Z	MIE 33 Contest	http://www.ztv.ne.jp/isoda/33/annual/38/38rule-e.html
May 5, 0200Z - May 5, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	www.arsqrp.blogspot.com
May 7, 1700Z - May 7, 2100Z	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	http://www.nrau.net/activity-contests/below-30mhz.html
May 9, 1200Z - May 10, 1159Z	HPC World Wide DX Contest	http://pskclub.gr/contest
May 9, 1200Z - May 10, 1200Z	F9AA Cup, PSK	www.site.unc.asso.fr/urhaut-6/om-6/131-trophee-f9aa.html
May 9, 1200Z - May 10, 1200Z	Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest	www.contestvolta.com
May 9, 1200Z - May 10, 2400Z	Armed Forces Comm'ns Test	www.netcom.army.mil/mars
May 9, 1200Z - May 10, 1200Z	CQ-M International DX Contest	www.cq-m.ru
May 9, 1200Z - May 10, 2359Z	Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon	www.skccgroup.com
May 9, 1500Z - May 10, 1500Z	Portuguese Navy Day	www.nra.pt
May 9, 1700Z - May 10, 1700Z	Nevada Mustang Roundup	www.nvqsoparty.info
May 9, 1700Z - May 9, 2100Z	FISTS Spring Sprint	www.fists.org/operating.html#sprints
May 9, 2300Z - May 10, 0300Z	50 MHz Spring Sprint	sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints
May 13, 1900Z - May 13, 2030Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2015/r80mcc.shtml
May 14, 1600Z - May 14, 2200Z	QRP Minimal Art Session	http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/mas/grpmsr-e.html
May 16, 0000Z - May 17, 2400Z	Worldwide EME Contest	www.dubus.org
May 16, 0800Z - May 16, 1500Z	Portuguese Navy Day	www.nra.pt
May 16, 1200Z - May 17, 1200Z	Aegean RTTY Contest	www.aegeandxgroup.gr/
May 16, 1200Z - May 17, 1200Z	His Majesty King of Spain Contest	http://concursos.ure.es/en
May 16, 1600Z - See website	Feld-Hell Hamvention Sprint	www.feldhellclub.org
May 17, 1000Z - May 17, 1400Z	Worked All Britain — 7 MHz Phone	http://wab.intermip.net
May 17, 1300Z - May 17, 1659Z	UA2 QSO Party	http://www.grz.ru/contest/detail/382.html
May 18, 0200Z - May 18, 0400Z	Run For the Bacon	www.fqqr.org
May 21, 0030Z - May 21, 0230Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	http://naqcc.info
May 21, 1900Z - May 21, 2030Z	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2015/r80mcc.shtml
May 23, 0000Z - May 24, 2400Z	EPC WW PSK Contest	www.eupsk.com
May 23, 0800Z - May 23, 2359Z	Portuguese Navy Day Contest, Digital	www.nra.pt/portuguese-navy-day-contest---2015.html
May 23, 1200Z, - May 24, 1200Z	EU PSK DX Contest	www.eupsk.com/eupskdx/eupskdxrules.pdf
May 23, 2100Z - May 24, 0200Z	Baltic Contest	www.lrsf.lt/bcontest/english/rules_html.htm
May 27, 0000Z - May 27, 0200Z	SKCC Sprint	www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/
May 27, 2000Z - May 27, 2100Z	UKEICC 80m Contest	www.ukeicc.com/which-contest/
May 30, 0000Z - May 31, 2359Z	CQ WW WPX Contest	www.cqwp.com
May 31, 8 PM - May 31, Midnight	QRP ARCI Hoot Owl Sprint	www.qrparci.org/contests
May 31, 1300Z - May 31, 1600Z	SARL Digital Contest	http://www.sarl.org.za/

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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>

05/01/2015	KC9HYY/LUS100	100th Anniversary Sinking of RMS Lusitania	
05/01/2015	PH70CALM	Celebration Activities of 2nd World War Liberation of the city of Margraten	
05/01/2015	GB100MFA	R.M.S. Lusitania ~ MFA	
05/01/2015	N2L	RMS Lusitania centenary	
05/02/2015	W0IO	Hawkeye Get On The Air	
05/02/2015	K5SRC	Oklahoma Steam Thresher and Gas Engine Show	
05/02/2015	WE7GV	TITAN MISSILE MUSEUM SPECIAL EVENT	
05/03/2015	N1H	New Hampshire Old Man Collapse Anniversary	
05/06/2015	W9IMS	Grand Prix of Indianapolis	
05/08/2015	W7G	1869 Transcontinental Rail Road Golden Spike Commemorative	
05/09/2015	KW4P	Inaugural Special Event Celebrating 150th Anniversary of Last Shot Fired of the Civil War	
05/09/2015	WW1USA	Sinking of the Lusitania	
05/09/2015	NI6IW	USS Midway Museum Ship Armed Forces Day Special Event	
05/10/2015	W5TSP	Texas Star Party	
05/14/2015	W7E	Overland Expo West 2015	
05/15/2015	K2BSA/1	Jubilee 2015	
05/16/2015	W9DUP	Armed Forces Day	
05/16/2015	W5A	National Safe Boating Week	
05/16/2015	W5I	Perrin Field Special Event Station	
05/16/2015	W0W	Pikes Peak Boy Scout Merit Badge Day	
05/16/2015	W2GSB	W2GSB American Air Power Museum	
05/16/2015	W6SFM	W6SFM Bug Roundup Event	
05/17/2015	GB5LCT	Lamberts Castle Shutter Telegraph	
05/18/2015	W9IMS	Indy 500 Special Event	
05/20/2015	K2CAM	Lindbergh Flies to Paris	
05/22/2015	W4M	Bishop CA Mules Days Celebraion	
05/23/2015	W3M	50th Anniversary Chesapeake Maritime Museum	
05/23/2015	K7UGA	Honoring Barry Goldwater	
05/23/2015	N4J	JFK Bunker on Peanut Island FL479S	
05/23/2015	W4B	WBCCI Region 4 39th Annual Rally	
05/25/2015	KC9HYY/EOI	Empress of Ireland 101th Anniversary Sinking	
05/27/2015	W9H	Ham Nation Bicentennial Broadcast other stations are W0H, W1H, W5H, W6H, and W7H	
05/30/2015	K2JJI	Amateur Radio Relay For Life	
05/30/2015	K1PBO	Cape Cod Mini Maker Faire	
05/30/2015	W2RME/50	CVARA 50th Anniversary	
05/30/2015	KE4YVD	Kentucky History	
05/30/2015	W9BRO	Night Watch & Brothers Nets Hand Shake	
05/30/2015	W2EF	President Grover Cleveland Birthplace	

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/>

STARS WEBSITE:

<http://www.wb2elw.net>

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