

BALLOON FROM ELMIRA STILL GOING!

Bob Koster, KA2WYE, travelled to the Elmira Hamfest on Saturday, September 24th. While there, he noticed activity around two partially inflated mylar balloons. Upon checking, he found a hydrogen-filled device about to be released.

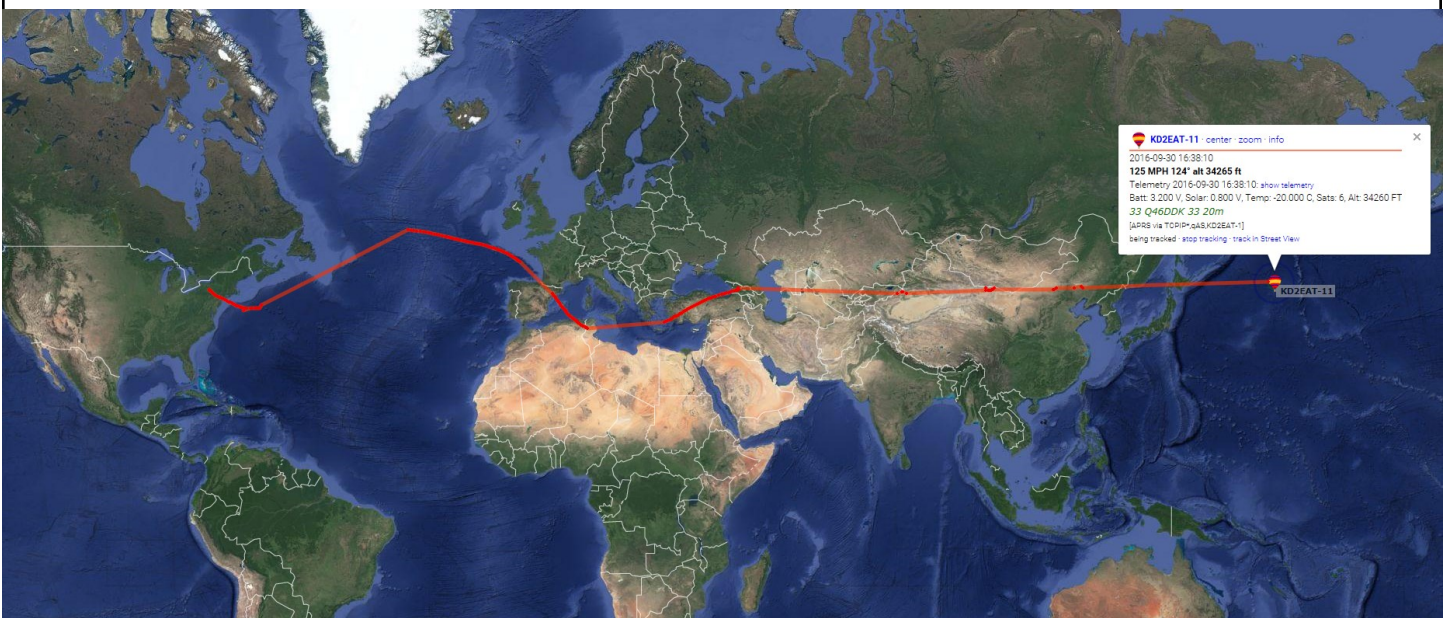
The balloons, typical of the size found at parties, carried a small payload, about the size of a coffee can. Included were an APRS tracking radio and its necessary equipment, as well as a pair of index card-sized solar panels for recharging its batteries. It trailed a simple wire antenna, reportedly intended for 20 meters.

The device was the creation of Michael Hojnowski, KD2EAT, an amateur from Ithaca. He released it shortly after 10 AM.

Well, the home-made device rose from the Chemung County Fairgrounds and began a spectacular journey. Its initial southbound direction changed to a southeasterly course over Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, before assuming a primarily eastern path.

Its Atlantic Ocean path brought it to Europe, the northern coast of Tunisia, and Asia.

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CLUB OFFICERS

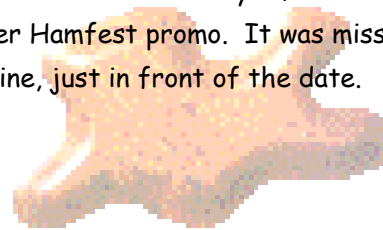
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WE GOOFED

(BUT NOBODY NOTICED)

Last month's *Telstar* incorrectly left out a space in the Lancaster Hamfest promo. It was missing from the second line, just in front of the date.



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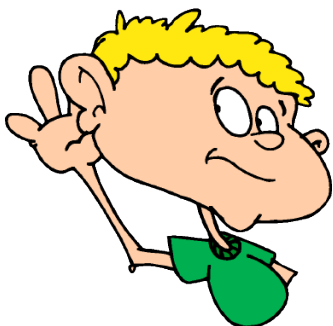
NEXT MEETING

The next **STARS** meeting will be on October 6th.

SDR will be the featured program presentation. No, we're not referring to the Strategic Defense Reserve. In amateur radio, SDR stands for "Software Defined Radio". It is a system by which computers determine the characteristics of a radio.

Just like tubes giving way to transistors, transistors may be giving way to SDR.

The program will be conducted by Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK, and Robert Koster, KA2WYE.



STARS MEETINGS

- ★ **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 **October 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.
- ★ The next board meeting will be **October 27th**, at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse, 2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg.
- ★ All members are welcome.

CLUB NETS

Tuesdays	7:30 PM	147.09 MHz (repeater)
Saturdays	10:00 AM	3.925 MHz +/- QRM

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS THIS WEEK

STARS officers (with the exception of Directors) are elected for a one year term. That term begins with the installation of newly elected officers at the December meeting.

Election of officers is done at the November meeting. That means nominations are due at the October meeting (this month).

If you would like to nominate a member for an office, come on out to the meeting on October 6th, and make your selection known.

NEW CALLSIGNS

Rick Neubeck, (formerly KD2GEF) is now W2RLN.

Jon Hall (formerly KC2QKB) is now AA2CC.



STARS 2016 GOALS

Participate in ARRL Field Day	●
Participate in the NYS QSO Contest	●
Participate in Hamburg's Burgerfest	●
Conduct fundraising events	●
Conduct a "Homebrew Build Project"	●
Hold at least 4 monthly programs	●
Install satellite antenna at clubhouse	●
Acquire new equipment	●
Investigate linking repeater systems	●
Enhance back-up power for repeater	●

TECHNICIAN CLASS

STARS, in cooperation with EMPact America, will offer a class for those wishing to earn their initial amateur radio license.



The class will take place on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM on October 5th. The class will take place at the EMPact America offices, 7615 Seneca Street, East Aurora.

There is no charge for the class. However, if a student wants a text, there will be a charge for it. Also, the licensure examination requires a \$15 fee.

More information, including a link for registration, can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-ham-radio-class-tickets-27439084039?aff=aff0eventful>

FOR SALE



Yaesu FT-920

6-160 all mode HF transceiver. Includes FM filter and CW filter; original microphone, power cord, manual and boxes. Unit is in excellent condition, and is up and running for a demo. \$650.00.

Contact: **Shane, WB2WPM**

716-867-9008

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BALLOON

The Asian course brought it through China, Japan, and into the Pacific Ocean.

The balloon has maintained altitudes in the 30,000 feet range. Speeds have been measured as high as 125 miles per hour.

As this newsletter reaches you, the balloon was last reported over southwestern Alaska. The big question is whether or not it will complete a pathway around the globe.

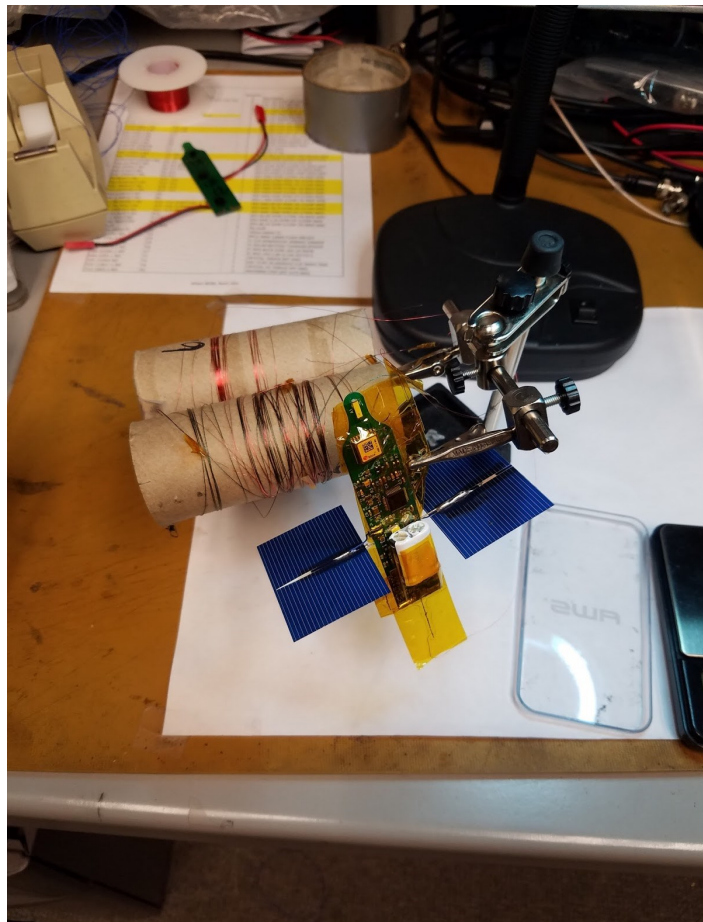
If it succeeds, the next question is how long it will continue travelling. Could it make multiple orbits of the earth?

You can learn more about the balloon from these sites:

For up to the minute progress: [APRS.FI KD2EAT-11](http://APRS.FI.KD2EAT-11)

For detailed information about the project and its progress (with pictures & videos), as written by the designer, **Michael Hojnowski, KD2EAT**:

<http://hojoham.blogspot.com/2016/09/flight-wisp1c11.html?spref=fb>



PHOTOS BY **MICHAEL HOJNOWSKI, KD2EAT**, **ROBERT KOSTER, KA2WYE**, & OTHERS (anonymous).

NYS QSO PARTY - GET READY FOR OCTOBER 15!

by Dean Faklis, NW2K

It's all about NY on October 15 as radio amateurs from around the world get on the air to work all 62 NY counties, Chautauqua to Clinton, Niagara to Suffolk. A dozen or more mobile operators will take to the mean streets of NYC or the bucolic surrounds of the Southern Tier and North Country. Brave souls will sneak out to the woodlands to activate a rare county, Field Day style, as temps may dip into the 30's. And good, solid Elmers will open up their shacks to new hams and build excitement as the spotlight is on US!

The NYQP (New York QSO Party) game is easy to play as all operating modes and bands are eligible. The QSO exchange is simple for NY operators: signal report and county. For those eager out-of-state ops wanting to work all 62 counties, they'll send a signal report and their state, province or DX.

There's a category for all operating styles from single-operator-QRP to multi-operator-high-power-mobile! And the 48 plaques, which are awarded to category winners, are simply beautiful and I think they're the best in the business. Serious "furniture" for the discerning ham's shack! The state-wide NYQP Plaque Sponsorship Team and the Rochester DX Association really step up to the plate each year to make all the effort worthwhile.

There is a page at the NYQP website (www.nyqp.org) that we've created to announce activity across the state. It's called "2016 Planned Activations" and it's easy to list your plans online to alert others of your activity in that rare or not-so-rare QTH. It helps all of us make informed choices on how to operate to maximize fun. The event's rules are also listed at the site.

In 2015, we had a record 314 logs, 156 from NY, 135 stateside, 14 from Canada, and 9 from DX. 5,670(!) unique call signs participated in the event, with 43,065(!) reported QSOs. Contacts were made in all

62 counties from 49 (missed AK) states, 9 (AB, BC, MB, NB, NT, ON, PEI, QC, SK) provinces, and dozens of DX countries. There were 57 amateur radio clubs (25 New York and 32 out of state) involved in the event. Let's set some new records in 2016!

Need any assistance or have any questions? Wondering which are the rare counties? Have a question about logging software? The NYQP Team is at the ready...send me a note any time at NW2K@arrl.net or check out the great NYQP website (www.nyqp.org) for all the details. We'll help you get on the air on October 15!

STARS WILL WORK THE NYS QSO PARTY

Over the years, the **STARS** club has participated in the annual NYS QSO Party. During that period, **STARS** has finished at or near the lead many times.

This year, the **STARS** clubhouse station will be open to try to regain the top position (we were second last year.) All members are invited down to participate in the event. It begins at 1400 UTC on October 15th, and runs for a twelve hour period. Permissible operating modes will include phone, CW, and RTTY/digital.

As a station in a New York State county, we will be an actively sought contact. For us, it will be easier. Any contact is acceptable.

This is a great opportunity for new amateurs to get on the air and develop their communications skills. Operating positions will be available. Also, help from more experienced operators will be offered.

To enhance the **STARS** performance, a special call sign has been obtained for the date:

W2E

WHAT'S THIS



No, they are not stakes for next year's gardening. What you see on a table at the radio shack is a used antenna obtained from a one-time member. Of course, it's in pieces. Those pieces will need assembly. It is a Mosley Pro 57, covering 10, 15, 12, 17, & 20 meter bands.

The unit will replace a Hi-Gain TH-6 currently on the tower. It only covers 10, 15, & 20 meter bands

Also, we expect to add a 40 meter conversion kit.

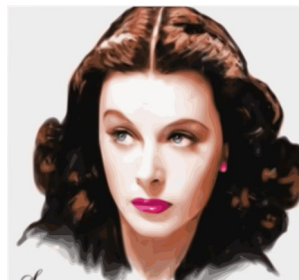
In summary, it will cover 3 more bands than the present antenna.



ANSWER TO RADIO PIONEER QUIZ

Which actress was one of the great pioneers of wireless communications?

Born Hedwig Kiesler, her married name was Hedy Kiesler Markey. We know her as Hedy Lamarr. She shares U.S. Patent No. 2,292,387, the basis for today's spread spectrum technology.



HEDY LAMARR

- (thanx to Jon Hall, AA2CC for this information)

HAMFESTS

10/16 [Conneaut ARC Hamfest](#)

Location: Conneaut American Legion Hall
272 Broad Street
Conneaut, OH

Sponsor: Conneaut Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/W8BHZ>

(control-click on name for more info)



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.weather.gov/buf/Skywarn> or jon.hitchcock@noaa.gov

DATE	COUNTY	LOCATION	ADDRESS	SPONSOR
Monday 10/24/2016 7 PM	Chautauqua	WCA Hospital	207 Foote Ave Jamestown, NY 14701	Chautauqua County Amateur FM Association
Wednesday 11/2/2016 7 PM	Erie	Lancaster Office of Emergency Management	525 Pavement Rd Lancaster, NY 14086	Lancaster Office of Emergency Management

FOOTBALL POOL

The football pool is in progress. To date, four games have been completed. Prize winners are:

Game 1	Michelle Wick (Jon Hall) Pat Henderson (Don Niles)
Game 2	Joe Claus Jill Schreiber (Jon Hall)
Game 3	Joe Kurcz Jim Meissner (Don Niles)
Game 4	Marcia Meyers (Jon Hall) Don Niles

The three top sellers were **Don Niles, K2PMC; Jon Hall, KC2QKB;** and **Rick Neubeck, KD2GEF W2RLN.** Together, those three members sold over half the boxes.

Also, special thanx go to **Don Niles, K2PMC,** for setting up the football pool.



SUPER BOWL POOL?

With the success of the football pool for this season, the question has been raised as to whether or not we will conduct a special "Super Bowl Pool", as we did last year.

Now is the time plans have to be made to form such a pool, as members would be asked to sell squares.

Please make your preparations to support and/or assist with this venture, as plans firm up.

PUMPKIN PATROL

Many years ago on Halloween, a resident along the Thruway witnessed teenagers dump objects into traffic from an overpass. One of those items smashed through the windshield of a passing truck, producing serious injuries to the driver.

From that point onward, she would spend her Halloween evenings stationed on that bridge to deter any similar events.

The practice caught on, and the NYS Thruway Police began coordinating other volunteers for similar vigils at other bridges over the Thruway. It is known as the **Pumpkin Patrol.**

Today, that practice continues. In Erie County, the ARES/RACES team coordinates amateur radio operators who station themselves on selected bridges. Amateur radios are monitored by the team, and also by the State Police.

That activity takes place on Halloween, and also on the evening before Halloween.

Volunteer amateur radio operators willing to assist with this worthwhile project are welcome, whether or not they hold ARES/RACES membership. If you are interested in participating, contact the local coordinator, **John Morrow, KC2TXV:** jocomor81@verizon.net

TESTING RESULTS

STARS held amateur radio license examinations at the Hamburg Youth Center on September 17th.

Two candidates earned new credentials.

Owen Torres	KD2LXF	General
Scott Zawierucha	KD2LXE	Technician

The **STARS** VE team included **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY;** **John Czuba, W2IV;** **Thomas Dean, KA2NXY;** and **Matthew Starr, N2TFA.** **John Leiten, KA2RFT** served as "short notice - on call".


EXAM SITES

10/01/2016 [North Tonawanda](#)
 Sponsor: ARA of the Tonawandas
 Location: North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters
 495 Zimmerman Street - Training Rm
 Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/01/2016 [Jamestown](#)
 Sponsor: CARSC
 Location: Prendergast Library
 509 Cherry Street 2nd fl conf rm
 Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/11/2016 [Niagara Falls](#)
 Sponsor: Niagara Radio Club, Inc.
 Location: Venture Forthe, Inc.
 3900 Packard Road
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)


10/15/2016 [Erie PA](#)
 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)


10/15/2016 [Rochester](#) 
 Sponsor: Rochester ARA
 Location: RIT Gleason Engineering Bldg Rm 3139
 1 Lomb Memorial Drive
 Time: 9:45 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/18/2016 [Meadville PA](#)
 Sponsor: Crawford ARS
 Location: St Brigid Church Social Hall
 383 Arch Street
 Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins; preregister!)



- Free; no charge for examination

10/19/2016 [Lyons](#) 
 Sponsor: Drumlins ARC
 Location: Wayne Co Office of Emergency Mgmt
 7336 State Route 31
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/22/2016 [Belmont](#) 
 Sponsor: CCARET
 Location: Amity Rescue Squad Bldg
 5184 State Route 244
 Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/23/2016 [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)



- 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

Weds	0230Z-0300Z	Phone Fray	www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf
Weds	1300Z - See web	CW Ops Weekly Mini-CWT Tests	www.cwops.org/cwt.html
Wed & Fri	0100Z - 0229Z	QRP Fox Hunt (winter)	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
Fridays,	0145Z - 0215Z	NS Weekly RTTY Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
Fridays,	0230Z - 0300Z	NS Weekly Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
Oct 1, 0000Z - Oct 1, 2359Z		TARA PSK Rumble Contest	www.n2ty.org
Oct 1, 0000Z - Oct 2, 2359Z		15 Meter SSTV Dash Contest	http://contests.wsstvc.org/rules
Oct 1, 0800Z - Oct 2, 0800Z		Oceania DX Contest, Phone	oceaniadxcontest.com/rules.pdf
Oct 1, 1200Z - Oct 2, 1159Z		Russian WW Digital Contest	www.rdrclub.ru/rdr-news
Oct 1, 1200Z - Oct 2, 1200Z		GTC CW Cup	www.raag.org
Oct 1, 1200Z - Oct 2, 1200Z		TRC DX Contest	www.trcdx.org/trcdx/index.html
Oct 1, 1200Z - Oct 2, 1200Z		WAB HF Phone	wab.intermip.net
Oct 1, 1600Z - Oct 2, 1100Z		International HELL-Contest	www.darc.de/der-club/referate
Oct 1, 1600Z - Oct 2, 2200Z		California QSO Party	www.cqp.org/Rules.html
Oct 1, 1700Z - Oct 1, 2100Z		FISTS Fall Slow Speed Sprint	fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints
Oct 2, 0600Z - Oct 2, 1000Z		UBA ON Contest, SSB	www.uba.be/en
Oct 2, 0700Z - Oct 2, 1900Z		RSGB International DX Contest	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Oct 3, 0700Z - Oct 3, 1000Z		German Telegraphy Contest	www.agcw.org/index.php/en
Oct 4, 0100Z - Oct 4, 0300Z		ARS Spartan Sprint	arsqrp.blogspot.com
Oct 5, 1900Z - Oct 5, 2300Z		432 MHz Fall Sprint	svhfs.org/2016_Fall_Sprint_Rules.pdf
Oct 5, 2000Z - Oct 5, 2100Z		UKEICC 80 Meter Contest	www.ukeicc.com
Oct 6, 1700Z - Oct 6, 2000Z		SARL 80 Meter QSO Party	www.sarl.org.za
Oct 6, 1700Z - Oct 6, 2100Z		NRAU 10 Meter Activity Contest	www.nrau.net/activity-contests
Oct 8, 0000Z - Oct 9, 1559Z		Makrothen RTTY Contest	home.arcor.de/waldemar.kebsch
Oct 8, 0800Z - Oct 8, 1400Z		Microwave Fall Sprint	svhfs.org/2016_Fall_Sprint_Rules.pdf
Oct 8, 0800Z - Oct 9, 0800Z		Oceania DX Contest, CW	oceaniadxcontest.com/rules.pdf
Oct 8, 1200Z - Oct 9, 1200Z		Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	www.sactest.net/blog/rules
Oct 8, 1200Z - Oct 9, 2359Z		QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	www.qrparci.org/contests
Oct 8, 1200Z - Oct 9, 2359Z		SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	www.skccgroup.com
Oct 8, 1600Z - Oct 9, 2200Z		Pennsylvania QSO Party	www.nittany-arc.net
Oct 8, 1600Z - Oct 9, 2359Z		Arizona QSO Party	www.azqsoparty.org
Oct 8, 1700Z - Oct 8, 2100Z		FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint	fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints
Oct 8, 2000Z - Oct 9, 2000Z		PODXS070 160 Meter Great Pumpkin Sprint	www.podxs070.com
Oct 9, 0000Z - Oct 9, 0400Z		North American SSB Sprint	ssbsprint.com/rules
Oct 9, 0600Z - Oct 9, 0900Z		UBA ON Contest, CW	www.uba.be/en
Oct 10, 0001Z - Oct 10, 2359Z		10-10 International 10-10 Day Sprint	www.ten-ten.org
Oct 12, 0030Z - Oct 12, 0230Z		NAQCC CW Sprint	naqcc.info/sprint201610.html
Oct 12, 1900Z - Oct 12, 2000Z		RSGB 80 Meter Club Sprint, CW	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2016/rsprint.shtml
Oct 14, 1500Z - Oct 14, 1900Z		MCG Autumn Sprint	mcg-club.ru/index-eng.html
Oct 15, 0000Z - Oct 16, 2359Z		JARTS WW RTTY Contest	jarts.jp/rules2016.html
Oct 15, 0001Z - Oct 16, 2359Z		10-10 International Fall Contest, CW	www.ten-ten.org
Oct 15, 1400Z - Oct 15, 2300Z		Iowa QSO Party	www.wa0dx.org/IAQSO
Oct 15, 1400Z - Oct 16, 0200Z		New York QSO Party	www.nyqp.org
Oct 15, 1500Z - Oct 16, 1459Z		Worked All Germany Contest	www.darc.de/referate
Oct 15, 1800Z - Oct 16, 1800Z		South Dakota QSO Party	www.kb0ws.com/SDQP
Oct 15, 2000Z - Oct 15, 2359Z		Feld Hell Sprint	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
Oct 16, 0000Z - Oct 16, 0200Z		Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt
Oct 16, 0600Z - Oct 16, 1000Z		UBA ON Contest, 2 Meter	www.uba.be/en
Oct 16, 1700Z - Oct 17, 0100Z		Illinois QSO Party	www.w9awe.org
Oct 16, 1900Z - Oct 16, 2030Z		RSGB RoLo CW	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Oct 17, 0100Z - Oct 17, 0300Z		Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	qrptest.com/pigrun
Oct 17, 1300Z - Oct 21, 2359Z		ARRL School Club Roundup	www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup
Oct 17, 1900Z - Oct 18, 0300Z		Telephone Pioneers QSO Party	www.tpgso.com
Oct 22, 0000Z - Oct 23, 2359Z		ARRL EME Contest	www.arrl.org/eme-contest-1
Oct 22, 1200Z - Oct 23, 1200Z		UK/EI DX Contest, SSB	www.ukeicc.com
Oct 22, 1500Z - Oct 23, 1500Z		Stew Perry Topband Challenge	www.kkn.net/stew
Oct 26, 0000Z - Oct 26, 0200Z		SKCC Sprint	www.skccgroup.com
Oct 26, 2000Z - Oct 26, 2100Z		UKEICC 80 Meter Contest	www.ukeicc.com
Oct 27, 1900Z - Oct 27, 2000Z		RSGB 80 Meter Club Sprint, SSB	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Oct 29, 0000Z - Oct 30, 2359Z		CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	www.cqww.com/rules.htm






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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>

Jun 28 - Oct 23	W1SYE	Narragansett Bay Lights and Islands	
Sep 2 - Oct 13	W5M	History of Radio in the Mesilla Valley	
Sep 19 - Oct 7	K9E	60 years of Amateur Radio K9ESC	
Sep 26 - Oct 29	ON500UTOPIA	Utopia Festival Leuven	
Oct 1 - Oct 31	W9IMH	100 th Anniversary of Indiana Masonic Home	
Oct 1	N2R	2016 NJ Royal Rangers Powwow Amateur Radio Event	
Oct 1 - Oct 9	W5B	Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta	
Oct 1 - Oct 2	K4C	Currahee Military Weekend	
Oct 1 - Oct 2	N1D	Dempsey Challenge Bicycle Race	
Oct 1 - Oct 2	W2NPT	Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club 60th Anniversary Event	
Oct 1	N4G	NGA NCE Family Day	
Oct 1	W9JOZ	Radioville - The Town That Never Was.	
Oct 3 - Oct 4	WB5LEO	Battle of Corinth, Mississippi	
Oct 3 - Oct 9	WD9HSY	The Great Peshtigo and Chicago Fire	
Oct 7	AA0RW	Environmental Learning Center Festival	
Oct 7 - Oct 9	W6W	Lone Pine Film Festival	
Oct 7 - Oct 9	W5DDL	Tour Du Teche Canoe Race	
Oct 7 - Oct 10	W1W	Warren Fall Festival	
Oct 8 - Oct 16	W3T	239 th Anniversary of the Towamencin Encampment	
Oct 8	W6TOI	Downey Amateur Radio Club 65 th Anniversary	
Oct 8 - Oct 16	W5I	Dwight D. Eisenhower Birthday Celebration	
Oct 8 - Oct 9	W0D	Lester Dent - Doc Savage Special Event	
Oct 8	K2BSA/8	Peterloo Camporee	
Oct 8	NI6IW	USS Midway Museum Ship; US Navy Birthday Special Event	
Oct 9 - Oct 16	N0F-N8F	2016 Fire Prevention Week Special Event	
Oct 15	NA4CC	Official NC Fall Liver Mush Festival	
Oct 18 - Oct 22	K0W	Sunbelt Ag Expo	
Oct 21 - Oct 23	N1A (+)	77 th Anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary (also K1G, N1H, W1H, W2K, W3T, N4U, N5A, K6A, N6Z, N9U, & W9C)	
Oct 21 - Oct 23	W4P	Florida International Airshow	
Oct 21 - Oct 23	K5M	Mickey Mantle Day, Spavinaw, OK. Birthplace of baseball legend Mickey Mantle	
Oct 22 - Oct 23	W2IQ	Mountain Makins Festival	
Oct 22 - Oct 23	NY3EC	Pittsburgh, PA Bicentennial	
Oct 25 - Oct 26	W4AQL	Georgia Tech Homecoming	
Oct 31 - Nov 1	K9HAM	100 th Anniversary of Alton Halloween	
Oct 31 - Nov 5	KF5THB	Bigfoot Radio Net New Mexico Trek Tour	
Oct 31 - Nov 6	W9C	Celebrating Walter Cronkite's 100 th Birthday - "The Most Trusted Man in America"	
Oct 31 - Nov 1	DOD Stations	Military - Amateur Radio Interop Communications Exercise	

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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