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NYS QSO PARTY

The NY QSO party took place on October 15, 2016. **STARS** entered the contest with two stations operating as station W2E.

Bands used included the 80 meter, 40 meter and 20 meter bands

Operators signed in for the day included:

Scott Barto	KB2KOL
Tomm Dean	KA2NXY
John Dilivio	K2CF
Pat Groom	KCD2VWG
Jon Hall	AA2CC
Al Mitzo	WA2TTT
Rick Neubeck	W2RLN
Don Niles	KC2PMC
Larry Plumb	WA2TLY
Ken Pokigo	KC2AYK

A summary of the results is on page 4.

FREDONIA SEES STARS AT THE MINI-MAKER FAIRE

Following the successful appearance of **STARS** at the Mini-Maker Faire at the Buffalo Museum of Science, **STARS** accepted an invitation to appear at the Fredonia Mini-Maker Faire on October 22nd.

STARS was assigned a space on the second floor of the Sciences Hall. A display about amateur radio was present. Also, **STARS** personnel manned operating amateur radio equipment.

Thanx go to the members who staffed the display and workstation:

Bob Koster	KA2WYE
Joe Claus	KB2JDB
Rick Neubeck	W2RLN

Pictures can be found on page??

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CLUB OFFICERS

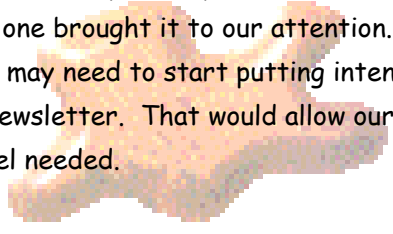
President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Vice President	Conrad Barrick, KC2WRV
Secretary	Scott Barto, KB2KOL
Financial Sec'y	Patrick Groom, KC2VWG
Treasurer	John Leitten, KA2RFT
Director (1 yr.)	Paul Blachowski, WA2DII
Director (2 yr.)	Jon Hall, AA2CC

Clubhouse Chair	Patrick Groom, KC2VWG
Telstar Editor	Tomm Dean, KA2NXY
Webmaster	Don Niles, K2PMC

WE GOOFED

(BUT NOBODY NOTICED)

Last month's *Telstar* probably had at least one error. However, no one brought it to our attention. If this keeps up, we may need to start putting intentional errors in the newsletter. That would allow our best critics to feel needed.



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BLUE AND UNDERLINED

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)

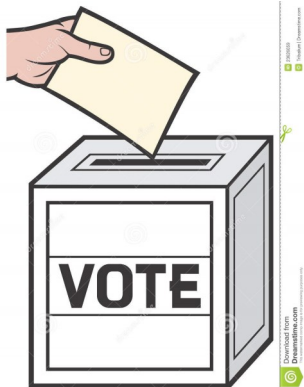
NEXT MEETING

The next **STARS** meeting will be on November 3rd.

This month's meeting will feature the election of officers for the 2017 year, with installation scheduled for the December meeting.

During last month's meeting, nominations were made and accepted. For most offices, the incumbents were nominated, without any alternate nominations. However, one office, for 2 year Director, has two candidates.

Full information is on page 3.



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 **November 3rd**, 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.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next board meeting will be **December 22nd**, 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

STARS 2017 BALLOT

Check one (and only one) circle per box.

President	<input type="radio"/>	Kenneth Pokigo, KC2AYK (write in)_____
Vice President	<input type="radio"/>	Paul Blachowski, WA2DII (write in)_____
Treasurer	<input type="radio"/>	John Leitten, KA2RFT (write-in)_____
Recording Secretary	<input type="radio"/>	Scott Barto, KB2KOL (write-in)_____
Financial Secretary	<input type="radio"/>	Patrick Groom, KC2VWG (write-in)_____
Director - (2 years)	<input type="radio"/>	Allen Mitzo, WA2TTT
	<input type="radio"/>	Richard Neubeck, W2RLN
	<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)_____

ALLEN MITZO, WA2TTT

Hello everyone. I have been a ham since the age of 16, in 1961. Although I was inactive for a long time, I'm jumping back in with both feet.

I'm pleased to have joined **STARS**, where I have made many great new friends. Some of them have been generous with their help and advice for my summer project, erecting a tower and cubical quad antenna for HF - thanks again guys! I am preparing to put up a 2 meter antenna too, so I can participate in the club's Tuesday evening net.

Back in the day I was quite active in QRP operation, and CW. I plan to do so again, among other things; of course, I'm now in a position to chase some DX. I'll likely spread my wings and explore some new facets of this great hobby, possibly including some digital modes.

I would be pleased to serve **STARS** as a Director - thanks for your consideration.

73,
Al Mitzo WA2TTT

RICK NEUBECK, W2RLN

Rick Neubeck, became a friend of Ray Feness, K2RMF. During that friendship, he took an interest in one of Ray's hobbies, amateur radio.

So, in 2014, Rick became an amateur technician, earning license KD2GEF. He continued studying, and upgraded to a general license in 2016 (W2RLN).

Rick was no stranger to electronics. After graduating from high school, he studied electronics in a vocational technical center. He has worked for So Park Electronics.

In addition to amateur radio, Rick is a music aficionado, and also plays the drums.

Rick resides in South Buffalo, about 10 blocks north of Mercy Hospital.



RICK NEUBECK,
W2RLN



AL MITZO,
WA2TTT

NY STATE QSO PARTY 2016 - STARS RESULTS

NEW YORK STATE COUNTIES



NYS Counties QSOed: 43

States QSOed: 46

(missing AK, DE, HI & RI)

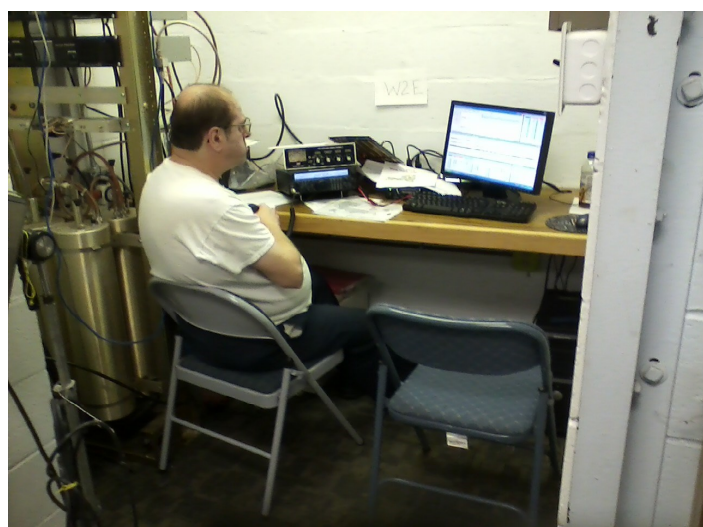
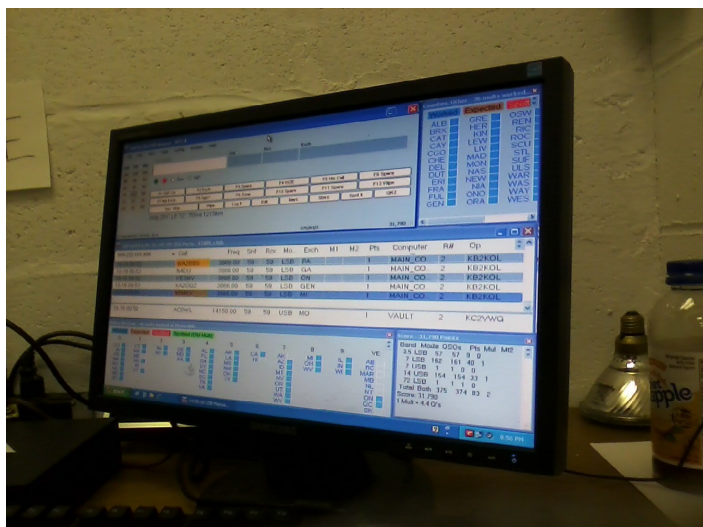
Canadian Provinces: 2

Foreign Stations: 5

Total QSOs: 446

Preliminary score: over 42,222 points

NYS QSO PARTY PHOTOS



FOR SALE

KIO Hex Beam Antenna

Covers 6 meters to 20 meters

Unit is brand new and unused. Initial cost: \$650. Asking \$500 or best offer.

Contact: Don, W2XB,
716-627-7548



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	●

FOOTBALL POOL

The football pool is in progress. The latest prize winners are:

Game 5	Dave Darcy (Don Niles) Scott Hall
Game 6	Arlene Cyrek (Jon Hall) Gerald Hirsch (Jon Hall)
Game 7	Mary Bussman (Don Niles) Joe Kurcz
Game 8	Carol Atl (Don Niles) Kari Sindra (Rick Neubeck)

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.

NEED A LAUGH?



Check out the blue "Sample Link" on page 2...

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
Wednesday 11/2/2016 7 PM	Erie	Lancaster Office of Emergency Management	525 Pavement Rd Lancaster, NY 14086	Lancaster Office of Emergency Management
Wednesday 11/16/2016 7 PM	Erie	City of Tonawanda Municipal Building	200 Niagara St Tonawanda, NY 14150	Amateur Radio Association of the Tonawandas (ARATS)

FREDONIA MINI-MAKER FAIRE



PHOTOS BY RICK NEUBECK, W2RLN


EXAM SITES


11/02/2016 [Springville](#) 
 Sponsor: CCARET
 Location: Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Board Room
 222-East Main Street
 Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)


11/05/2016 [North Tonawanda](#)
 Sponsor: ARA of the Tonawandas
 Location: North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters
 495 Zimmerman Street - Training Rm
 Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/05/2016 [Jamestown](#)
 Sponsor: CARSC
 Location: Prendergast Library
 509 Cherry Street 2nd fl conf rm
 Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/08/2016 [Niagara Falls](#)
 Sponsor: Niagara Radio Club, Inc.
 Location: Venture Forthe, Inc.
 3900 Packard Road
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/09/2016 [Canandaigua](#) 
 Sponsor: SQUAW Island ARC
 Location: Ontario Co. Safety Training Facility
 2914 County Road 48
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/12/2016 [Coudersport PA](#) 
 Sponsor: Potter County VE Team
 Location: Sweden Vly Faith United Meth Church
 1451 Route 6 East
 Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)


 - Free; no charge for examination

11/15/2016 [Meadville PA](#)
 Sponsor: Crawford ARS
 Location: St Brigid Church Social Hall
 383 Arch Street
 Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins; preregister!)

11/19/2016 [Hamburg](#)
 Sponsor: **STARS**
 Location: Hamburg Youth Center
 200 Prospect Avenue
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/29/2016 [Lancaster](#)
 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
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
Nov 2, 2000Z - Nov 2, 2100Z	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest	www.ukeicc.com/which-contest
Nov 3, 1800Z - Nov 3, 2200Z	NRAU 10 Meter Activity Contest	www.nrau.net/activity-contests
Nov 5, 0600Z - Nov 5, 1800Z	IPARC Contest, CW	www.iparc.de
Nov 5, 1200Z - Nov 6, 1200Z	Ukrainian DX Contest	urdx.org/rules.php?english
Nov 5, 1700Z - Nov 5, 2100Z	RSGB International Sprint, SSB	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Nov 5, 2100Z - Nov 7, 0300Z	ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
Nov 6, 0600Z - Nov 6, 1800Z	IPARC Contest, SSB	www.iparc.de
Nov 6, 0800Z - Nov 6, 1200Z	EANET Sprint	www.fediea.org
Nov 6, 0900Z - Nov 6, 1700Z	High Speed Club CW Contest	www.highspeedclub.org
Nov 6, 1100Z - Nov 6, 1700Z	DARC 10 Meter Digital Contest	www.darc.de
Nov 8, 0200Z - Nov 8, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	arsgrp.blogspot.com
Nov 9, 2000Z - Nov 9, 2100Z	RSGB 80 Meter Club Sprint, SSB	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Nov 12, 0000Z - Nov 13, 2359Z	WAE DX Contest, RTTY	www.darc.de
Nov 12, 0001Z - Nov 13, 2359Z	10-10 International Fall Contest, Digital	www.ten-ten.org
Nov 12, 0700Z - Nov 13, 1300Z	JIDX Phone Contest	www.jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html
Nov 12, 1200Z - Nov 13, 1200Z	OK/OM DX Contest, CW	okomdx.crk.cz
Nov 12, 1200Z - Nov 13, 2359Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	www.skccgroup.com
Nov 12, 1400Z - Nov 13, 0200Z	Kentucky QSO Party	www.wkdx.com
Nov 12, 1900Z - Nov 14, 0500Z	CQ-WE Contest	cqwe.cboh.org/rules.html
Nov 17, 0130Z - Nov 17, 0330Z	NAQCC CW Sprint	naqcc.info
Nov 18, 1600Z - Nov 18, 2200Z	YO International PSK31 Contest	www.yo5crq.ro
Nov 19, 0000Z - Nov 20, 2359Z	ARRL EME Contest	www.arrl.org/eme-contest-1
Nov 19, 1200Z - Nov 20, 1200Z	LZ DX Contest	lzdx.bfra.org/rulesen.html
Nov 19, 1600Z - Nov 20, 0700Z	All Austrian 160 Meter Contest	www.oevsv.at
Nov 19, 1700Z - Nov 19, 1859Z	Feld Hell Sprint	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
Nov 19, 1900Z - Nov 19, 2300Z	RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Nov 19, 2100Z - Nov 21, 0300Z	ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
Nov 20, 1300Z - Nov 20, 1700Z	Homebrew & Oldtime Equipment Party	www.qrpcc.de
Nov 21, 0200Z - Nov 21, 0400Z	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	qrptest.com/pigrun
Nov 23, 0000Z - Nov 23, 0200Z	SKCC Sprint	www.skccgroup.com
Nov 24, 2000Z - Nov 24, 2100Z	RSGB 80 Meter Club Sprint, CW	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Nov 26, 0000Z - Nov 27, 2359Z	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	www.cqww.com/rules.htm
Nov 30, 2000Z - Nov 30, 2100Z	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest	www.ukeicc.com/which-contest



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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>

Oct 31 - Nov 1	K9HAM	100th 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 100th Birthday - "The Most Trusted Man in America"	
Oct 31 - Nov 1	DOD Stns	Military/-Amateur Radio Interop Communications Exercise -	
Nov 4 - Nov 6	N4A	2016 Stuart Air Show	
Nov 4 - Nov 13	N9F	Edmund Fitzgerald Disaster 41 Anniversary	
Nov 5,	W4YMI	Veteran Day Parade	
Nov 5	W8VP	175th Anniversary of Cambridge City Band	
Nov 5 - Nov 6	N7S	Project Shoal Nuclear Test Anniversary	
Nov 5 - Nov 6	W0JH	Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald (Split Rock Lighthouse)	
Nov 5	W4Y	Stone Mountain Hamfest - Youth Shack	
Nov 5 - Nov 11	K0V	Veterans Day	
Nov 5	W4YMI	Veterans Day Parade Special Event Station	
Nov 7 - Nov 20	W8F	41st Anniversary Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald	
Nov 7 - Nov 13	N5VET	Veterans Day	
Nov 10 - Nov 20	W1G	153rd Anniversary of the Lincoln's Gettysburg Address	
Nov 11	K9TAL	The American Legion National Salute to Veterans	
Nov 11	W5KID	Veterans Day	
Nov 11 - Nov 12	K8V	Veterans Day	
Nov 11 - Nov 12	K5U	Veterans Day Salute to The USO	
Nov 11 - Nov 12	K6VAH	Veterans Day Special Event Station	
Nov 11	WB4TAL	WB4TAL Veterans Day Special Event Station	
Nov 11 - Nov 13	W9W	Windycon 43 Youth Forum	
Nov 12	Various	630-Meter Event	
Nov 12	W5CCW	Camp Van Dorn World War II Museum 11th Anniversary	
Nov 12 - Nov 13	NB9QV	Celebrating Veterans Day and Commemorating the 52 Subs and Crew Members Lost in WWII	
Nov 12	W6PW/100	Centennial Year 2016 Celebration	
Nov 12	W0FSB	Honoring Veterans for Veterans Day	
Nov 12	K0KDX	Salute To Our Nations Veterans	
Nov 12	NI6IW	USS Midway Museum Ship; Veterans Day and USMC Birthday Special Event	
Nov 12 - Nov 13	W5SSV	W5SSV 75th Anniversary	
Nov 17	K7NRA	NRA's 145th birthday party	
Nov 18 - Nov 20	WX0EK	2016 Elk Falls, KS Outhouse Festival Special Event	
Nov 19	N4G	City of Germantown TN 175th Anniversary	
Nov 19 - Nov 20	W6SFM	W6SFM Bug Roundup Event	
Nov 26 - Nov 27	NI1X	The First Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth	

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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