

## ANNUAL PARTY TIME!

It's that time of year! The annual Christmas party will take place during the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center, 200 Prospect Street, Hamburg.

A short business meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. This will include the installation of **STARS** officers for 2017.

Then the party will begin. The Club will provide the pizza and beverages. Members/associate members are asked to bring and share "finger food", a side dish, or a dessert.

Oh, don't forget that XYLs (wives) and OM (husbands) will also be welcome for the festivities.

Music will be provided by **Rick Neubeck (W2RLN)**, so get your Christmas caroling voice tuned up, polish those jingle bells, and make sure your shoes are rated for dancing activities.

Although you may be stared at, holiday garb is encouraged. So, if you have Santa sympathizing suits, reindeer robes, snowman shawls, or seasonal head apparel that would make the kids gawk at you, feel free to put those items to use.





## 2017 STARS OFFICERS

The **STARS** officers for 2017 have been elected. They will be installed at the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting:

<b>President</b>	<b>Kenneth Pokigo, KC2AYK</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Paul Blachowski, WA2DII</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John Leitten, KA2RFT</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Scott Barto, KB2KOL</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Patrick Groom, KC2VWG</b>
<b>Director - (2 years)</b>	<b>Allen Mitzo, WA2TTT</b>

Jon Hall, AA2CC, will remain on as a Director.

## TECHNICIAN CLASS WILL TEST THIS WEEK

Since October 5<sup>th</sup>, **STARS** has conducted an amateur technician class for **EMPAct America** in East Aurora. The class will test on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thanx go to leader **Bob Koster, KA2WYE**, as well as **Shane Brady, WB2WPM**, & **Tomm Dean, KA2NXY**.

## THANX GO TO LARRY, WA2TLY

Special thanx are in order for **Larry Plumb, WA2TLY**. Recently, he donated 3 items to the **STARS** club.

The first is a copy of the **ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications (2015)**.

Item two is a copy of the **Radio Theory Handbook**.

Last, but not least, is a **SignalLink USB** interface for the radio equipment at the **STARS** clubhouse.

All these items are available at the shack.



## 2017 RENEWALS DUE

Yes, it's that time of year again. Membership renewal dues for 2017 are expected by the end of December. A renewal form has been attached to the back of this issue of *Telstar*.

Consider what you get for the annual \$24 fee:

- Monthly *Telstar* newsletter,
- Radio clubhouse access on Thursday evenings, with the opportunity to use the club radio equipment,
- Annual Christmas party,
- Annual cookout,
- Local amateur radio information at the monthly meetings,
- An excellent website ([www.wb2elw.net](http://www.wb2elw.net)),
- Opportunities to participate with the Club in many national/world radio contests,
- A great way of socializing with others that have a similar interest in amateur radio communications.

Also, family plans are available for a small additional fee. See the renewal form!

## 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	●

# HAMFESTS

12/03

## [Ham O Rama](#)

Location: Ironworkers Local #6 Hall  
196 Orchard Park Rd  
West Seneca, NY

Sponsor: R W Antennastore

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1164423790307763/>

(control-click on name for more info)

# FOOTBALL POOL

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

Game 9	Jill Schieber (Jon Hall) Joe Claus
Game 10	Joe Claus Kari Sindra (Rick Neubeck)
Game 11	Scott Barto Rick Neubeck

# CLOSINGS ON WIVB

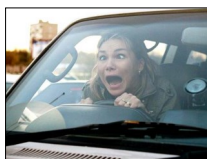
Should poor weather cause any scheduled **STARS** activity to be cancelled, the closing message will found on WIVB Channel 4 Buffalo.

If multiple closings exist, WIVB will not include all closings on the television broadcasts; however ALL closings will appear on their website:

[www.wivb.com/closings/](http://www.wivb.com/closings/)

# IT'S THAT TIME ...

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



# SUPER BOWL POOL ON!

As **STARS** did last year, a Super Bowl pool will take place this year.

Members are asked to sell squares on the pool matrix.

Details to follow in a separate *Telstar* Special Edition.

# TESTING RESULTS

STARS held amateur radio license examinations at the Hamburg Youth Center on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Seven candidates earned new credentials.

<b>Conrad Buzzeo</b>	(call pending)	<b>Technician</b>
<b>Michael Dillon</b>	(call pending)	<b>Technician</b>
<b>Christopher Griesbaum</b>	(call pending)	<b>Technician</b>
<b>Allen Macomber</b>	<b>KA2GVT</b>	<b>General</b>
<b>Gregory Randall</b>	(call pending)	<b>Technician</b>
<b>Scott Zawierucha</b>	<b>KD2LXE</b>	<b>General</b>
<b>Timothy Zotara</b>	(call pending)	<b>Technician</b>

The **STARS** VE team included **Dave Hryn, KD2IPQ; Shane Brady, WB2WPM; Thomas Dean, KA2NXY;** and **Matthew Starr, N2TFA. John Leitten, KA2RFT,** served as "short notice - on call".

**Tony Balas, KB2OUT,** was available if necessary.



# NWS Special Event

The National Weather Service office in Buffalo participates in the annual ARRL - SKYWARN™ special event. For details on the national event, QSL instructions and the rest of the statistics, see:

[Special event homepage.](#)

## EXAM SITES

### 11/29/2016 [Lancaster](#)

Sponsor: Lancaster ARC  
 Location: Lancaster ARC- Club House Building  
 525 Pavement Road  
 Contact: John H. Maxwell (716) 404-9256  
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

### 11/30/2016 [East Aurora](#)

Sponsor: STARS  
 Location: EMPact America Headquarters  
 7615 Seneca Street  
 Contact: Thomas J. Dean (716) 826-1287  
 Time: 7:00 PM (no walk-ins; preregister)

### 12/03/2016 [West Seneca](#)

Sponsor: CCARET  
 Location: Ham o Rama @Ironworkers Local 6  
 196 Orchard Park Rd  
 Contact: Ray Feness (716)289-0612  
 Time: 10:00 AM (walk-ins allowed)

### 12/03/2016 [North Tonawanda](#)

Sponsor: ARA of the Tonawandas  
 Location: North Tonawanda Fire Headquarters  
 495 Zimmerman Street - Training Rm  
 Contact: William F. Klepser (716) 839-3525  
 Time: 10:00 AM (Registration preferred)

### 12/03/2016 [Jamestown](#)

Sponsor: CARSC  
 Location: Prendergast Library  
 509 Cherry Street 2nd fl conf rm  
 Contact: Russell D. Trippy (716) 489-4279  
 Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

### 12/13/2016 [Niagara Falls](#)



Sponsor: Niagara Radio Club, Inc.  
 Location: Venture Forthe, Inc.  
 3900 Packard Road  
 Contact: Darren Wade. Robbins (716) 478-9663  
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

### 12/17/2016 [Rochester](#)



Sponsor: Rochester ARA  
 Location: RIT Gleason Engineering Bldg Rm 3139  
 1 Lomb Memorial Drive  
 Contact: Donald W. Kiser (585) 613-1035  
 Time: 9:45 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

### 12/21/2016 [Lyons](#)

Sponsor: Drumlins ARC  
 Location: Wayne Co Office of Emergency Mgmt  
 7336 State Route 31  
 Contact: Sabrina Hamill (585) 727-2091  
 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.

[\(more info\)](#)

- Free; no charge for examination

# CONTEST CALENDAR



Start and Finish	Contest Title	Sponsor's Website
Weds 0230Z-0300Z	Phone Fray	<a href="http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf">www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf</a>
Weds 1300Z - See web	CW Ops Weekly Mini-CWT Tests	<a href="http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html">www.cwops.org/cwt.html</a>
Wed & Fri 0200Z - 0329Z	QRP Fox Hunt (winter)	<a href="http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm">www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm</a>
Fridays, 0145Z - 0215Z	NS Weekly RTTY Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com">www.ncccsprint.com</a>
Fridays, 0230Z - 0300Z	NS Weekly Sprint	<a href="http://www.ncccsprint.com">www.ncccsprint.com</a>
Dec 1, 1800Z - Dec 1, 2200Z	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.nrau.net/activity-contests">www.nrau.net/activity-contests</a>
Dec 2, 2200Z - Dec 4, 1600Z	ARRL 160-Meter Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/160-meter">www.arrl.org/160-meter</a>
Dec 3, 0000Z - Dec 3, 2359Z	TARA RTTY Melee	<a href="http://www.n2ty.org">www.n2ty.org</a>
Dec 3, 0600Z - Dec 3, 0800Z	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	<a href="http://grp.ru/contest/wakeup">grp.ru/contest/wakeup</a>
Dec 3, 1600Z - Dec 4, 1559Z	TOPS Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.procwclub.ro">www.procwclub.ro</a>
Dec 4, 0000Z - Dec 4, 2359Z	10-Meter RTTY Contest	<a href="http://www.rttycontesting.com">www.rttycontesting.com</a>
Dec 4, 1300Z - Dec 4, 1600Z	SARL Digital Contest	<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za">www.sarl.org.za</a>
Dec 6, 0200Z - Dec 6, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	<a href="http://arsqrp.blogspot.com">arsqrp.blogspot.com</a>
Dec 10, 0000Z - Dec 11, 2359Z	ARRL 10-Meter Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/10-meter">www.arrl.org/10-meter</a>
Dec 10, 1200Z - Dec 11, 2359Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
Dec 10, 1600Z - Dec 11, 1559Z	International Naval Contest	<a href="http://www.marinefunker.de">www.marinefunker.de</a>
Dec 10, 2300Z - Dec 18, 2300Z	AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party	<a href="http://www.antiquewireless.org">www.antiquewireless.org</a>
Dec 11, 2100Z - Dec 11, 2259Z	CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	<a href="http://www.coloradoqrpclub.org">www.coloradoqrpclub.org</a>
Dec 14, 0130Z - Dec 14, 0330Z	NAQCC CW Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
Dec 16, 2000Z - Dec 17, 2359Z	Russian 160-Meter Contest	<a href="http://grz.ru/contest/detail/90.html">grz.ru/contest/detail/90.html</a>
Dec 16, 2100Z - Dec 16, 2359Z	AGB-Party Contest	<a href="http://www.ev5agb.com">www.ev5agb.com</a>
Dec 17, 0000Z - Dec 17, 2359Z	Feld Hell Sprint	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub">sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub</a>
Dec 17, 0000Z - Dec 17, 2359Z	OK DX RTTY Contest	<a href="http://okrtty.crk.cz">okrtty.crk.cz</a>
Dec 17, 0000Z - Dec 17, 2359Z	RAC Winter Contest	<a href="http://wp.rac.ca">wp.rac.ca</a>
Dec 17, 1400Z - Dec 18, 1400Z	Croatian CW Contest	<a href="http://9acw.org">9acw.org</a>
Dec 17, 1500Z - Dec 18, 1500Z	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	<a href="http://www.kkn.net/stew">www.kkn.net/stew</a>
Dec 18, 1800Z - Dec 18, 2359Z	ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup">www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup</a>
Dec 19, 0200Z - Dec 19, 0400Z	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	<a href="http://qrptest.com/pigrun">qrptest.com/pigrun</a>
Dec 22, 0130Z - Dec 22, 0330Z	NAQCC CW Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
Dec 25, 0000Z - Dec 25, 1159Z	RAEM Contest	<a href="http://raem.srr.ru/en/main">raem.srr.ru/en/main</a>
Dec 26, 0830Z - Dec 26, 1059Z	DARC Christmas Contest	<a href="http://darc.de/referate/dx/contest/xmas/en/rules">darc.de/referate/dx/contest/xmas/en/rules</a>
Dec 28, 0000Z - Dec 28, 0200Z	SKCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>



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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>



Dec 3

K4C

CCARS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**cherokee**



Dec 3

W9CAP

Civil Air Patrol Illinois Wing 75<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Special Event Station

Dec 3

WX9LOT

Skywarn Recognition Day

Dec 3

K8TGR

Tigers 44444 The Holidays



Dec 7

W5KID

Pearl Harbor Day Observance



**SKYWARN**

Dec 10 - Dec 11

WX3MAS

Christmas City Special Event

Dec 10 - Dec 11

K7CCH

Shore Acres Festival of Lights

Dec 10

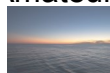
NI6IW

USS Midway Museum Ship; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec 11 - Dec 12

N1BCG

95<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amateur Radio Shortwave Signals to Span the Atlantic Ocean



Dec 15 - Dec 19

W7D

7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Flight of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner

Dec 15 - Dec 17

N8S

Anniversary of the Silver Bridge Collapse



Dec 17 - Dec 25

KC5OUR

Christmas in Bethlehem, NM



## USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

(control + click to use link)

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>

TELSTAR EDITOR:

[wb2elw@verizon.net](mailto:wb2elw@verizon.net)

# 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	DCS 125	WB2NCR
LIMESTONE	146.850	146.250	127.3	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



# 2017 STARS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of ARRL? YES NO (circle one)

Do you want to receive your *Telstar* by email? YES NO (circle one)

If no, please include \$15 additional to cover the cost of printing and postage

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS: Additional Names and Calls

CALL \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

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CALL \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: **STARS** Annual dues payable by January 1

SINGLE	\$24
FAMILY	\$27
STUDENT (through Grade 12)	\$8

RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND DUES TO: PATRICK GROOM KC2VWG  
 (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **STARS**) 4320 SALEM DR  
 BLASDELL NY 14219-1039