

SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

Thanx to the efforts of the members of **STARS**, this year's Super Bowl fund raiser has been a huge success with \$1,000 dollars raised.

While initial breaking news reports indicated wins by Pat Henderson, Fred Kawa, Carol & Jim, and Scott Barto, those reports were inaccurate; **SOMEBODY** got the AFC/NFC affiliations reversed. The Panthers were NFC, while the Broncos were AFC. Upon proper verification, the actual winners were:

1st:	Pat Henderson	\$100
Half:	Wally S.	\$300
3rd:	John Leitten, Jr.	\$100
Final:	Carm Hall	\$500

The winning squares were sold by:

1st:	Don Niles, K2PMC
Half:	Jon Hall, KC2QKB
3rd:	John Leitten, Sr., KA2RFT
Final:	Jon Hall, KC2QKB

All payments were made within a few days following the Super Bowl game.

Telstar recognizes the contributions made by **STARS** members in selling the 100 boxes in the pool. Those members are:

Scott Barto, KB2KOL	6
Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY	5
Paul Blachowski, WA2DII	7
Joe Claus, KB2JDB	5
John Czuba, W2IV	7
Jon Hall, KC2QKB	24
John Hasselback, WA2DRG	1
Linda Jablonski, KC2YMM	5
Robert Koster, KA2WYE	4
John Leitten, Sr., KA2RFT	5
Judy Levan, N2TEZ	2
Don Niles, K2PMC	25
Tim Plewik, KD2IWN	4

In addition to the members mentioned above, special thanx go to **Don Niles, K2PMC**, for an excellent job in organizing the pool. Also, thanx go to **John Leitten, Sr., KA2RFT**, for the efficient and rapid payment by the pool.



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, KC2QKB

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

WE GOOFED

Thanx to **Scott Barto, KB2KOL**, and **Pat Groom, KC2VWG**, for pointing out a misspelled word in the lower left item on page 2 of the February 2016 issue. The word "font" appeared instead of "front".

We take pride in getting things right, and encourage readers to notify us about any errors. We will then set the record straight in the following issue.

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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)

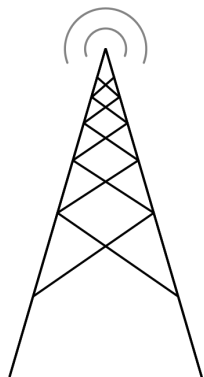
NEXT MEETING TOPIC

STARS will hold their next meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 3rd at the Hamburg Youth Center.

There is no particular guest speaker scheduled.

Be prepared to discuss the direction of the club for the coming year. New objectives were published in the last issue; now it's time to find which members are willing to help accomplish those tasks.

Also, the question of whether or not **STARS** should staff a booth at the upcoming "Mini Maker Faire" on May 7th, at the Buffalo Museum of Science.



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 **March 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 4th Thursday of each month, at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse.

The next board meeting will be **March 24th**, 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



CERT TRAINING

Learn how to protect yourself, your family, your friends, and your neighbors during times of crisis and disaster!

Come join us for a **FREE Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Training program that educates citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community. CERT teaches basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Learn in a classroom setting and practice skills necessary in an emergency. CERT members can help others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help by joining their local CERT group. Western New York has active teams in Elma, Cheektowaga, Grand Island, Lancaster, and West Seneca.

Class will run four consecutive Saturdays, beginning April 2nd.

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 2016
from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (EDT).

WHERE: Empact America
7615 Seneca Street
East Aurora, NY 14052

For more information and/or registration, click here:

[CERT TRAINING](#)

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY SPECIAL EVENT MARCH 12TH



Each year, American Legion posts across the country hold events to commemorate the designated birthday of The American Legion. At the national headquarters, there also is an event conducted annually to observe the Legion birthday on a worldwide scale.

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) will operate a special event station to commemorate the Legion's 97th birthday. Active on March 12th, from 9 am to 4 pm EST (1400Z - 2100Z), amateurs may contact club station K9TAL as follows:

20 meters: 14.275 MHz (+/- 5 KHz) USB; or
2 meters: 147.315 repeater (Indianapolis); or
IRLP Node: 9735; or,
Simplex: 146.46 MHz (Central Indiana).

A full-color certificate and QSL card will be sent to all amateur radio operators contacting K9TAL, upon receipt of a 9-by-12-inch self-addressed stamped envelope at:

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HDQTRS
ATTN: TALARC
700 N PENNSYLVANIA ST
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46204

(more info at: www.legion.org/hamradio/)

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	●

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

ICOM IC-V8000 - 2 meter transceiver, 75 watts, 4 power settings, remote mike, 2 years old, like new; lists for \$230- On sale for **\$150**.

ICOM IC-T70A - dual band HT, 7.2V/1400 ma Ni-MH battery (charged 6 times) - also PB-263 AA battery case; speaker mic - all like new! On sale for **\$150**.

LDG RBA 1:1 - New, one to one balun, 200 watts; On sale for **\$20**.

Call Paul, WA2DII, for more info: 716 262-6156.

HAMFESTS

3/06/2016 [NOARS Winter Hamfest](#)

Location: Elyria VFW Post 1079
500 South Abbe Road
Elyria, OH (198 miles)

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

Website: <http://www.noars.net>

3/19/2016 [Ham-Ex 2016](#)

Location: Brampton Fall Fairgrounds
12942 Heart Lake Road
Caledon, Ontario (89 miles)

Sponsor: Peel and Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs

Website: <http://ham-ex.ca>

(control + click on name for full information)

DO THE DST

Don't miss appointments, forget to get the kids out to the bus, show up to work late, or miss meetings.

Set your clocks ahead one hour on **Sunday, March 13th, at 2:00 AM** for Daylight Saving Time.

Or, be lazy, and set it ahead before bed on Saturday.



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>

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS	SPONSOR	CONTACT
Thursday 3/31/2016 6 PM	Aurora Town Public Library	550 Main St, East Aurora, NY 14052	Buffalo State Geography Department	Jon Hitchcock – NWS Jon.Hitchcock@noaa.gov

Have you ever considered becoming a

Amateur Radio

Operator

(Ham Radio)

It is Easier than you Think

(NO Morse Code Required)

**There will be a six week Technician Class
Held at the Little Valley Fire Hall on
3rd Street in Little Valley, Starting March 5th.**

Text: Gordon West Technician Class Study Guide 2014-2018

Class Dates March 5, 12, & 19 April 2, 9, & 16

Class Time 9:00am to Noon

For More Information or to pre-register please call Mike, N2WKT at (716) 479-4101 or
Hyer, AA2OK at (716) 945 2055.

The class will be taught by ARRL Registered Instructors Hyler Gray, AA2OK and
Doug Baldwin, WT2X. They will be assisted by Tim McVaugh, KC2RLH and
Mike Johnson, N2WKT.

A FREE Exam Session will be held on the 16th of April at 11:00am to finish course.
This Exam Session will be open to the public.



*This course is being Hosted by the
Cattaraugus County Amateur Radio Exam Team
Using W5YI Materials and ARRL Instructors*

EXAM SITES

3/02/2016

[Springville](#)



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

3/05/2016

[Jamestown](#)

Sponsor: CARSC
 Location: Prendergast Library
 509 Cherry Street 2nd fl conf rm
 Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

3/05/2016

[North Tonawanda](#)

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

3/08/2016

[Niagara Falls](#)

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

3/09/2016

[Canandaigua](#)



Sponsor: SQUAW Island ARC
 Location: Ontario Co. Safety Training Facility
 2914 County Route 48
 Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

3/12/2016

[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)

3/19/2016

[Rochester NY](#)



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

3/19/2016

[Hamburg](#)

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



3/20/2016

[Geneseo](#)

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

3/29/2016

[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
Weds & Fri 0200Z - 0329Z	QRP Fox Hunt	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
Mar 1, 1900Z - Mar 1, 2100Z	AGCW YL-CW Party	www.agcw.org
Mar 2, 2000Z - Mar 2, 2100Z	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest	www.ukeicc.com/which-contest
Mar 3, 1800Z - see web	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	www.nrau.net/activity-contests/below-30mhz.html
Mar 5, 0000Z - Mar 6, 2359Z	ARRL International DX Contest	www.arrl.org/arrl-dx
Mar 5, 0600Z - Mar 5, 0800Z	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	qrp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-eng
Mar 5, 1800Z - Mar 6, 1359Z	Open Ukraine RTTY Championship	uarl.com.ua/openrtty/2016-rules/rtty2016e.txt
Mar 6, 0700Z - Mar 6, 1100Z	UBA Spring Contest	uba.be/hf/contest-rules/spring-contest
Mar 6, 1100Z - Mar 6, 1700Z	DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	www.darc.de
Mar 6, 1200Z - Mar 6, 1400Z	SARL 40 Meter Simulated Emergency	www.sarl.org.za
Mar 7, 2000Z - Mar 7, 2130Z	RSGB 80 Meter Club Championship	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Mar 8, 0200Z - Mar 8, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	arsgrp.blogspot.com/
Mar 9, 2300Z - Mar 13, 2300Z	AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Test	www.antiquewireless.org
Mar 12, 1000Z - Mar 13, 1000Z	RSGB Commonwealth Contest	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Mar 12, 1200Z - Mar 13, 1200Z	South America 10 Meter Contest	sa10m.com.ar/cqsa10m_rules.html
Mar 12, 1200Z - Mar 13, 2359Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	www.skccgroup.com
Mar 12, 1400Z - Mar 12, 2000Z	AGCW QRP Contest	www.agcw.org
Mar 12, 1400Z - Mar 13, 2000Z	Oklahoma QSO Party	k5cm.com/okqp2016rules.pdf
Mar 12, 1500Z - Mar 13, 1500Z	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	www.kkn.net/stew
Mar 12, 1600Z - Mar 13, 1600Z	EA PSK63 Contest	concursos.ure.es/en/eapsk63/bases
Mar 12, 1800Z - Mar 13, 0759Z	Tesla Memorial HF CW Contest	radiosport.org.rs/HFTeslaMemorial
Mar 12, 1800Z - Mar 13, 1800Z	QCWA QSO Party	qcwa.org/2016-qso-party-rules.pdf
Mar 12, 1900Z - Mar 13, 1900Z	Idaho QSO Party	idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/rules.htm
Mar 13, 0000Z - Mar 13, 0400Z	North American Sprint, RTTY	ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf
Mar 13, 0000Z - Mar 13, 0400Z	North American SSB Sprint Contest	ssbsprint.com/rules
Mar 13, 0700Z - Mar 13, 1100Z	UBA Spring Contest, 2 Meter	uba.be/hf/contest-rules/spring-contest
Mar 13, 1200Z - Mar 13, 2200Z	NSARA Contest	nsara.ve1cfy.net/?page_id=82
Mar 13, 1800Z - Mar 14, 0100Z	Wisconsin QSO Party	www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm
Mar 13, 1800Z - Mar 13, 2200Z	WAB 3.5 MHz Phone	wab.intermip.net/Contests.php
Mar 14, 1800Z - Mar 14, 2059Z	Bucharest Contest	yo3test201x.blogspot.ro/p/blog-page.html
Mar 15, 1700Z - Mar 20, 1700Z	CLARA Chatter Party	www.clarayl.ca
Mar 16, 2000Z - Mar 16, 2130Z	RSGB 80 Meter Club Championship	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Mar 17, 0030Z - Mar 17, 0230Z	NAQCC CW Sprint	naqcc.info/sprint201603.html
Mar 19, 0200Z - Mar 21, 0200Z	BARTG HF RTTY Contest	www.bartg.org.uk
Mar 19, 1000Z - Mar 20, 1000Z	SARL VHF/UHF Analog/Digital Contest	www.sarl.org.za
Mar 19, 1200Z - Mar 20, 1200Z	F9AA Cup, SSB	www.site.urc.asso.fr
Mar 19, 1200Z - Mar 20, 1200Z	Russian DX Contest	rdxc.org/asp/pages/rulesg.asp
Mar 19, 1400Z - Mar 20, 0200Z	Louisiana QSO Party	laqp.louisianacontestclub.org
Mar 19, 1400Z - Mar 19, 1800Z	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	www.agcw.org
Mar 19, 1400Z - Mar 20, 2359Z	Virginia QSO Party	www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party
Mar 19, 1700Z - Mar 19, 1859Z	Feld Hell Sprint	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
Mar 20, 0700Z - Mar 20, 1100Z	UBA Spring Contest, SSB	uba.be/hf/contest-rules/spring-contest
Mar 21, 0100Z - Mar 21, 0300Z	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	fqrp.org/pigrun
Mar 23, 0000Z - Mar 23, 0200Z	SKCC Sprint	www.skccgroup.com
Mar 24, 2000Z - Mar 24, 2130Z	RSGB 80 Meter Club Championship	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
Mar 26, 0000Z - Mar 26, 2359Z	FOC QSO Par ty	q4foc.org/qsoparty
Mar 26, 0000Z - Mar 27, 2359Z	CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	www.cqwpw.com/rules.htm
Mar 30, 2000Z - Mar 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>

Feb 15 - Mar 27	KL7RST	Worked All NCDXA "RST" Stations
Feb 15 - Mar 27	VY1RST	Worked All NCDXA "RST" Stations
Feb 15 - Mar 27	VE8RST	Worked All NCDXA "RST" Stations
Feb 15 - Mar 27	VY0RST	Worked All NCDXA "RST" Stations
Mar 4 - Mar 7	W0C	70th Anniversary of Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" Speech
Mar 11 - Mar 13	K2BSA/4	Camp Out 100
Mar 12 - Mar 13	N4G	Battle of Guilford Courthouse - 235th Anniversary
Mar 12	K9TAL	Legion Birthday to be Celebrated Worldwide
Mar 12 - Mar 14	K7UAZ	Tucson Festival of Books - Science City
Mar 12	NI6IW	USS Midway Museum Ship; USS Midway Launching Special Event
Mar 13	W8BAP	Lost Hour Special Event Station
Mar 13	WM3PEN	Pennsylvania Charter Day
Mar 14	N8P	Intergalactic Pi Day / Einstein's Birthday
Mar 19	W4W	30th Anniversary Clewiston Sugar Festival
Mar 19 - Mar 20	K0DMW	BSA Troop 65 Radio Merit Badge
Mar 20 - Mar 21	K5B	Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon
Mar 20	W8WRC	Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club 6th Anniversary
Mar 22 - Mar 24	W4LX	Honoring World War II Gunners at Buckingham Airfield
Mar 26	W4BKM	34th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival
Mar 26 - Mar 29	W4AP	75th Anniversary Tuskegee Airmen Flight Training Program and 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service
Mar 26	N4H	Battle of Horseshoe Bend 202nd Anniversary (Creek Indian War) --- Horseshoe Bend National Military Park On The Air ---



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