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THE NEWSLETTER OF STARS (SOUTH TOWNS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY)

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's that time of the year for reflection on our past progress, and focus on our future goals.

Let's begin with a welcome to the new officers for 2017:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Ken 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>Pat Groom KC2VWG</b>
<b>Director (2 years):</b>	<b>Allen Mitzo, WA2TTT</b>
<b>Director (1 year):</b>	<b>Jon Hall, AA2CC</b>

### 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	●

### STARS 2017 GOALS

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**To be discussed  
at January 5<sup>th</sup>  
meeting**



## RENEWALS OVERDUE

Did you renew your **STARS** membership yet? If so, fine job. If not, you are **LATE!** A renewal form has been attached to the back of this issue of *Telstar*.

## SABRES TICKETS

A pair of tickets to a Buffalo Sabres hockey game will be raffled off at the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Here's your chance to attend an event where you can make noise, act silly, mug for the kiss cam, and cheer for our hockey team.

But, you have to win the tickets at the meeting!

## FOOTBALL POOL ENDS

The football pool is done. The final prize winners are:

Game 12	John Czuba Melissa Barto (Scott Barto)
Game 13	Fred Kawa (Jon Hall) Jeff Gorney (Al Mitzo)
Game 14	Dave Tinkham Larry Plumb (Don Niles)
Game 15	Joe Claus Dave Poole
Game 16	Chris Shriver (Rick Neubeck) Steve (John Leitten)

## 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/)

## SUPER BOWL POOL ON!

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

Going into this issue's publication, only a few spaces remain. They may be gone by the time you read this!

## TESTING RESULTS

**STARS** held amateur radio license examinations at **EMPact America** on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Three candidates earned new credentials.

Bernard Bunny	KD2MLC	General
Roger Carron	KD2MLD	Technician
Beth Lancaster	KD2MLB	Technician

The **STARS** VE team included:

**Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY;**  
**Shane Brady, WB2WPM;**  
**Thomas Dean, KA2NXY;**  
**Earl Kipler, W2EBK; and**  
**Matthew Starr, N2TFA.**

## HAMFESTS

**1/28**     [Lockport Amateur Radio Hamfest](http://www.lockportara.us/)

Location: Cambria Fire Company  
 4631 Cambria Wilson Rd (Route 425)  
 Lockport, NY

Sponsor: Lockport Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.lockportara.us/>  
 (control-click on name for more info)

# REFLECTIONS...

(Items from past Telstar issues)

TELL - STARS  
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meetings to all. This is the first attempt at a project of this sort by yours truly, and the first newsletter put out by the South Towns Amateur Radio Society.

## MEETINGS

The South Towns Amateur Radio Society has had and will have their meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month. At the last meeting some names were suggested for temporary officers, to hold office until a charter & by-laws can be drawn up & regular officers elected. The election of regular officers is scheduled for November. It was also decided at the last meeting to officially adopt the name "South Towns Amateur Radio Society". The meeting was held at the public library in Wanakah (on rt #5 near the state police barracks). The next meeting will also be held there on September 7th at 7:00 PM.

## MEMBERSHIP

For all those reading this newsletter: As you know, the South Towns Amateur Radio Society is a new club. To be a real success, we need a growing membership list of hams and people generally interested in ham radio. As chairman of the membership committee, I ask for your co-operation in contacting all hams in the area. Please tell them about the club and urge them to join. If they join soon, they will be able to get in as a charter member. It will be decided at the next meeting, how long to keep the charter membership open.

## NEWSLETTER

If anyone should know where we can get copies made reasonable (free or less), please contact me, 627 3695 or Jack 627-2498.

## AT THE FAIR

The members decided at the last meeting, to try to get into the Erie Co. fair with an amateur radio station to represent the club. After much frantic preparation, the station was set up at the rear of the east grandstand. We were completely operative on Tuesday evening. Many thanks for a successful station at the fair go to: K2EQB, who called me used (K2EQB/2) & who supplied some of the gear & later W2YHF, WB2YHF, WB2YAH, who lent a welcome hand in setting up the station. WB2QWR, who did some very nice public relations work for the club, his buddy Bob, who I understand is driving around in a car with me rear-end in it, Bob & Freddie Jamieson, who helped in setting up & taking down the antennae, W2DXZ, for the loan of his equipment, Eric Beeton, for the loan of his gear and the help at the fair. K2KQC, who duly represented the YL's for the club & was our main outlet for traffic, and to any others who helped in any way or stopped by and operated for a while. Contacts were strictly on 40 meters (this year), reaching almost to the Arctic Circle & down to Fort Worth, Texas. (VGS & WJ) Several messages were originated and passed through K2KQC Valerie, & K2EQB Jack. Some of these were for boys in Viet-Nam. Many Hams stopped by to "sign in" and the public seemed to be very interested in the gear on display. Next year we hope for an even better spot in the fair, with a larger participation of Hams & general public.

So till next meeting,

73  
HAP  
WB2YHF

S.T.A.R.S.


# AMATEUR REPEATERS

## WESTERN NEW YORK

### (70 Centimeter - UHF)


Location	Listen From	Transmit To	CTCSS	Callsign
ALBION	442.875	447.875	141.3	K2SRV
ALMA	444.100	449.100	107.2	KA2AJH
BATAVIA	444.275	449.275	141.3	W2SO
BUFFALO	442.625	447.625	107.2	KC2KOO
BUFFALO	444.000	449.000		WA2HKS
BUFFALO	443.525	448.525	151.4	WB2ECR
CELORON	444.975	449.975	127.3	AB2WL
CHURCHVILLE	443.100	448.100	110.9	KB2CHM
COLDEN	442.100	447.100	88.5	W2IVB
COLDEN	442.325	447.325	107.2	WB2ELW
COLDEN	444.925	449.925	107.2	WB2FXY
DELEVAN	444.175	449.175	88.5	K2XZ
EDEN	442.150	447.150	107.2	W2BRW
EDEN	444.200	449.200	88.5	WB2JPQ
GASPORT	443.6875	448.6875	D-STAR	KD2STR
GREECE	444.875	449.875	110.9	N2KG
HAMBURG	443.400	448.400	107.2	WB2DSS
HAMBURG	442.325	447.325	88.5	WB2ELW
IVORY	444.500	449.500	88.5	AC2JC
KENMORE	442.675	447.675	107.2	K9KVN
KENMORE	443.875	448.875	107.2	KC2KOO
KENMORE	444.750	449.750	151.4	WB2DSS
KNAPP CREEK	444.850	449.850	88.5	K2XZ
LACKAWANNA	444.150	449.150	88.5	WB2JPQ
LANCASTER	443.850	448.850	107.2	W2SO
LEWISTON	443.925	448.925	151.4	N3AU
LIMESTONE	444.650	449.650	88.5	W3VG
LIMESTONE	444.775	449.775	88.5	W3VG
LOCKPORT	444.625	449.625		W2OM
MAYVILLE	444.450	449.450	88.5	WB2EDV
NEW OREGON	444.375	449.375	88.5	WB2JPQ
NEWFANE	444.800	449.800	107.2	K2AER
OGDEN	443.800	448.800	110.9	K1NXG
ORCHARD PARK	444.050	449.050	141.3	KC2DKP
ORCHARD PARK	444.675	449.675	88.5	N2XFX
ORCHARD PARK	443.975	448.975	141.3	WB2ECR
PERRYSBURG	444.900	449.900	107.2	KC2DKP
PERRYSBURG	443.000	448.000	107.2	WB2DSS
POMFRET	444.350	449.350	88.5	W2SB
RIPLEY	443.125	448.125	127.3	N2FMM
ROYALTON	443.450	448.450	110.9	KD2WA
SANBORN	442.575	447.575	107.2	N3AU
SHERMAN	442.750	447.750	88.5	WB2EDV
WEST SENECA	442.400	447.400	100.	WA2OLW
WETHERSFIELD	443.625	448.625	141.3	KC2QNX
WETHERSFIELD	442.000	447.000	110.9	WR2AHL
WHEATFIELD	444.8375	449.8375	D-STAR	KD2GBR

# EXAM SITES

**01/04/2017**      [Springville](#)        
 Sponsor:      CCARET  
 Location:      Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Board Room  
                  222-East Main Street  
 Contact:      Ray Feness      (716)-289-0612  
 Time:      7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)


**01/07/2017**      [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)

**01/07/2017**      [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)


**01/11/2017**      [Canandaigua](#)        
 Sponsor:      SQUAW Island ARC  
 Location:      Ontario Co. Safety Training Facility  
                  2914 County Road 48  
 Contact:      David Foster      (585) 727-5868  
 Time:      6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/21/2017**      [Hamburg](#)  
 Sponsor:      STARS  
 Location:      Hamburg Youth Center  
                  200 Prospect Avenue  
 Contact:      Thomas J. Dean      (716) 826-1487  
 Time:      9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/21/2017**      [Erie PA](#)  
 Sponsor:      Wattsburg Wireless Association  
 Location:      Greene Twnshp Mun Bldg Rm 114  
                  9333 Tate Road  
 Contact:      Ronald J. Rycek      (814) 833-6829  
 Time:      9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/21/2017**      [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)

**01/22/2017**      [Geneseo](#)  
 Sponsor:      Genesee Valley ARA  
 Location:      Livingston County Government Center  
                  2 Court Street Rm 205  
 Contact:      Lawrence Omans      (585) 322-4829  
 Time:      12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

 - 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**

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>
Jan 1 0000Z - Jan 1, 0100Z	AGB New Year Snowball Contest	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/eu1eu/agb_nysb.htm">www.qsl.net/eu1eu/agb_nysb.htm</a>
Jan 1, 0800Z - Jan 1, 1100Z	SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	<a href="http://sartg.com/contest/nyrules.htm">sartg.com/contest/nyrules.htm</a>
Jan 1, 0900Z - Jan 1, 1200Z	AGCW Happy New Year Contest	<a href="http://www.agcw.org/index.php/en/">www.agcw.org/index.php/en/</a>
Jan 1, 1400Z - Jan 1, 1800Z	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	<a href="http://www.agcw.org/index.php/en/">www.agcw.org/index.php/en/</a>
Jan 1, 1500Z - Jan 1, 1800Z	QRP ARCI New Years Sprint	<a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests/">www.qrparci.org/contests/</a>
Jan 3, 0200Z - Jan 3, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	<a href="http://arsqrp.blogspot.com">arsqrp.blogspot.com</a>
Jan 4, 2000Z - Jan 4, 2100Z	UKEICC 80-Meter Contest	<a href="http://www.ukeicc.com">www.ukeicc.com</a>
Jan 7, 0000Z - Jan 7, 2359Z	PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	<a href="http://www.podxs070.com">www.podxs070.com</a>
Jan 7, 1200Z - Jan 8, 2359Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
Jan 7, 1200Z - Jan 8, 1200Z	WW PMC Contest	<a href="http://www.s59dcd.si/en10">www.s59dcd.si/en10</a>
Jan 7, 1500Z - Jan 8, 1500Z	Original QRP Contest	<a href="http://www.qrpcc.de">www.qrpcc.de</a>
Jan 7, 1800Z - Jan 8, 2359Z	ARRL RTTY Roundup	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup">www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup</a>
Jan 7, 1800Z - Jan 7, 2359Z	Kids Day Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/kids-day">www.arrl.org/kids-day</a>
Jan 7, 2000Z - Jan 8, 0700Z	EUCW 160-Meter Contest	<a href="http://www.eucw.org/eu160.html">www.eucw.org/eu160.html</a>
Jan 8, 0900Z - Jan 8, 1059Z	DARC 10-Meter Contest	<a href="http://darc.de/referate/dx/contest">darc.de/referate/dx/contest</a>
Jan 11, 2300Z - Jan 15, 2300Z	AWA Linc Cundall Memorial	<a href="http://www.antiquewireless.org">www.antiquewireless.org</a>
Jan 14, 0500Z - Jan 14, 0900Z	Old New Year Contest	<a href="http://www.radio.ru/cq/">www.radio.ru/cq/</a>
Jan 14, 1200Z - Jan 15, 1200Z	UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest	<a href="http://uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules">uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules</a>
Jan 14, 1800Z - Jan 15, 0559Z	North American QSO Party, CW	<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf">www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf</a>
Jan 15, 0630Z - Jan 15, 0830Z	NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	<a href="http://www.nrau.net">www.nrau.net</a>
Jan 15, 0900Z - Jan 15, 1100Z	NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	<a href="http://www.nrau.net">www.nrau.net</a>
Jan 16, 0200Z - Jan 16, 0400Z	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	<a href="http://qrptest.com/pigrun">qrptest.com/pigrun</a>
Jan 19, 0130Z - Jan 19, 0330Z	NAQCC CW Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
Jan 20, 1800Z - Jan 20, 2200Z	LZ Open Contest	<a href="http://www.lzopen.com">www.lzopen.com</a>
Jan 21, 1200Z - Jan 22, 1159Z	Hungarian DX Contest	<a href="http://www.ha-dx.com/HADX">www.ha-dx.com/HADX</a>
Jan 21, 1800Z - Jan 22, 0559Z	North American QSO Party, SSB	<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf">www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf</a>
Jan 21, 1900Z - Jan 23, 0359Z	ARRL January VHF Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf">www.arrl.org/january-vhf</a>
Jan 21, 1900Z - Jan 22, 2300Z	WAB 1.8 MHz Phone	<a href="http://wab.intermip.net">wab.intermip.net</a>
Jan 21, 2000Z - Jan 22, 0559Z	Feld Hell Sprint	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub">sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub</a>
Jan 25, 0000Z - Jan 25, 0200Z	SKCC Sprint	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
Jan 25, 0130Z - Jan 25, 0330Z	NAQCC CW Sprint	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
Jan 25, 2000Z - Jan 25, 2100Z	UKEICC 80-Meter Contest	<a href="http://www.ukeicc.com">www.ukeicc.com</a>
Jan 27, 2200Z - Jan 29, 2200Z	CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	<a href="http://www.cq160.com/rules.htm">www.cq160.com/rules.htm</a>
Jan 28, 0000Z - Jan 28, 2359Z	Montana QSO Party	<a href="http://fvarc.org">fvarc.org</a>
Jan 28, 0600Z - Jan 29, 1800Z	REF Contest, CW	<a href="http://concours.ref-union.org">concours.ref-union.org</a>
Jan 28, 1200Z - Jan 29, 1200Z	BARTG RTTY Sprint	<a href="http://www.bartg.org.uk">www.bartg.org.uk</a>
Jan 28, 1300Z - Jan 29, 1300Z	UBA DX Contest, SSB	<a href="http://uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules">uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules</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>

Jan 1	N3W	First Night Vienna (Virginia)
Jan 2 - Jan 31	K3Y	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Straight Key CW Event
Jan 8	W4FFC	Florida Constitution Convention Commemorative Special Event
Jan 11 - Jan 17	K7B	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Havasu Balloon Festival & Fair
Jan 14	NI6IW	USS Midway Museum Ship: Commencement of Operation Desert Storm Special Event
Jan 19 - Jan 23	N7R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers
Jan 28	K8PRC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Cabin Fever Special Event
Jan 28 - Jan 30	AG6AU	Discovery of Gold in California 169 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Jan 28 - Jan 31	K7Z	Zane Grey's 145 <sup>th</sup> Birthday



## 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)



# 56th Annual Winter Hamfest

The Areas Longest Running Winter Hamfest



## Cambria Volunteer Fire Company

4631 Cambria Wilson Rd, (Route 425) Lockport

3/4 mile South of Ridge Rd. (Route 104)

5 mile North of Saunder Settlement Rd.(Route 31)

or You can Get On & follow Route 425 (North)

from the I-290 (Youngmann) or Route 62 (Niagara Falls Blvd)

**TALK-IN 146.220/146.820 PL 107.2**

## January 28th - 2017

 **Fully Handicap Accessable**

VE License exams available 9am - 11am

No Pre-Registration Needed - \$15 test fee

## General Admission: \$ 6.00 (open at 8 AM)

See Our Website for more info ~ [www.lockportara.us](http://www.lockportara.us)

**So Come Join Us for a Great, Saturday  
Event 8am- Noon  
To Break the Winter Duldrams!**

**Grab those Needed Parts.  
Look for a Great Deal.  
or Just Meet with Other Hams.**

**Hourly Door - 2meter - Radio Prizes**

**9am ~ 10am ~ 11am ~ Noon**

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# 2017 STARS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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