

FIELD DAY 2017

This year, Field Day is scheduled for the fourth weekend in June. It will run the 24 hour period, from 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 24th through 2:00 PM, Sunday, June 25th. Field Day is a participation exercise, intended to prepare amateur radio operators for the practice of setting up radio communications gear during emergency conditions. Often, these stations have been located in unexpected locations, most often parks.

Historically, amateurs have used substitute power sources, such as batteries, solar panels, or other power generators. The assumption is that regular power will be unavailable.

Another common feature is the preparation of temporary antennas, either manufactured (such as the the Buddipole) or created for the occasion. Some of the temporary antennas have relied on interesting methods of stringing antenna wire in trees. Once you see a "spud gun", you'll never forget the process! Also, some of the sling shots are interesting to watch.

Once set up, the activity moves to operation of the radio gear. The objective is to contact as many other amateurs as possible, in as many locations as possible. It has been said that Field Day has the most operators on during a single period.

Are you a new amateur? If so, Field Day is the best opportunity to learn the most about amateur radio. In addition to equipment operation, a large number of experienced amateurs will be available to assist and answer questions. Field Day is a "must" for new licensees.

This year, **STARS** will conduct its Field Day activities at the radio clubhouse, 2982 Lakeview Road in Hamburg, 300 feet west of the Hamburg Ice Arena. Preparation for the event usually begins at 10:00 AM. No one is expected for all 24 hours; pick the time best for you!

Oh, don't forget food. There is usually a cook-out for the lunch and/or dinner periods. Bring a dish to share with the other operators.

See you on Field Day!

CLUB OFFICERS

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VE Team Liaison	(vacant)
Webmaster	Don Niles, K2PMC



~~WE GOOFED!~~ - NOT!

Know won brought are attention two any mistake in the last issue of *Telstar* .

If ewe sea sum thing wee did knot get rite, lettuce no:

wb2elw@verizon.net



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 **June 1st**, 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 **June 22nd**, at the Nike Base Radio Clubhouse, 2982 Lakeview Road, Hamburg.

★ All members are welcome.

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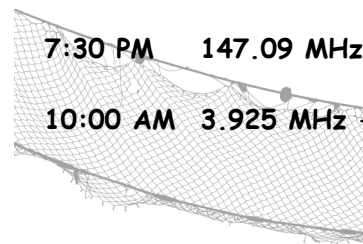


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CLUB NETS

Tuesdays 7:30 PM 147.09 MHz (repeater)

Saturdays 10:00 AM 3.925 MHz +/- QRM



NEXT MEETING SPEAKER:

DXING BY WB2AIV

For the June 1st meeting, the guest speaker will be **Bill Klepser, WB2AIV**. He will present a program on DXing.

Bill is a veteran of amateur radio who lives in Snyder. He is a member of the National Weather Service's Skywarn program, and has operated the NWS radio equipment during drills and emergencies. He also manages the VE team for the ARA of the Tonawandas.

STARS 2017 GOALS

Participate in Field Day.	●
Participate in NYS QSO Party.	●
Conduct fundraising events.	●
Acquire new equipment.	●
Attend mini-maker faire(s).	●
Conduct club build project(s).	●
Install three yagi antennas.	●
Present 4 monthly programs.	●
Conduct training on club equipment.	●
Conduct General & Extra Classes.	●
Install satellite antennas.	●
Maintain repeater systems.	●

VE SESSION RESULTS

On 5/20/17, one candidate took and passed one test.

Connor Colombo KD2NPM technician

VEs at this session include **Conrad Barrick, KC2WRY; Tomm Dean, KA2NXY; Dave Hryn, KD2IPQ; and Jim Starr, N2TFA**. VEs on call included **Tony Balas, KB2OUT; and John Leitten, KA2RFT**.

TECH CLASS PROGRESS

The technician class in East Aurora, at the **EMPAct America** headquarters, is nearing completion.

Led by **Bob Koster, KA2WYE**, the instructors include **Shane Brady, WB2WPM; and Tomm Dean, KA2NXY**. Testing is expected on June 7th.

Here is a student's account of the course progress, as posted on Facebook:

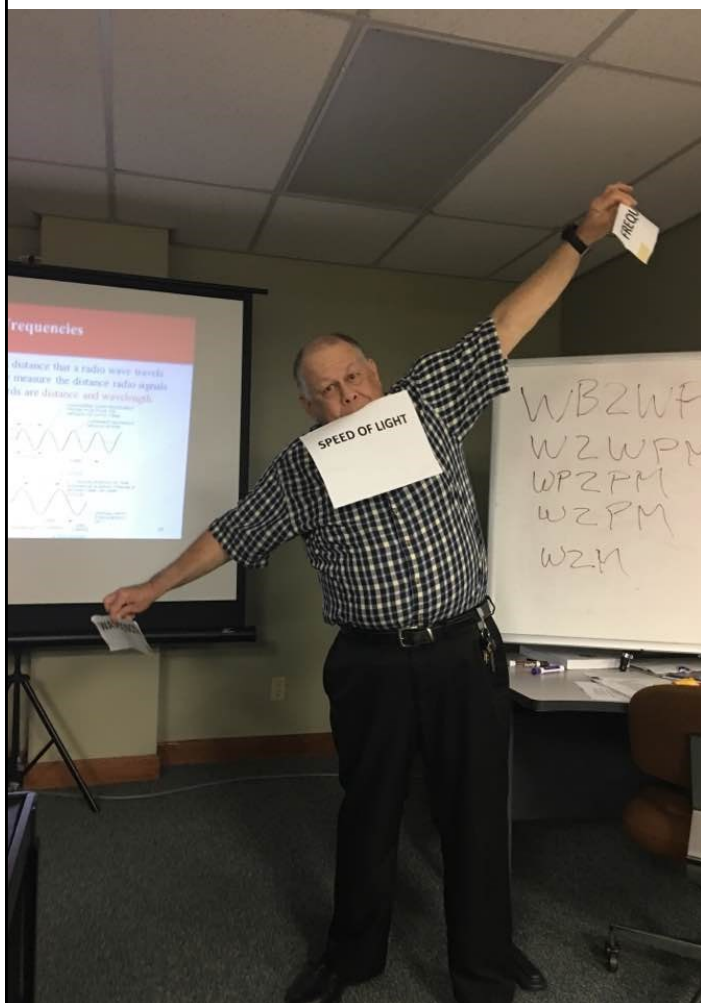


Tom Dean, (below) is one of EMPact America of New York's highly knowledgeable instructors. He is demonstrating the relation of a radio wave's wavelength to its frequency & its velocity being the speed of light!

Both Tom & Bob Koster (also a highly knowledgeable instructor) both run the Ham radio class to prepare their students for the Ham radio technician's licensing test.

This class is just one of many that EMPact offers in training & education of life saving skills & emergency preparedness. Tom & Bob are an awesome team to learn from!

Check in with EMPact America for up and coming classes!
<http://empactnewyork.org>



TELSTAR EDITOR POSITION OPEN

STARS is seeking a member to fill the position of *Telstar* editor. This person would be responsible for publishing the monthly newsletter of the **South Towns Amateur Radio Society**.

Telstar is published via the Internet, except for three printed copies for members. Distribution is made to members, associate members, editors, and other persons who interact with **STARS**. If interested, contact a board member, or reply to:

wb2elw@verizon.net

VE TEAM LIAISON POSITION OPEN

STARS is seeking a member to fill the position of Volunteer Examiner liaison for the club. This person would be responsible for interaction with the ARRL in arranging the FCC exams conducted through the year.

The preferred candidate will be an amateur extra, with VE credentials from the ARRL. Currently, **STARS** conducts exam sessions on the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. If interested, contact a board member, or reply to:

wb2elw@verizon.net

FROM THE TELSTAR EDITOR...

Tomm Dean, KA2NXY

For five and one half years, I have published *Telstar*. It has been a wonderful experience! However, health issues are requiring more time. This time will detract from my ability to produce a proper monthly newsletter.

When I took this position, I had no experience producing any similar publication. It was a learning experience that quickly led to the desire to do better and better at the task. I am amazed at how much I have learned. I am also amazed at the positive reception of the news letter by those who receive it.

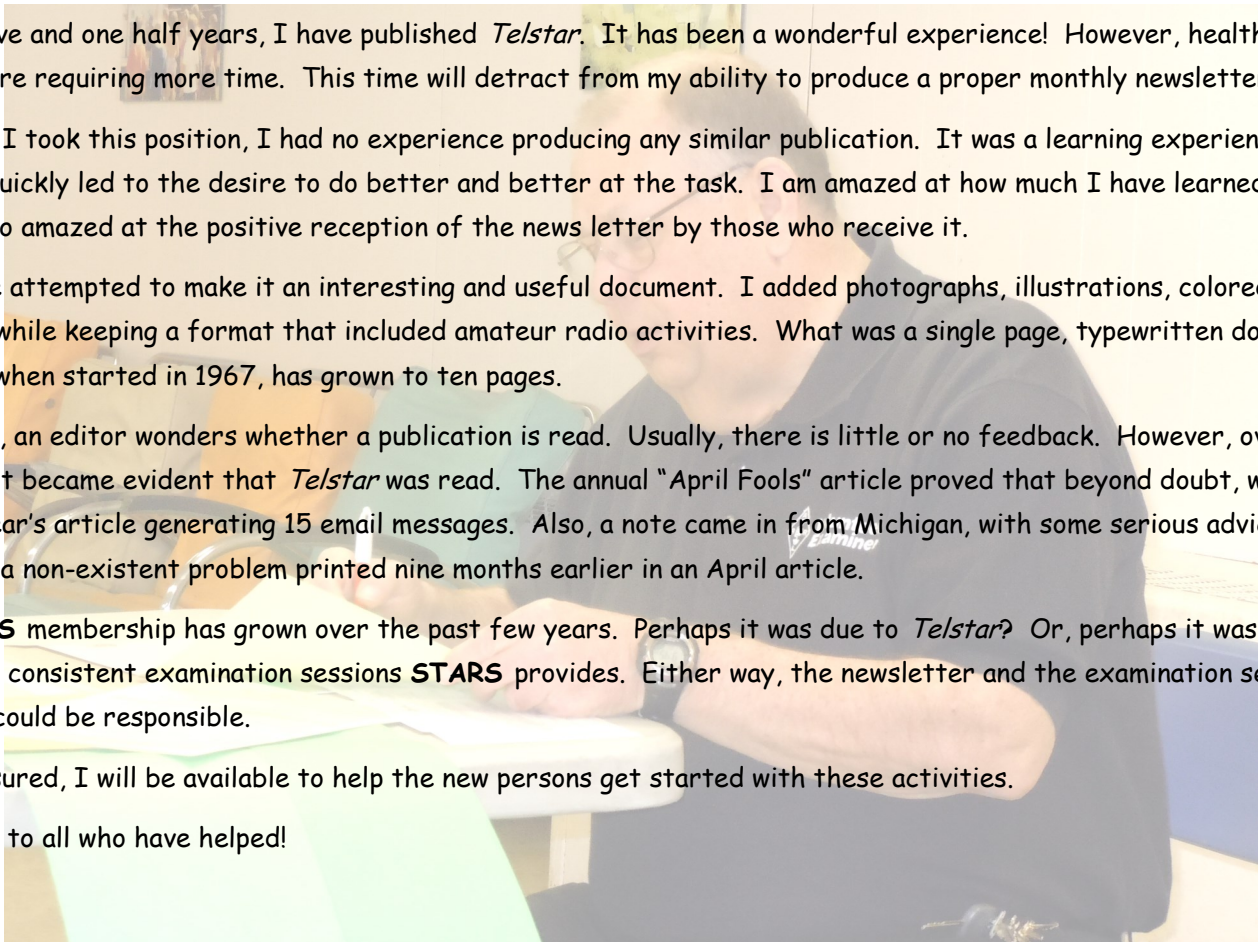
I have attempted to make it an interesting and useful document. I added photographs, illustrations, colored title bars, while keeping a format that included amateur radio activities. What was a single page, typewritten document when started in 1967, has grown to ten pages.

Often, an editor wonders whether a publication is read. Usually, there is little or no feedback. However, over time, it became evident that *Telstar* was read. The annual "April Fools" article proved that beyond doubt, with one year's article generating 15 email messages. Also, a note came in from Michigan, with some serious advice about a non-existent problem printed nine months earlier in an April article.

STARS membership has grown over the past few years. Perhaps it was due to *Telstar*? Or, perhaps it was due to the consistent examination sessions **STARS** provides. Either way, the newsletter and the examination sessions could be responsible.

Be assured, I will be available to help the new persons get started with these activities.

Thanx to all who have helped!



REFLECTIONS... (Items from past *Telstar* issues)

This is page 1 of the June 1979 "TELL-STARS". It is the last time the term "TELL-STARS" was used as the name of the newsletter. The next issue (November 1979) has no name. However, the issue after that (January 1980) shows the first (and current) use of the name, TELSTAR. The name was probably taken from one of the early communications satellites launched in 1962. see [TELSTAR SATELLITE](#)



SOUTH TOWNS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
P. O. BOX 350
HAMBURG, NEW YORK 14075

CLUB CALL - WB2ELW



ARRL AFFILIATE

TELL-STARS

The South Towns Amateur Radio Society, Inc.⁷ meets the first Thursday of each month at the Nike Base (Gate 2), Lakeview Road, Hamburg, N. Y. The exception is the January meeting which is Elections, held on the first Thursday, after the first Monday. During the winter, the meetings may be held at the Hamburg Youth Center, Prospect and Hawkins, Hamburg, N. Y.

The TELL-STARS is a monthly newsletter published by STARS, INC. Material is solicited and must be in the hands of the Editor no later than the 15th of the month for publication in the following newsletter. Letters to the Editor must be signed.

STARS has a Phone Net each Saturday Morning on approx. 3.925 MHz. at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

P.R.O.S. HAMFEST

Pioneer Radio Operator's Society

06/10/2017

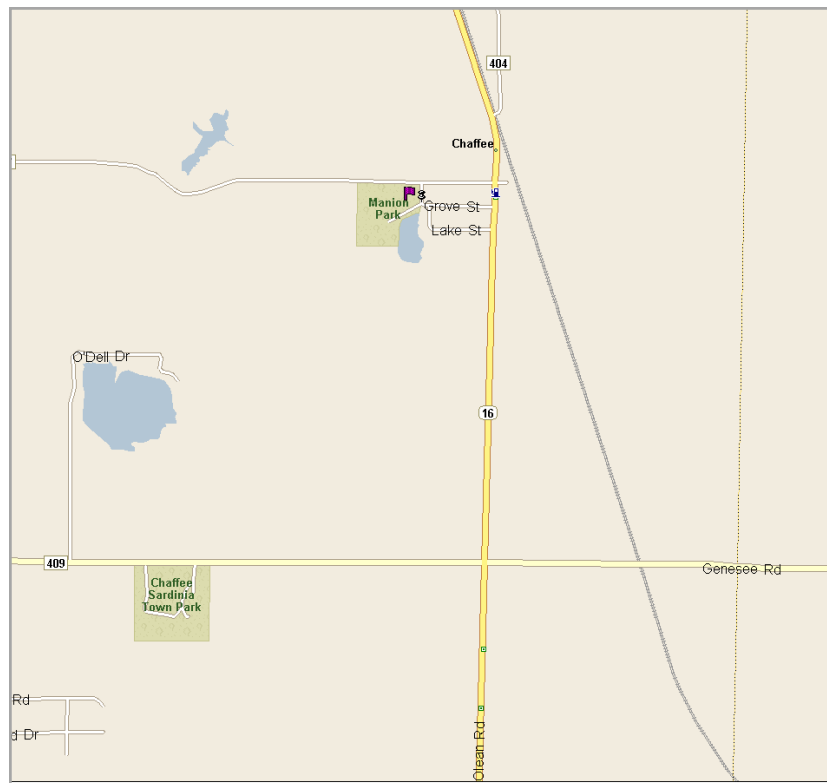
Manion Park

9999 Grove Street

Chaffee, NY 14030

Talk-In: 145.39 - (no PL tone)

<http://www.facebook.com/pionerradiooperatorsociety.pros>



FREE VE TESTING

FREE QSL CHECKING

Rochester Hamfest 2017

ROCHESTER AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION HAMFEST

SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2017

WALNUT HILL FARM, WEST BLOOMFIELD RD, PITTSFORD, NY 14534

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

VISIT WWW.ROCHESTERHAMFEST.ORG

ADMISSION: \$7 PER PERSON


\$10 PER VEHICLE IN FLEA MARKET

TALK-IN: 145.11MHZ (PL 110.9)




EXAM SITES

6/03/2017 [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)

6/03/2017 [Albion](#) 
 Sponsor: Community Amateur Radio Club
 Location: Hoag Library
 134 S. Main Street - Kirby Room
 Contact: Joseph Gangi Jr (585) 590-0267
 Time: 6:30 PM (Pre-registration required)


6/06/2017 [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)

6/10/2017 [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)

6/10/2017 [Chaffee](#) 
 Sponsor: CCARET
 Location: Manion Park (at Hamfest)
 9990 Grove Street
 Contact: Ray Feness (716)-289-0612
 Time: 1:00 PM

6/17/2017 [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)

6/17/2017 [Bath](#)
 Sponsor: Steuben County Amateurs
 Location: Civil Defense Center
 Route 54
 Contact: Gary D. Stratton (585) 520-5514
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

6/21/2017 [Lyons](#) 
 Sponsor: Drumlins ARC
 Location: Wayne Co Office of Emergency Mgmt
 7336 State Route 31 Suite 2000
 Contact: Sabrina Hamill (585) 727-2091
 Time: 6:30 PM (No Walk-ins)

(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
Fridays, 0145Z - 0215Z	NS Weekly RTTY Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
Fridays, 0230Z - 0300Z	NS Weekly Sprint	www.ncccsprint.com
June 1, 1700Z - June 1, 2100Z	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	www.nrau.net
June 3, 0000Z - June 4, 0400Z	PVRC Reunion	pvrc.org/reunion/reunion.htm
June 3, 0000Z - June 4, 2359Z	10-10 Int'l Open Season PSK Contest	www.ten-ten.org
June 3, 0400Z - June 4, 2000Z	DigiFest	www.mixw.net
June 3, 0600Z - June 3, 0800Z	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	grp.ru/contest/wakeup
June 3, 1200Z - June 4, 1200Z	SEANET Contest	seanet2017.com/seanet-contest
June 3, 1300Z - June 4, 1300Z	UKSMG Summer Contest	uksmg.org/contest.php
June 3, 1500Z - June 4, 1459Z	IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	www.darc.de
June 3, 1500Z - June 4, 1500Z	Dutch Kingdom Contest	dkars.nl/index.php?page=rules
June 3, 1500Z - June 4, 1500Z	RSGB National Field Day	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
June 3, 1600Z - June 4, 0400Z	Alabama QSO Party	www.alabamagsoparty.org
June 5, 1900Z - June 5, 2030Z	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, Data	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
June 6, 0100Z - June 6, 0300Z	ARS Spartan Sprint	arsgrp.blogspot.com
June 9, 1900Z - June 9, 1959Z	HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest	radioamator.honlapepites.hu
June 10, 0000Z - June 11, 1559Z	DRCG WW RTTY Contest	www.drcg.de/drcgww
June 10, 0600Z - June 11, 0600Z	VK Shires Contest	www.wia.org.au
June 10, 1100Z - June 10, 1300Z	Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt
June 10, 1200Z - June 11, 1200Z	Portugal Day Contest	rep.pt/portugal_day_contest
June 10, 1200Z - June 11, 2359Z	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	www.skccgroup.com
June 10, 1500Z - June 11, 1500Z	GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	www.wwsatest.org/english
June 10, 1600Z - June 11, 1600Z	REF DDFM 6-Meter Contest	concours.r-e-f.org
June 10, 1800Z - June 12, 0259Z	ARRL June VHF Contest	www.arrl.org/june-vhf
June 11, 1700Z - June 11, 2200Z	Cookie Crumble QRP Contest	w3atb.com/cookie-crumble
June 12, 0000Z - June 12, 0200Z	4 States QRP Group 2 nd Sunday Sprint	www.4sgrp.com/SSS
June 14, 0030Z - June 14, 0230Z	NAQCC CW Sprint	naqcc.info
June 14, 1900Z - June 14, 2030Z	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, CW	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
June 17, 0000Z - June 18, 2359Z	All Asian DX Contest, CW	www.jarl.org/English
June 17, 0000Z - June 18, 2359Z	SMIRK Contest	www.smirk.org
June 17, 1200Z - June 18, 1159Z	Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest	urxdc.org/rtty
June 17, 1200Z - June 18, 1200Z	ARR BPSK63 Contest	ct1arr.org
June 17, 1400Z - June 17, 1800Z	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	www.agcw.org
June 17, 1400Z - June 18, 1400Z	IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest	concours.r-e-f.org
June 17, 1500Z - June 18, 1500Z	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	www.kkn.net/stew
June 17, 1600Z - June 18, 0200Z	West Virginia QSO Party	qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp
June 17, 1800Z - June 17, 1959Z	Feld Hell Sprint	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
June 18, 0900Z - June 18, 1500Z	WAB 50 MHz Phone	wab.intermip.net
June 18, 1800Z - June 18, 2359Z	Kids Day Contest	www.arrl.org/kids-day
June 19, 0100Z - June 19, 0300Z	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	qrcontest.com/pigrun
June 22, 0030Z - June 22, 0230Z	NAQCC CW Sprint	naqcc.info
June 22, 1900Z - June 22, 2030Z	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, SSB	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
June 24, 0000Z - June 25, 2359Z	Battle of Carabobo International Contest	radioclubvalenciaac.org.ve
June 24, 0600Z - June 24, 1700Z	UFT QRP Contest	uft.net/reglement/eng.pdf
June 24, 1200Z - June 25, 1200Z	His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB	concursos.ure.es/en
June 24, 1200Z - June 25, 1200Z	Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	www.izmail-dx.com
June 24, 1800Z - June 25, 2100Z	ARRL Field Day	www.arrl.org/field-day
June 28, 0000Z - June 28, 0200Z	SKCC Sprint	www.skccgroup.com
June 30, 0100Z - June 30, 0230Z	QRP Fox Hunt	www.qrpfoxhunt.org/



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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>

May 24 - Jun 1	* 	Ham Nation 300 W0H, K0H, W1H, W2H, W4H, W5H, K5H, W6H, W7H & W9H	
Jun 1 - Jun 4	KY4BG	Corvette Homecoming	
Jun 2 - Jun 4	N4M	Secret City Festival - 75 th Anniversary of the Manhattan Project	
Jun 3 - Jun 4	K8E	Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ships Weekend	
Jun 3 - Jun 10	K4D	Dog Island IOTA (NA - 085) DXpedition	
Jun 3	W2EF	Grover Cleveland's Birthplace	
Jun 3 - Jun 4	NI6IW & NJ2BB	Museum Ships Weekend	
Jun 3 - Jun 11	N4B	Night Watch / Brothers Handshake	
Jun 3 - Jun 4	N1S	Nuclear Submarine USS Nautilus SSN 571 Museum Ships Weekend	
Jun 3 - Jun 4	W3D	Tallship Maryland Dove	
Jun 3 - Jun 6	W2W	W2W D - Day Commemoration	
Jun 3	W5WQ	Waltham County Dairy Festival	
Jun 3 - Jun 4	NB9QV	WWII Submarine USS Cobia on the air	
Jun 8 - Jun 12	KB7QPS	Discovery of Sunspots	
Jun 8 - Jun 10	W0Z & K0GPZ	Judy Garland's Birthday	
Jun 9 - Jun 10	K8TGR	2017 Tigers On The Air	
Jun 9 - Jun 10	K3J	Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival	
Jun 9 - Jun 10	N1C & W7C	Relay for life	
Jun 10 - Jun 11	W3BMD	Jimmy Stewart Airport Festival	
Jun 13	W1HG Y	Our Lady of Fatima 100 th Anniversary	
Jun 16 - Jun 30	W0L	St. Peter Area Veterans Memorial	
Jun 17 - Jun 23	K5C	76th Annual Convention of the National Speleological Society	
Jun 17	W9VT	Driving the Dixie Highway	
Jun 17	K3M	Milton Pa. Bicentennial	
Jun 17 - Jun 18	GB1AFP	Museums on the Air weekend	
Jun 17	W3U	Union League of Philadelphia - Flag Day Celebration	
Jun 17	W2RDX/70	W2RDX/70 - 70 th Anniversary of the Rochester DX Association	
Jun 21	WA9M	Marion County Fair	
Jun 23 - Jun 25	K5S	ARRL Field Day	
Jun 23 - Jun 25	N6R	Commemorating The Lives Of President Ronald & Mrs. Nancy Reagan	
Jun 24 - Jun 25	W5W	Field Day	
Jun 25 - Jun 28	K2BSA/8	Boy Scout Trail to Eagle XIII Camp	
Jun 29 - Jul 10	W1G	Battle of Gettysburg 154 th Anniversary	
Jun 29 - Jul 7	W7I	State of Idaho 127 th Anniversary	
Jun 30	KC0RVS	Colorado Veterans Care Awareness	
Jun 30 - Jan 1	N7GMH	Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial	

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>
- TELSTAR EDITOR: wb2elw@verizon.net