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STARS PICNIC

STARS will be holding its annual picnic on Saturday, August 5th, at 2:00 PM (not after the Thursday meeting as in previous years). The picnic will be held at the Nike Base Clubhouse in Hamburg and will run until 9:00 PM.

There will be food, drink, and music. Members are encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

Members are welcome to bring their family members to the picnic.

VE TEAM LIAISON NEEDED

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.

STARS' Volunteer Examination program is the source of many members, and is directly relevant to the club's mission as a learning club.

Candidates will preferably be of Amateur Extra or General class, with VE credentials from the ARRL. Currently, STARS conducts exam sessions on the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month, but the new coordinator may choose a different time if needed. If interested, contact a board member or reply to wb2elw@gmail.com.

2017 GOALS

Participate in Field Day.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Participate in NYS QSO Party.	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct fundraising events.	<input type="radio"/>
Acquire new equipment.	<input type="radio"/>
Attend mini-maker faire(s).	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct club build project(s).	<input type="radio"/>
Install three yagi antennas.	<input type="radio"/>
Present 4 monthly programs.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Conduct training on club equipment.	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct general and extra classes.	<input type="radio"/>
Install satellite antennas.	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain repeater system.	<input type="radio"/>

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Vice President	Paul Blachowski, WA2DII
Secretary	Scott Barto, KB2KOL
Financial Secretary	Patrick Groom, KC2VWG
Treasurer	John Leitten, KA2RFT
Director (1 yr.)	Jon Hall, AA2CC
Director (2 yr.)	Allen Mitzo, WA2TTT

Clubhouse Chair	Allen Mitzo, WA2TTT
Fundraising Chair	Don Niles, K2PMC
Hospitality Chairs	Richard Neubeck, W2RLN
Net Control Stations	Scott Barto, KB2KOL (VHF) Bob Lehning, WA2YSJ (HF)
NYQP Chair	John Leitten, KA2RFT
Photographer	Richard Neubeck, W2RLN
Program Chair	Larry Plumb, WA2TLY
Repeater Chairs	Pat Groom, KC2VWG Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Special Events Chairs	Joe Claus, KB2JDB Bob Koster, KA2WYE
Telstar Editor	Owen Torres, KD2LXF
VE Team Liaison	Vacant!
Webmaster	Don Niles, K2PMC



CLUB NETS

STARS holds two nets every week -- one on 2 meters and one on 75 meters. All are welcome to participate.

Tuesdays	7:30 PM	147.09 MHz (Repeater)
Saturdays	10:00 AM	3.925 MHz ± QRM

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 in Hamburg.

During July and August the youth center is closed and meetings are held at the Nike Base Clubhouse at 2982 Lakeview Road in Hamburg.

This month's meeting will be on August 3rd, at 7:00 PM, at the **Nike Base Clubhouse**. All are welcome.

The STARS board usually meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month, at the Nike Base Clubhouse.

The next board meeting will be August 24th. All members are welcome.

FIELD DAY TOTALS

The Field Day logs have now been processed and submitted to the ARRL for scoring. STARS had 799 CW QSOs, 70 digital QSOs, and 810 phone QSOs, for a total claim of 5096 QSO points with multipliers. An additional 970 bonus points were claimed, bringing the total to 6066 points.

Note that this is only the claimed score, the final total after the ARRL has verified the points may vary.

NEXT MEETING

The Hamburg Memorial Youth center is closed during July and August. The next meeting will be held at the **Nike Base Clubhouse**.

After the August meeting the clubhouse will be opened for operating. There are no events planned for any later meetings. If you would like to present something at a future meeting, please contact Larry Plumb, WA2TLY. Some suggested topics include feedlines and RFI troubleshooting.

CHAUTAUQUA HAMFEST

The Chautauqua Amateur Radio Service will hold a hamfest on August 27th under the pavilion at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club on 433 E Terrace Ave. Lakewood, NY 14750.

Vendor setup starts at 8:00PM, sales start at 9:00PM.

The entrance fee is \$1 (including ticket for grand prize drawing), tailgating is \$3, and tables are \$5.

Call-in is 146.790MHz with 127.3Hz tone squelch.

See chautauqua-ars.org for more information.



SOLAR ECLIPSE QSO PARTY

On August 21st, Amateurs will be taking part in the Solar Eclipse QSO Party. The event will collect data on the propagation of radio waves before, during, and after the eclipse. The data will be submitted to a research group at Virginia Tech.

For more information see hamsci.org/seqp.

FOR SALE

David Poole, KD2KEG, has a Mosley crank antenna that he would like to get rid of. The antenna is offered free of charge to anyone who will take it. If you are interested or would like more information please contact him.

LICENSING EXAMS

2017-08-08

Sponsor:

Time:

Contact:

Niagara Falls

Niagara Radio Club, Inc.

6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Darren Wade, Robbins
(716) 478-9663

ac2in@niagararadioclub.com

Location:

Venture Forthe, Inc.

3900 Packard Rd

Niagara Falls NY 14303-2236

Walk-ins allowed.

2017-09-12

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STARS LICENSING EXAMS

STARS offers licensing exams at 9:00 AM on the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. The exams are conducted at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center at 200 Prospect Avenue in Hamburg. Walk-ins are allowed.

Candidates must bring the following items to the exam:

- Legal photo ID (a driver's license is excellent).
- Your SSN or FRN. FRNs can be obtained on [the FCC website](http://theFCCwebsite).
- Current license and/or CSCE, if any, with a non-returnable photocopy of each.
- \$15 in cash, check, or money order.
- Two #2 pencils with erasers, and a pen.

Calculators are permitted, so long as any programming has been cleared.

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