

## FREDONIA MINI MAKER FAIRE

Last month, STARS participated in the Fredonia Mini Maker Faire. STARS displayed a variety of radio equipment and materials, discussed amateur radio history and present usage, and offered a small CW keyer soldering project for those interested in learning basic soldering. The club also set up an HF station (with a random wire antenna held up by a balloon) and used it to contact the Nike base clubhouse.

## QSO PARTY

Last month, STARS participated in the New York State QSO Party. For New York operators the QSO Party consists of contacting stations in states and provinces throughout the US and Canada, and also contacting stations in other counties throughout New York State. Operators outside New York try to contact stations inside New York. A multiplier is applied for each new area contacted.

This year STARS is claiming 74,860 points from 323 phone contacts and 234 CW contacts.

## 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 November 2nd, at 7:00 PM, at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center. All those interested in amateur radio are welcome.

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

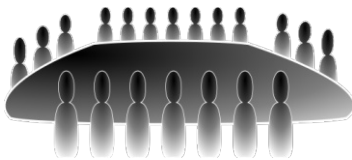
**Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next board meeting will be on the fifth thursday of the month, November 30th at 7:00 PM.** All members are welcome.

## 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 and extra classes.	
Install satellite antennas.	
Maintain repeater system.	

## 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
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Clubhouse Chair	Allen Mitzo, WA2TTT
Fundraising Chair	Don Niles, K2PMC
Hospitality Chair	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	Richard Neubeck, W2RLN
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 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](#).
- Current license and/or CSCE, if any, with a non-returnable photocopy of each.
- \$15 in cash.
- Two #2 pencils with erasers, and a pen.

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

## 2018 CLUB OFFICERS

The new 2018 club officers have been nominated and elected. Most officers stayed on, but there were a few changes:

Vice President	Al Mitzo, WA2TTT
Secretary	Joe Claus, KB2JDB
Director (1yr.)	John Dilivio, K2CF
Director (2 yr.)	Jon Hall, AA2CC
Fundraising Chair	Jon Hall, AA2CC

## NEXT MEETING

There are not currently any events planned for any future 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.

STARS Website:	<a href="http://wb2elw.net">wb2elw.net</a>
STARS Facebook Page:	<a href="https://facebook.com/WB2ELW">facebook.com/WB2ELW</a>
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