

CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's that time of year again! STARS will be having its annual Christmas party next Thursday (Dec 7th) at the regular meeting time of 7:00pm. The party will be at the Hamburg Youth Center on 200 Prospect Ave.

Members are encouraged to bring a finger food.



CLUB OFFICERS

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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 December 7th, 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.

The next board meeting will be on December 28th at 7:00 PM. All members are welcome.

VE SESSION RESULTS

No candidates showed up to the last exam session!

2017 GOALS

Participate in Field Day.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Participate in NYS QSO Party.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Conduct fundraising events.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Acquire new equipment.	<input type="radio"/>
Attend mini-maker faire(s).	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Conduct club build project(s).	<input type="radio"/>
Install three yagi antennas.	<input checked="" 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"/>

HIGH-ALTITUDE BALLOON

A few weeks ago a group of students from UB, including your editor, launched a high-altitude balloon. The balloon is the first one launched by the group, and had a simple payload consisting mainly of an APRS tracker. After launch the balloon reached over 47,000ft — almost twice as high as predicted — and landed about 10 miles south of Syracuse. The payload was visible on aprs.fi during the balloon's flight (as KD2LXF-11) and the payload was successfully tracked and retrieved after it landed. The launch was a success, and we look forward to more launches in the future.



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.

DUES ARE DUE!

We are nearing the end of 2017 and it's time for membership renewals. A membership renewal form is included with your copy of the Telstar.

FOOTBALL POOL

STARS is running a football pool to raise money for the club. A donation sheet is included with your copy of the Telstar.

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.

COLDEN REPEATER PULLED

Club members have long noticed issues with the Colden repeater. The performance simply wasn't nearly as good as it should have been. However, the repeaters are located at a site which is difficult to get access to for repairs. The club decided to pull the repeaters so that they could be brought to the clubhouse to be examined in detail, repaired or replaced, and then put back once any problems have been resolved. This month the repeaters were finally pulled. Members of the club are now examining them and determine what needs to be done. We are also considering replacing the old repeaters with newer ones that were donated to the club a short while ago.

STARS Website: wb2elw.net

STARS Facebook Page: facebook.com/WB2ELW

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STARS 2018 Membership Renewal

Call Sign _____ License Class _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Are you an ARRL Member? YES NO

Would you like to receive the Telstar by physical mail? YES NO

Please include an additional \$15 if you elect to receive a physical copy.

Additional family members (for family memberships):

Call _____ Name _____ Class _____

Call _____ Name _____ Class _____

Call _____ Name _____ Class _____

Dues: (Payable by January 1st)

Single \$24

Family \$27

Student \$8

Make checks payable to STARS.

Return completed form and dues to:

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