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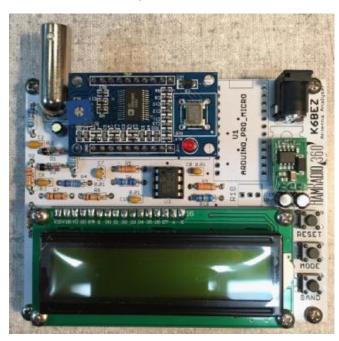
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#### **BUILD PROJECT**

As decided by a poll in a previous edition of the Telstar, our first club build project will be an antenna analyzer. The analyzer is based on the K6BEZ design and will be built on a PCB made specifically for the project. Design files for a 3D printed case are also available.

Here is what the final product will look like:



Anyone who is interested in building one of these devices is asked to respond so that we can plan for how many components we will have to order.

The cost depends on the number of people interested (it will be cheaper the more that sign up!) but the kit is expected to cost about \$40 per person.

If interested, please contact your editor by email at <a href="mailto:wb2elw@gmail.com">wb2elw@gmail.com</a> indicating your interest by January 10<sup>th</sup> so that the components can be ordered.

#### New Year

STARS had a very productive year in 2017. We completed most of our goals, and are well on our way to completing another one -- the build project! We look forward to another productive year in 2018.

What do you want STARS to acomplish in 2018? Bring your ideas to the next general meeting so that we can formulate next year's goals!

#### **N**EXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Christmas(/New Years) party! The party was cancelled last month due to bad weather, and was rescheduled for the next general meeting.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't paid your dues by the time the next meeting comes around you will be overdue! Make sure to submit your membership renewal form soon or you'll miss out on your club privileges -- including your access to future editions of the Telstar!

A second renewal form is attached to electronic copies of the Telstar.

## FOOTBALL POOL

Those who are collecting donations for the football pool are asked to hand their sheets in to the fundraising chair, Jon Hall AA2CC.

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

President Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK

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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 January 4th, 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 January 25th at 7:00 PM. All members are welcome.

# 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 nonreturnable 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.

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STARS Facebook Page: <u>facebook.com/WB2ELW</u>
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## **STARS 2018 Membership Renewal**

Call Sign	License Class			
Name				
Address				
Phone				
Email Address	·			
Are you an AR	RL Member?		YES	NO
Would you like to recieve the Telstar by physical mail? YES NO Please inclued an additional \$15 if you elect to receive a physical copy.				
Additional family members (for family memberships):				
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<b>Dues:</b> (Payable by January 1 <sup>st</sup> )				
	Single	\$24		
	Family	\$27		
	Student	\$8		
Make checks payable to STARS.				

#### Return completed form and dues to:

Patrick Groom, KC2VWG 4320 Salem Dr. Blasdell, NY 14219-1039