

## FIELD DAY IS COMING!

STARS is looking for a new field day chair for this year. The volunteer will lead the organization and setup of field day activities. They would also receive help from others. Volunteers should contact the Telstar Editor or a member of the Board.

## NIKE BASE TOWER

STARS has purchased and received new mast tubing for the tower. The new mast is a 22ft length of 2in diameter Chromoly steel tubing. This is a structural grade mast designed for a much higher wind load (approaching 100 mph) and is much stronger than the previous mast.

STARS will have work party soon to install the mast and will be making an appointment with the Hamburg fire department for lift assistance.

Stay tuned for details on the work party. We plan to have the mast installed by field day.

## COLDEN REPEATER

KC2AYK has completed power testing of the VHF power amplifier and it is operating solidly at over 100W with no issues after longer-term testing. Next will be a gain test of the UHF amplifier and then a pilot run at the Hamburg location for a burn-in.

KC2AYK is still investigating new repeater control options.

## VE TEAM LIASION NEEDED

STARS is looking for a VE Team Liasion to lead our VE team. The Liasion coordinates with the ARRL and with Volunteer Examiners to schedule exam sessions. Interested members are encouraged to contact a member of the board, or reply to [wb2elw@gmail.com](mailto:wb2elw@gmail.com).

## ROCHESTER HAMFEST

The Rochester Amateur Radio Association will be hosting the Rochester Hamfest on June 2nd at the Hilton Exempt Club in Hilton NY from 6am to 2pm. Details can be found at [rochesterham.org](http://rochesterham.org).

## 2018 GOALS

Participate in Field Day.	
Participate in NYSQSO Party.	
Attend mini-maker faire.	
Set up a digital station.	
Conduct fundraising events.	
Conduct a club build project.	
Present 4 monthly programs.	
Conduct training on club equipment.	
Conduct general and extra classes.	
Install satelite antennas.	
Reinstall Colden repeaters.	

## CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
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VE Team Liaison	<b>Vacant</b>
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 May 3rd, 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 May 24th 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 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.

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