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STARS PICNIC

As always, STARS will be holding its annual club picinic this upcoming August 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

Members should bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass. Family of STARS members may also come.

BATAVIA HAMFEST

This Saturday, July 21st, the Lancaster Amateur Radio Club will be hosting their annual Batavia Hamfest.

The event will be located on the Alexander Firemen Grounds at 10708 Alexander Rd. Route 98, Alexander NY 14005.

There will be an outdoor flea market and free tailgating starting at 6:00am. Other events planned include a fox hunt and a VE exam.

The VE Exam is scheduled for 8:00 AM. To preregister please contact John Maxwell at maxwell@acsu.buffalo.edu or call 716-404-9256.

Overnight camping is allowed. Those interested should plan to arrive after 6PM on Friday.

The cost of admission is \$7.00 and includes tailgating and access to indoor spaces.

The talk in frequency is 147.285MHz with a CTCSS tone of 141.3Hz on the Batavia repeater.

For more information, please see the Lancaster Amateur Radio Club's website at <u>w2so.org</u>, or contact Luke N2GDU at <u>luke48@gmail.com</u>.

VE TEAM LIASION NEEDED

STARS is looking for a VE Team Liasion to lead our VE team. The liasion organizes the VE team and coordinates with the ARRL. Interested members should contact a member of the board or reply to wb2elw@gmail.com.

FIELD DAY

Field day was June 26-27th. It was a rather frustrating day for STARS due to the weather causing a lot of static from lightning. However, STARS still managed to get 2000 points: not as many as we've gotten in recent years, but not too bad given the conditions.

2018 Goals		
Participate in Field Day.		
Participate in NYS QSO 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 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 was on July 5th, at 7:00 PM, at the the Nike Base Clubhouse. 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 July 26th 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.

STARS Website: <u>wb2elw.net</u>

STARS Facebook Page: <u>facebook.com/WB2ELW</u>
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STARS FUNDRAISER 2018

PAYOUT

HALF \$25 FINAL \$50

Buffalo Bills Pool 16 - Regular Season Games

DONATION - \$25 PER SQUARE \$50 LUCKY DRAW ON BYE WEEK

NAME	EMAIL OR ADDRESS	STARS MEMBER NAME

- NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AFTER ALL SQUARES ARE SOLD AND WE WILL SEND A COPY TO ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES.
- EACH SQUARE WILL CONTAIN THE STARS MEMBER NAME OR CALL ALONG WITH THE PURCHASERS NAME.
- PAYOUTS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE STARS MEMBER WHO SOLD THE SQUARE, WHO, IN TURN, WILL GIVE IT TO THE WINNER.
- WHEN 100 SQUARES ARE SOLD, NAMES WILL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO THE SQUARES.
- NEW NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN FOR EACH GAME.