

SENECA FALL FESTIVAL

On September 7th through 9th, the Seneca Indians will be holding their Fall Festival.

They also want to have special event Ham Radio Station at the festival. This station is for two purposes: as a cultural exchange with other Hams and to promote an interest in Ham radio within the Tribe.

To make all of this happen they are going to need some help, mostly with coaching (Elmering). The station will be on the Air from 9 AM till 6 PM Saturday the 8TH. The station will be outside behind the Firemans Buliding. This looks to be a high traffic area.

Who knows, we may get non hams to make a few contacts. We have run a HF station from the reservation in the past. Once the Hams hear where we are calling from they just keep on calling wanting to work us. This should be a real fun day of Hamming.

More information on the event can be found in the event [flyer](#) (included to the right) and the [schedule](#).

If you want to help out contact John Leitten at johnham334@aol.com and let him know when you can be there.

Fall Festival
September 7th - 9th

Saylor Building Grounds
12861 Route 438
Irving, N.Y 14081

See you there!

For more information please contact Trudy Jackson @532-3341 x5130

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. Those interested should contact the board or reply to wb2elw@gmail.com.

2018 GOALS

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

THIS IS KB2JDB, PORTABLE

There are dozens of ways we enjoy amateur radio. Few of us embrace them all, and fewer still can demonstrate them all. My bucket list includes CW, the latest HF and VHF/UHF digital modes like our own System Fusion, and satellites.

What has been a fun activity and I invite all members to try, is portable operation. I know several members enjoy their multimode console setups in their shack. But if you had to leave your home for some reason, can you still operate?

I think portable is not mobile. Even more members seem to have installed VHF/UHF rigs in their cars and, some even HF mobile. Can you set up a station in a random location? Emergencies don't pick a convenient time and place. Antennas at home require attention and maintenance. Antennas in a Field Day location are harder still. I remember when our Field Day was totally portable.

With the construction of several Go Boxes I've been able to operate portable in greatly varying environments:

- Any hotel room, anywhere, VHF/UHF:
- Any random vehicle in a public service event like a bike race, VHF/UHF:
- UHF and HF at a bike race rest stop:
- VHF, UHF, HF in my Chevy Tracker:
- A portable satellite station at Scout Camp, connecting with Mir on packet in the 90's.
- Portable in shelter at Pioneer HS:
- Portable in Kauai, Hawaii. I packed a 25W VHF/UHF station in a tiny backpack and passed it through TSA x-ray machines and carried it as carry-on luggage:
 - Portable on VHF/UHF and HF at Buffalo and Fredonia Maker Faires. We used a balloon to loft the HF antenna:
 - Finally, I've set up, uninvited, at local hamfests: Lancaster, Batavia, and PROS with a random wire and checked in to STARS' 75m Saturday net.

So, why not try something different: operate "out there". It's good practice for EmComm, and a good way to publicize Amateur Radio.



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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.

The next meeting will be on September 6th, at 7:00 PM, at the 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 September 27th 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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