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August Meeting

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The STARS general meeting will be held online using the ZOOM website. This month's meeting will be held on August 6th at 7pm. Instructions for joining an online club meeting are the same as last reported and are shown below.

To sign in:

If you have a computer with MIC; you can sign in and your audio will be linked in from the PC MIC.

If you have a computer without MIC; you can sign in on the PC and then call into the phone audio patch using a phone.

If you have no computer, please call in using your phone and you will be able to hear and speak on your phone.

First session at 7:00pm (**Business Meeting**)

Join Zoom Meeting (URL can be opened with CTRL + Click)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8595441881?pwd=S2k3SS9hWGtJU1QxYm1kN2JBbXZDdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 544 1881 Password: 888888

For phone audio dial-in, call: 1-408-638-0968

When prompted, enter the meeting ID and numeric password below

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2019 New York QSO Party Update

By Gerry Maira, KA2MGE

The club's 2019 NYQP participation was first reported on in the February 2020 Telstar. Since then, the contest's results have been published on the NYQP website (<http://nyqp.org/wordpress/>).

For their outstanding effort, the STARS team (callsign W2E) has been awarded a plaque for winning first place in the New York Multi-Multi Low Power category with a score of 93,280.

This score is 5th highest out of 300+ entries. Congratulations to the STARS NYQP team!

2020 Field Day Report

By Gerry Maira, KA2MGE (Field Day Chairman)

Like most clubs around the country, STARS had a scaled-down FD effort this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Instead of being the usual class 2E or 3E operation, this year we were 1E, which worked out well for operators. We had some fun, some good food and we made a lot of contacts. Aside from some equipment trouble right at the start, things went pretty smoothly for the duration.

Not surprisingly, 40 meters (with the beam) turned out to be the "hot" band for us and 83% of our contacts were made there. It seemed like there was a bottomless pit of stations calling us whenever we were on that band. FD first-timer Bill KD2QLF had a 2 hour baptism by fire in this cauldron of callers and he handled it very well, putting many SSB Q's into the log.

Thanks to the media publicity efforts of Bob KA2WYE, we were visited by Spectrum Local News, who did an interview with Larry WA2TLY. The interview can be seen here - <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/technology/2020/06/28/amateur-radio-operators-in-hamburg-take-part-in-national-exercise->



Larry WA2TLY being interviewed by Spectrum News

Also thanks to Bob's efforts, an article about our operation was published in the Buffalo News on Saturday, 6/27 - https://buffalonews.com/news/local/ham-radio-operators-setting-up-antennas-in-hamburg-for-national-field-day/article_39ee4e1c-b80f-11ea-a464-bf8c120e5f14.html



Ralph WB2DCL working SSB

We made 407 CW Q's and 289 SSB Q's for a total of 2206 QSO points. Add on our 550 bonus points for a claimed score of 2752.

Operators this year were KA2MGE, KD2QLF, WA2TLY, WA2TTT and WB2DCL.

Others, who helped with bonus points, were AC2VA, KA2RFT, KA2WYE and KB2JDB.

I apologize if I missed anyone. Thanks everyone for participating!

STARS Fundraiser Update

By Gerry Maira, KA2MGE

There are still many squares unsold for the club's annual fundraiser and the Bills' first game is on 9/13. Please help the club by buying/selling some squares while there's still time. Squares can be purchased from Al WA2TTT.

NF2RS/Rover ARRL Sept VHF Contest Operating Guide

By Dick, K2ZR. Submitted by Joe Claus, KB2JDB

Hi STARS ,

Please pass this information onto your membership. If you have questions phone Dick, K2ZR @ 716-695-8289. K2ZR would be happy to participate during a LARA net to answer questions.

Mark, K2QO & Dick, K2ZR would like to help **STARS** members make a QSO with NF2RS/Rover [especially hams who only have a 2M FM handheld/Base]

Make a 2M FM QSO w/ARRL Sept VHF Contest NA Champion NF2RS/Rover

NF2RS/Rover Itinerary Start to Finish:

NF2RS/Rover travels Friday, September 11th from Buffalo to NW Connecticut where on Mark, K2QO & Dick, K2ZR stay for the night with old friends. On Saturday we start the contest @ 2 PM in FN31 near old friends QTH

At 6 PM we leave FN31 and move to FN32 in ENY on the Taconic Parkway. We arrive at FN32 about 7:30 PM and by 9:00 PM we call it a day and drive to Cobleskill, NY where we stay for the night.

Sunday we start in FN22 near Cobleskill at 8:00 AM. We depart FN22 at 10:00 AM and arrive at FN23 at 11:00 AM. We depart FN23 at 12:00 PM and drive west to FN13 near Rochester operating FT8 on 6M while we're on the Thruway. We depart for FN13 arrive at 4 PM and depart at 4:30 PM arriving in FN12 at 5:30 near Geneseo. We depart FN12 at about 6 PM and arrive east of Attica in FN02vu at 7 PM. We operate FN03vu until the end of the contest at 11 PM Sunday evening.

FOR STARS 2M FM Operators Sunday Evening. NF2RS/R will easily be able to QSO with you on your 2 Meter FM handheld or base station.

WHEN: Sunday, September 13th, 2020 from approximately 7PM - 11PM ET

QRG: 2 Meter FM Simplex Frequency/QRG: 146.55

QTH: NF2RS/Rover QTH east of Attica @ 1,500' asl in Grid Square FN02vu

EXCHANGE: Tell us your Grid Square and we will give you ours, FN02. You Grid Square will most likely be FN02 or FN03 You can find your Grid Square for your callsign.

LINK: http://www.levinecentral.com/ham/grid_square.php >> Scroll down a bit and you will find your GRID SQUARE.

For most members of LARA it'll be either **FN02xx** or **FN03xx**.

The last two lower case xx's are a letter combination that won't be necessary.

Here's what to do to make contact with the Rover:

1. **YOU** Call NF2RS/R on 146.55 simplex between 7 PM & 11 PM. The rover's 2M Operator will be listening for 2M FM calls to the Rover on 146.55. Important: **You Call** the Rover! DO NOT wait for NF2RS/R to call CQ

2. Be patient! The 2M operator may be in the middle of a 2M CW or SSB contact.

NOTE: Unless you're operating from a cave, NF2RS/R will hear you. The rover's QTH is at 1500' ASL and has an unrestricted view of WNY.

Your reward: You log a QSO with the NA Champion NF2RS/Rover & you will be mailed a real QSL card.

We QRT @ 11PM Sunday night so be OTA Sunday evening & we'll make a Q with you.

Read the RULES: Here's the link: <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf>

For STARS members w/ability to op CW, SSB on 6M, 2M, 1.25M & 70CM

We'll be on 6M CW/SSB plus FT8 while driving:

If you have no 6m antenna note that any 20M antenna will easily tune on 6m!

6M QRG Spread

50.080-50.100 CW

50.100-50.125 International QSO's ONLY

50.125-50.250 SSB/CW/any mode

50.313 FT8 (We only use FT8 if band conditions won't allow CW or SSB)

2M QRG Spread:

144.180 – 144.240 CW and/or SSB

1.25M Spread:

222.080 – 222.160 CW and /or SSB

223.500FM

70CM Spread

432.080 – 432.160 CW and/or SSB

Have questions fire away.

Dick, K2ZR

PS: If STARS has a 2-meter net K2ZR would be happy to stop by and answer any questions.

To add a bit of color to our recent email about our rove in the September ARRL VHF Contest, I've attached 2 photos for your membership & others to check out.

1) The NF2RS/R was on the cover of May 2019 QST

2) The Rover sitting at 1652' ASL at its FN22 spot

NF2RS/R looks forward to WNY Hams making QSO's with us in FN02vu





The Rover sitting at 1652' ASL at its FN22 spot

Tower Available

By Al Mitzo, WA2TTT

There are people in East Aurora that have property they bought from a ham. There is a big tower they would like to get rid of, so they contacted the club for advice. It is a 100' Rohn 25G, so big that it would be extremely expensive to take down, transport, and re-erect at a different location. Out of reach for most hams but John KA2RFT & I told them that we will try to get the word out. If anyone is interested they can contact John or me.

