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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF STARS IS

September 14 , 7:30PM @ The JCC Campus in  
Olean, NY. Thanks JCC!

The College center building is across from Eckerts  
Drug Store on North Union Street. The meeting will  
be in room 124. This will be our meeting place  
through the winter months.

### STARS

**Minutes of the General Meeting of:  
8/10/05**

#### **Attendance:**

Ken Babbitt, Gary Baker, Dewey Barron, Bob Bush, Randy Bittinger, Jamie Bowen, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Walt Hibbard, Raymond Hooper, Kip Karn, Tad Manske, Bill Messer, Tom Orcutt, Rupert Pistner, Dave Pratt, Dick Say, Bill Thomas, Don Wehlage, Jeff Worst, Christian Worst, Mike Zias

#### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the July meeting were read by Secretary Jamie Bowen and approved by the assembly.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

Tom Orcutt gave the Treasurer's report.

#### **Safety:**

None at this time.

#### **Membership:**

None at this time.

#### **Houghton family camp flight demo:**

Several STARS members participated in the event.

Flying demonstrations took place at the soccer field.

It was noted the soccer field was a pleasure for take-off and landings.

Gary Beers gave special thanks to STARS members for coming and presenting the hobby of RC model aircraft.

Gary also invited STARS members to dinner. STARS may have the possibility of doing this event in the future.

#### **Open House:**

Date: Aug 28<sup>th</sup>

Setup: 9:30AM

Work Party scheduled for 10AM Saturday morning.

Sign-up sheet was passed around for STARS members to provide a dish to pass and volunteers to help cook.

AMA award will be given in honor of the STARS for being the pioneers of large-scale model aircraft.

Ed Munce director of AMA was invited to attend as well.

If possible, please bring your Bristol Scout for this event.

### **Tractor:**

Mike Boland has supplied the club with front tractor tires for our lawn tractor. Thanks Mike!!

### **Winter fly:**

Location: Cuba Gym

Suggested start date of November 27<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Club Officers Nominations:**

Nominations open for Club Officers will commence at the October general meeting.

### **General Meeting Location:**

STARS winter general meetings will be held at JCC facility in Olean. Thanks to Larry Sorokes, Dean of the Olean Campus and Amy White.

### **Meetings:**

Planning meeting will be September 24th, 7PM at the field.

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be held on September 14th, at JCC.

### **SPECIAL ISSUE:**

This edition of the STARS newsletter may be the most *newsworthy* of any that have been published in many years.

First; The **STARS 2005 Rally** was an enormous success. Many thanks to all STARS members who participated and contributed to that success. Particular thanks to Gary Fitch, our CD for the event.

Second; Because of ground work by Gary Fitch as our AMA Associate VP, STARS was asked by Reverend Gary Beers to present a seminar/flying demonstration at Houghton College. It too was an enormous success. It was also an extremely pleasant day for all the STARS members present. Many thanks to Gary Beers, Gary Fitch and all the STARS members who participated.

Third; Our Open House on August 28, 2005 was the best attended ever and was also the scene of an **AMA awards presentation to The STARS Club.** This recognition was given to STARS because of the efforts of our oldest members and the pioneering efforts they put forth which ultimately resulted in the giant scale segment of our wonderful hobby/sport.

**Our sincere thanks and gratitude go out to those pioneering STARS members and to the AMA.**

Sadly, many of the members whom this award would have recognized have passed away. Those who survive (most of whom are still active in model aviation) were present for the presentation. Also on hand were many of the squadron of  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale Bristol Scouts, which were the hallmark of the STARS giant scale pioneering efforts. Present at the ceremony from that pioneering group were:

Jim Messer, Bill Messer, Charlie Nellis, Bob Dunn and Lou Eltscher.

There is a memorial at STARS fields which displays the names of deceased STARS and includes those other early members whose efforts were recognized.

The rest of the open house/ awards ceremony news will be presented to you here in captioned pictures. Thanks to Ken Babbitt and Randy Bittinger for the pictures they made available to me.



View of the open house flightline looking north.



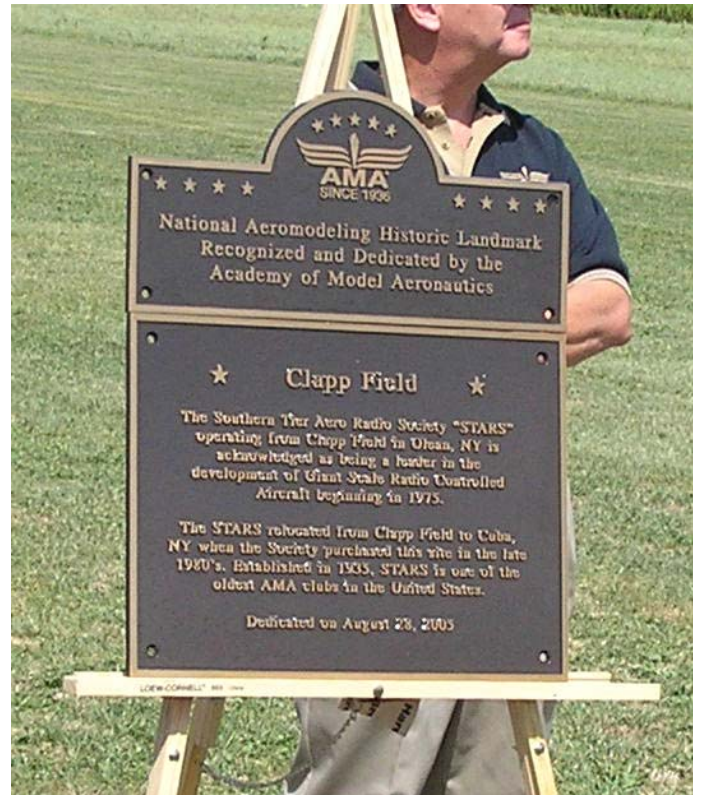
View of the open house flightline - south



The Bristol Scouts and Pfaltz.



AMA Executive Director, Don Koranda presenting the award to Don Wehlage, STARS President, accepting on behalf of the STARS membership. Also in the picture are Dave Mathewson, District II VP and Randy Bittinger, STARS VP and Tom Orcutt, STARS Treasurer. This is one of the most prestigious awards that can be conferred on a AMA chartered model airplane club.



Upper plaque – National Aeromodeling Historic Landmark recognized and dedicated by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

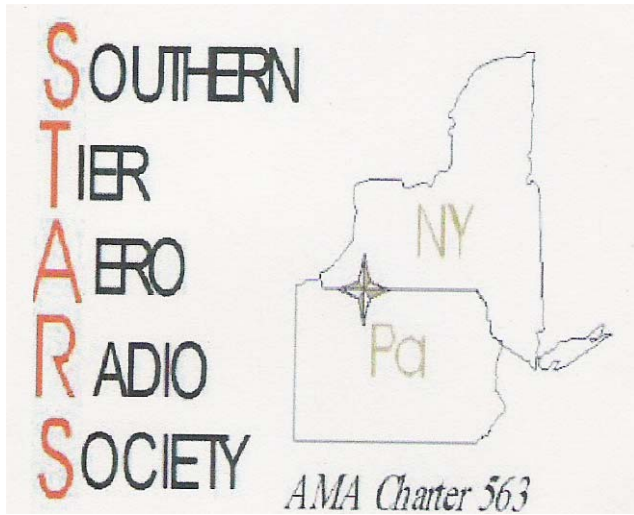
Lower plaque – acknowledges **STARS** as a leader in developing Giant Scale RC Aircraft beginning in 1975 and names Clapp field as the site as well as our current permanent field.



**STARS** membership, officers, plaques and Bristol Scout.

There will be more coverage including pictures of this years **STARS OPEN HOUSE AND AWARDS CEREMONY** in the next 2 newsletters. There was just too much information to be contained in one newsletter.

Dick Say



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**STARS REGULAR MEETING:**

**September 14 @ 7:30PM @ Jamestown  
Community College, Campus Center Building,  
room 124.**

**KITCHNER SCALE RALLY:**

**September 9-10-11**

**Flying Aces Auction:**

**October 8**

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