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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF STARS IS
October 12 at JCC in Olean. Time:7:30PM

STARS

Minutes of the General Meeting of:
9/14/05

Attendance:

Ken Babbitt, Gary Baker, Bob Bush, Randy Bittenger, Jamie Bowen, Brad Davis, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Walt Hibbard, Kip Karn, Bill Messer, Tom Orcutt, Rupert Pistner, Jay Pistner, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, Mike Zias

Minutes:

The minutes of the August meeting were read by Secretary Jamie Bowen and approved by the assembly with the following amendments.

Houghton family camp flight demo:

11 STARS members and 4 wives attended the event.

Open House:

Don Koranda from Munce director of AMA was invited to attend as well.

Tractor:

Mike Boland supplied the club with front tractor tires for our 1971 MF tractor. Many THANKS to Mike.

Treasurers Report:

Tom Orcutt gave the Treasurer's report, which was approved by the membership.

Safety:

Please keep your flying in front of the flight line.

Open House:

The event was a huge success!!

Great weather, great food and friendship was had by all.

Even the 50/50 raffle went off without a hitch.

Don Koranda was also impressed with the event.

The high point of the day was when AMA presented an award (two large plaques) in recognition of the STARS Club being the pioneers in large-scale model aircraft.

Thanks to the STARS members and their wives who contributed to this very special occasion.



STARS OPEN HOUSE 2005

It was suggested the two plaques be placed above and behind the fallen STARS monument located at the field.

It was also noted garbage after the event should be disposed as soon as possible.

Several incidents have occurred where animals tend to have a field day with our trash when not taken care of promptly.

Winter fly:

Location: Cuba Gym

Suggested start date of November 27th through March 27th

Request has been send to Cuba school and currently awaiting their reply.

WebSite:

Motion was accepted and approved to continue the Website for another year. Bob Bush, Walt Hibbard and Dick Say have volunteered to work with Dan Coleman in maintaining/updating the website.

Club Officers Nominations:

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

Rally Supplies:

Motion was accepted and approved to purchase \$600 worth of tables at BJ's wholesale club.

Sam's wholesale club currently has a large commercial stainless steel grill that maybe ideal for STARS events. However, it was suggested more information is needed to better determine if such a grill should be purchased.

Walt Hibbard is overseeing these acquisitions.

Club Projects:

Garage:

During the last two events (Rally and Open House) it was determined that contents in

the club garage should be rearranged in a more efficient way to enable easier access to items required at various times of the year, while maximizing more open floor space. Walt Hibbard, Kip Karn and Randy Bittenger have volunteered to come up with a suggested floor plan.

Flight Line:

During the past couple of years, the club's six flight stations have now unearthed stones, mud and dust where you would normally start your aircraft's engine for flight. The aircraft's propeller now has the ability to launch small stones behind the craft and potentially injure a pilot. Dust in this area could also be ingested into the engine's carburetor causing damage.

Members present suggest the club pour six concrete pads slightly below grade to allow easy mowing during the mowing season. To do this, pre-made forms would be required.

Suggested size was 2' x 6' rectangle.

Approximately 1 to 1.5 yards of concrete per pad would be required. It was also suggested the AMA plaques given at the open house could also be done at the same time.

Motion was accepted and approved to pour one pad this fall and the other five pads next spring.

Aircraft assembly tables:

Most of the aircraft assembly tables are in need of repair or replacement. Motion was accepted and approved for the replacement of four aircraft assembly tables. A committee will be formed for is activity to determine the type of tables that will be utilized such as, tables to start small aircraft.

New Business:

Suggest STARS give a donation to JCC for allowing STARS access to their facility for our monthly winter meetings.

Meetings:

Planning meeting will be October 26th, 7PM at Dick Say House.

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be held October 12th, at JCC campus in Olean.

Planning Meeting:

The planning meeting was held on Sept. 26th at Dick Say's house. Items discussed were:

Alternate methods for filling the erosion (holes) in the pit area. Perhaps dirt & grass seed.

Construction of new assembly tables and T shaped starting tables for aircraft.

A call was placed to Dan Coleman by the planning committee about sharing web site duties with Bob Bush and Dick Say. It was thought that this would get information onto the website in a more timely fashion. Dan was enthusiastically agreeable to this arrangement and is going to set up a meeting with Bob and Dick to show them how to work within the website.

Kip and Walt are going to be working on the garage cleanup/rearrangement.

There was further discussion of how to mount the AMA AWARD PLAQUES at the STARS FIELD.

There was some brief discussion of the upcoming officer nominations.

As Newsletter Editor I have decided to include these brief notes on Planning Committee meetings in each newsletter, if there are no objections.



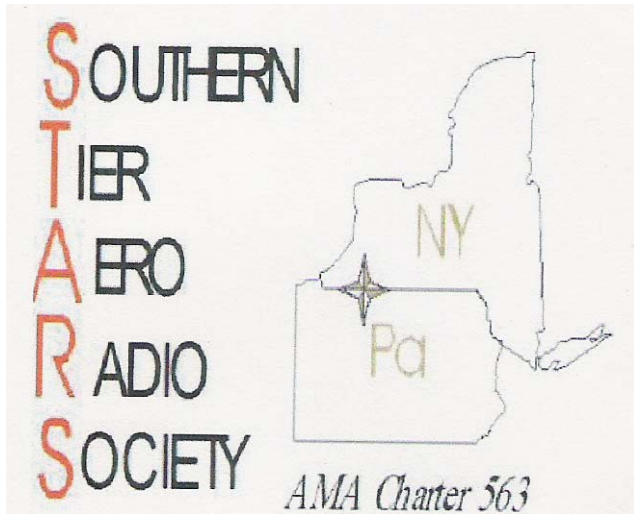
QUARTER SCALE BRISTOL SCOUT
AT STARS OPEN HOUSE



LET'S EAT!!!
OPEN HOUSE 2005

That's all we have room for this month folks. I hope you enjoy it. If you find my efforts don't meet your expectations – FIRE ME!!! PLEASE!!!

Dick Say



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Community College, Olean Campus, Room 124**

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