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February, 2006 NEWSLETTER

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF STARS IS

February 8th, at JCC in Olean.

Time: 7:30PM

STARS

Jamie Bowen - Minutes of the General Meeting of: 1/11/2006

Attendance:

Ken Babbitt, Gary Baker, Dewey Barron, Bob Bush, Jamie Bowen, Brad Davis, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Jim Goodemote, Kip Karn, Tom Orcutt, Jay Pistner, Rupert Pistner, Dave Pratt, Dick Say, Don Wehalge, Jeff Worst, Mike Zias

Minutes:

The minutes of the December 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:

Dues are due January 1st.

Winter fly:

Winter flying has been great! Please come and enjoy or participate in the activities.

WebSite:

The project page is now full of projects. Thanks for the projects photos and keep them coming.

Winter Party:

Winter party will take place January 21st at Moon Winks with cocktails @ 6PM followed by dinner @ 7PM. Currently, 41 members have signed-up. Moon Winks.

Rally Committee:

This will be the 29th annual STARS Rally. Jim Goodemote has volunteered as our CD for 2006 STARS Rally.

Jim will act as the overall responsible person for the event.

Jim will begin the initial Rally committee meetings around March April time frame. During the meeting, Ken Babbitt passed an initial vendor draft letter for members to review and comment.

January Annual Corporate Meeting:

The annual corporate meeting report was given during the meeting. If any STARS member would like a copy of the report please contact Tom. Motion to accept the annual report was approved and accepted by the members present.

Suggestions by Ed Flicker:

ONE - MOTIONS

I suggest that whenever a motion is made at a meeting, we not take a final vote on that motion until the following regular meeting. A good example is if someone proposes that a member be given Honorary Member Status which usually requires some thought before taking action. In the event of an emergency, exceptions could be made.

If approved, I suggest that this be added to the Constitution / By - Laws.

Ed will provide a rough draft of what should be included in the Constitution/ by-laws by the next general meeting. Straw vote was conducted to see if we want to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

TWO - SUGGESTED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION / BY-LAWS

Sometimes, between Constitution / Bylaws reviews, we have suggestions that might be appropriate to include in our C/laws.

In the past, the only record of these proposed changes was in the meeting minutes and sometimes forgotten.

I propose that we have a document called Proposed Revisions to Constitution / By-Laws which would be retained by the President and/or any responsible party until the time that we review the Constitution / By- Laws. It was suggested the president should document proposed revisions from this point forward.

THREE - WINTER PARTY

A few months ago, prior to the 2005 Rally, we were low on funds due to a lack of income from previous Rally's.

The club agreed to postpone pouring the concrete floor in the Pavilion due to lack of funds and unless we change our mentality, we may never have a concrete floor.

We had to borrow from the tractor fund in order to prepare for our 2005 Rally.

Prior to that we spent hundreds of dollars for prizes for a Winter Party.

We need to take steps NOW to assure the financial stability of this club.

Perhaps we need a financial committee to control the spending because the general membership seems to agree with everything that is proposed whether it is in the best interest of the STARS or not.

Most of us work very hard during the Rally to make a few bucks and I do not like to see hundreds of dollars blown on a party where there is 0 return on investment.

Now we are preparing for our 2006 Winter Party and hopefully we will not make that same mistake.

I suggest that we limit the prize money to \$100 - \$200 and provide less expensive items or we could use the money to pay part of the bill.

This might attract more members to the Winter Party.

We do not have a guaranteed club income and we need to be more frugal with our funds.

The annual winter party has a \$500 limit and was voted in by the club a number of years ago. The primary purpose was to reward the STARS members for the work that was done during the course of the year such as the annual Rally and Open House activities just to name a few. During the meeting it was suggested a round robin discussion take place. Several suggestions were voiced from Finance committee, increase per person rates, vary the budget based on the finances,

don't raise the dinner rates, we are a non-profit club why not spend some money to ensure we have enough money to pay the clubs primary expenses.

All in all it looks like the prize budget should be dependent on the profits generated from the Rally with possible review and approval from a newly formed Finance committee.

New business:

Tom Orcutt suggested the possibility of incorporating a new type of hold down for our aircraft while preparing for flight that was relatively inexpensive. Tom discovered this idea while looking at a recent issue of Model Airplane News that contained an article describing how a typical ladder hanger could be utilized as an aircraft hold down.

Dave Pratt suggested the possibility of placing a logbook inside the pin box where STARS members could log each time you fly at the field.

Gary Fitch asked on behalf of Dave Mathewson and himself if the STARS club would be willing to sponsor Bob Brown as a recipient of the AMA Hall of Fame. Motion to sponsor Bob Brown as a recipient of the AMA Hall of Fame was approved and accepted by the members present.

Gary Fitch also presented a power point presentation on behalf of Dave Mathewson regarding the possibility of AMA creating a separate class for e-flight or ball park flyers.

Ed Flicker has now changed the combination to the Pin box. This new combination number will be given to you after renewing your club membership.

Show and tell:

Dave Pratt presented his completed four-month build of a scale Stafford Twin Commanche. This was a kit that was purchased several years ago and no longer available on the market. The plane is powered by two Super Tiger .45 and even has working fowler flaps for an overall weight of 9 lbs.

Meetings:

Planning meeting will be January 23rd.

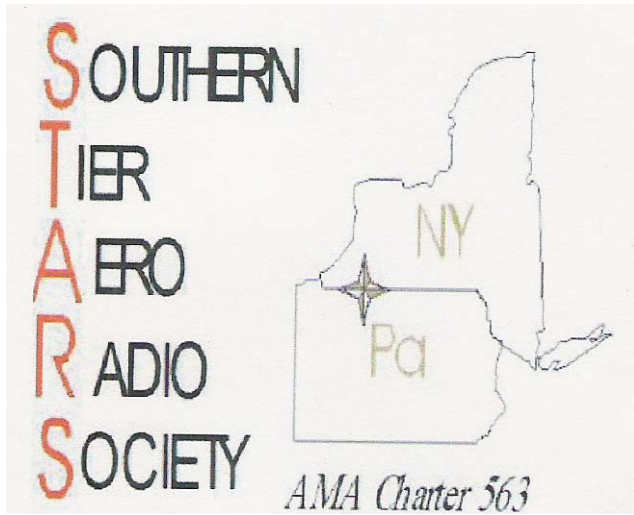
Next Regular STARS general meeting will be held at JCC campus in Olean February 8th @ 7:30.

Note: from Dick Say,

At present, I am responsible for the newsletter, half the web site, seat on the winter party committee, & acquiring (with Tom) WP door prizes, President & seat on the planning committee, regular meeting & planning meeting agendas - conducting meetings, etc, etc. Some other members must come forward to take over the newsletter, web site, and my seat on the WP committee. It is in the best interest of the club and myself. I am firing myself, thank you !



Mike Zias hard at work on his Cub.



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