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October, 2006 NEWSLETTER

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF STARS IS,
October 11, 2006 - at JCC, Olean Campus, North
Union St. – Room 124 @ 7:00 pm**

**Minutes of the General Meeting of:
September 13, 2006 – Don Wehlage**

Attendance:

Dick Say, Don Wehlage, Gary Baker, David Pratt, Gary Fitch, Mike Zias, Ed Flicker, Bob Bush, Kip Karn, Ken Babbit, Tom Orcutt, Rupert Pistner, Charles Cuppettin, Wood Ridall, Robert Means, Dick Hawkins, Bill Messer, Keith Miller.

Minutes:

Minutes of the last general meeting were read by D Wehlage. The motion to accept the minutes was then made by Dick Hawkins and seconded by Gary Fitch, and passed by the assembly.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurers report was read by Tom Orcutt. A motion was made to accept the report by Bill Messer, and seconded by Gary Fitch. The motion was passed by the assembly.

Safety:

No concerns at this time.

Membership:

Application for Membership for Chris Filkins was forwarded by Jamie Bowen. Chris is unable to

attend general meetings, and requested he be accepted without attending. Decision was made to wait until Jamie could further clarify the situation.

Member illness or other:

Nothing new

WebSite:

Bob Bush thanked Ken Babbitt for the CD full of Open House pictures. Bob also advised that he has put up info on Jamestown upcoming auction, complete with link.

The Membership present complimented Bob on doing an excellent job on the website.

News Letter:

No complaints or comments at this time.

Rally:

Ken Babbitt requested a list of vendors whose letters came back with bad addresses. Jim Goodemote will have to supply.

Sylvia Say was present and spoke on behalf of the Skunk Work Ladies. The ladies had a meeting, and advised that they would require the help of volunteers in the food tent. Sylvia also requested the food tent be moved enough to accommodate both the workers in the food tent, and the first aid attendants.

Gary Fitch advised that he received a check from AMA as he requested to cover the profits lost on the sales of the T-Shirts that had printing flaws.

Open House:

Mike Zias reported that there was an excellent spread of food at the Open House, but the club did not make any money, due to the weather. There is lots of meat left over, and we need to start selling and using at the field.

Dick Say thanked all the cooks and servers, who included Mike Zias, Jim Keough, Edla, Chris Pistner, Vi Bush, Audrey Karn, and Laura Pratt. Dick also thanked for their help Ken Babbitt, Bob Bush, Dewey Barrons, Ed Flicker, and Keith Miller for the corn and corn cooker, and everyone else that participated in the open house.

Old Business:

The committee for installing awards reported that the two plaques from the AMA were mounted on the existing "Fallen Stars Memorial" cement pedestal. A discussion was held on where the other plaques will be mounted. I was suggested the plaques be mounted on a new board mounted on the pilot's shelter facing the parking area. (This may not be the final location.)

The motion was made by Dave Pratt, and seconded by Bob Bush, and approved by the membership. A discussion was held on the engraving for the plaque for Bob Brown. Gary Baker will report on availability and price of a ceramic picture (that can be affixed to the plaque) at the Oct. meeting. A motion was made to allow Dick to proceed with the plaque if the prices was \$100 or less. The motion was made by Ed Flicker, seconded by Gary Fitch and approved by the membership.

Dick requested the club finalize making a contribution to the Municipal Airport support group. A motion was made by Gary Baker to contribute a \$125., a second was made by Mike Zias. The motion was approved by the membership.

Dick advised on flight instruction. Beginners night is Thursday nights during the summer, and usually Wednesday evenings and Sundays there are instructors present and willing to help. The instructors names are published on our website.

Planning meetings were not held regularly during the summer months, but will become regular during the winter months, starting September 25th at Dicks house.

Dick has applied for a meeting room at JCC for the STARS winter meetings. Unless advised differently, the next meeting will be at JCC at 7:00, rather than 7:30. Please note this new meeting time.

Winter indoor flying – Don Wehlage will submit the application to Cuba School for the use of the gym. Indoor flying usually starts mid November. Jim Goodemote will print schedule of flying dates.

Mike Zias suggested the club purchase 6 more folding tables. A motion was made by Bob Bush to allow Mike Zias and Ed Flicker to watch for sales on these tables, and if the tables can be purchased for \$-- or less to proceed. Gary Baker seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the membership.

Tom Orcutt suggested the club buy a grill. Sylvia Say will discuss with the ladies to get their input on what they would like.

New Business:

Bob Bush advised the club that Chad Casey built a trainer, and would like to donate it to the STARS club. A thank you letter will be sent by Dick Say. Bob Bush agreed to take care of the trainer for the club.

Ken Babbitt suggested the club start planning for the winter party. Mike Zias volunteered to head up the party.

Bob Means suggested the STARS get hats. Tom Orcutt will bring the STARS patches which are for sale, and can be sown on any dark blue hat. Also, Gary Fitch will check with Dianne F to see what the price would be to embroider the STARS logo on hats.

Ed Flicker advised the club that the roof on the pilot's shelter is leaking. Ed will look at and try patching with roof tar.

Jack Bearce and his family (from Rochester) visited the STARS field. Jack & his Son flew. Jack sent a "Thank-you" letter with a donation thanking the STARS for their hospitality.

A discussion was held on making a new sign for the STARS field. The sign would cost \$--- for a 4' by 8'. The discussion was tabled until next meeting.

The next General Meeting will be at JCC on October 11th, at 7:00 PM. (Please note new time)

The next planning meeting will be October 30, 7:00pm at-----

Nominations for seats on the STARS Planning Board will be opened at the October meeting.

Show & Tell:

There was none

Motion to adjourn A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Newsletter Changes:

I have felt for a while that there is not enough room in the 4 pages I have been using to actually report on any news that is worthwhile and to also include as many pictures as I would like. Consequently I am going to add a page that is just for pictures. For those members that receive the newsletter online it will be the last page. For the other members it will be an insert in the newsletter. This will free up approximately a half page in which to report news items that come my way.

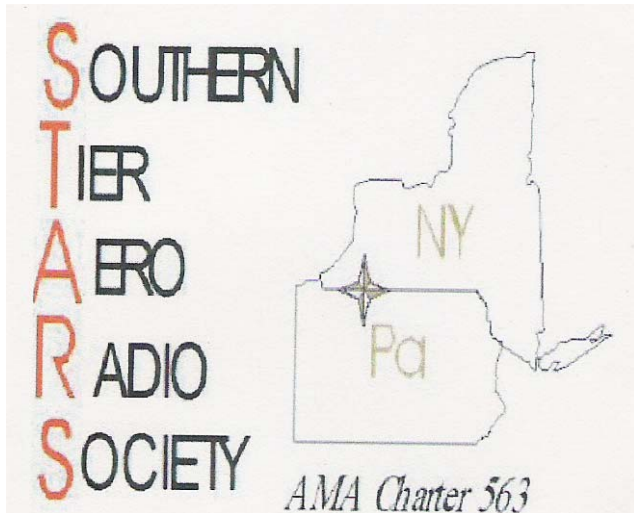
Meetings –

At least once after nearly every meeting somebody approaches me with the complaint that something wasn't mentioned in the meeting. I appreciate your concerns and would advise that you bring these comments up for discussion *during* the meetings, not afterward.

The "cold weather" meetings are beginning this month. Meetings will be held at JCC and we thank them for their outstanding hospitality. The facilities are all we could ask for. During the winter months there is little or no activity at the STARS flying field. Some of the members do fly electric indoors at the Cuba School Gymnasium. There will probably also be a few hardy souls who will fly occasionally during the winter months. Most of us will take this time to begin projects that we want to have ready to fly in the spring of 2007. This doesn't mean we must lose touch with the club or our friends in the club. Some of the ways we can stay in touch are to attend the meetings, *and* bring your projects to share with the rest of us. Enthusiasm that is shared is multiplied. We have a monthly newsletter and an outstanding website as well. Contributions to either are welcome. In addition, about a dozen or so of us enjoy a dinner night out together once a month. Several members have lunch once a week at the Birdcage in Allegany. All are welcome to attend. Of course in January we will be enjoying the STARS Winter Party hosted by Mike Zias. My point is, you can enjoy STARS all year round, if you make the effort. I hope as many people as possible take advantage of all the ways there are to actively enjoy their membership in STARS.

That's all for now folks. Any constructive comments are welcome. As usual, if I have omitted anything important, forgotten anyone, or made anyone uncomfortable in any way, I apologise. If you feel I am not constructing the **newsletter in an acceptable fashion - fire me - PLEASE!** *Dick Say ,*





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