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February, 2007 NEWSLETTER

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF STARS IS, February 14 - at JCC – Olean Campus – 7:00pm

Minutes of the General Meeting of: January 10, 2007 – Jamie Bowen

Attendance:

Gary Baker, Bob Bush, Jamie Bowen, Charlie Cappellino, Brad Davis, Kip Karn, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Jim Goodemote, Walt Hibbard, Jim Keough, Bob Means, Tom Orcutt, Jay Pistner, Rupert Pistner, David Pratt, Dick Say, Mike Zias

Minutes:

The minutes of the December meeting were read by Secretary Jamie B. and approved by the members present with the following modification. Ed F. has changed the pin box combination number in January. Motion to approve by Jim G. and was seconded by Mike Z.

Treasurers Report:

Tom O. gave the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Jim G. and was seconded by Gary F.

Safety:

No report at this time

Membership:

No report at this time.

Member illness or other:

No report at this time.

WebSite:

Bob B. noticed an increase in website activity during Christmas week.

Jamie B. gave literature about "Photopost" software as a possible alternative to allow club members the ability to post their own project photos.

If your individual photo is too large in size to send, Bob suggested using "Outlook Express" or "Adobe" which has the ability to resize them.

News Letter:

Rupert P. has had no problem in obtaining the newsletter via the internet/ STARS website.

(Editors Note:

If for any reason you cannot download the newsletter on your computer, simply go to the STARS website and print it out from there.)

Rally:

2007 Rally has been scheduled for July 7 & 8th.

Jim G. has delivered a letter to Olean mayor and currently awaiting a reply.
Pilot fly-in breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday from 7 to 10am.
ASG welcomes any and all volunteers who wish to help.

Club Hats:

Hats are in and were handed out during the meeting. If you haven't received your hat and would like one, contact Tom O.

Cost are:

Hat - \$5

STARS patch - \$3

Hat and patch combo - \$7

Indoor Flying:

Ongoing - no report

Old Business:

Winter Party:

Winter party will be Friday Feb 2nd at Bona's club house.

Dinner will commence @7pm.

Mike Z. reported Bona's is now under new management.

Bona's new management has requested a limit of three main choices.

After several discussions the choices are:

NY Strip Steak

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Fish Fry

Charlie S. has donated prizes for the winter party. Members present would like to thank Charlie for his generous donation.

Flight Instructors:

The first flight instructor meeting has now taken place and was lead by Gary F. Ed F. has also volunteered to be an instructor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Associate Members - Discussion

Jim K. noted a change to the constitution would be required. Any changes to the constitution require a member bring the suggested changes in writing to a general meeting. Dick S. thought it would be good to discuss first, before having some one come to the meeting with suggested changes in writing. Gary F. also suggested we determine the criteria that defines what an associate member is. During the year several people approached Dick S. that would like to be members, but can't necessarily help with the Rally and Open House. Charlie C. said Florida clubs have a four-month guest membership for \$25. After much additional discussion it was decided STARS would continue to welcome guests as we have in the past, and no constitutional changes are necessary. Any guest that wishes to fly still requires a valid AMA license and must be accompanied by a STARS member.

Club Priority List - 2007:

During the meeting, several discussions took place to determine club priorities and ranking of those priorities. Noted below are the priorities and ranking of those priorities from most to least important.

1 - New aircraft assembly tables

2 - New seating at the pilot shelter

3 - Re-stain building, Eves trough for new edition

4 - Driveway repair

5 - Hot water heater for sink in bathroom

6 - Cement floor in pavilion

7 - Extend fence

8 - Parking enlargement at north end

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Cessna Warbirds:

Mike Z. purchased an autographed Cessna Warbirds book for \$12 on the web and would like everyone to know this book will no-longer be published.

Show and tell:

Dave P. presented his Top Flight 85 inch wing span, P47 powered by a Zenoa 62. Details include, Robart retracts and scale pilot. Expected flying weight of 22 lbs. Fuselage is nearly complete. Dave's current plans are to fiberglass cover the model.

Gary B. presented his Horizon Hobby 70 inch wing span, Dual Ace, twin engine ARF, powered by two Evolution .46's. Covered with ultra coat.

Jamie B. presented his brushless aerobatic foam plane once again cut from his homemade CNC foam cutter. Anyone interested in an electric foam plane and would like to fly with us at the Cuba gym, Jamie said he would be willing to cut one out for them.

Meeting Adjourned.

Motion to adjourn made by Don W. seconded by Jim G, approved by all present.

Meetings:

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be held at JCC Feb 14th starting @ 7:00pm

Next Planning meeting will be at Dick S. house Jan. 31st starting @ 7 PM

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STARS 206 WINTER PARTY took place Friday, February 2, 2007 and was ably organized and hosted by Mike Zias. Many thanks to Mike for all he did to make the party enjoyable.

(I think in the future if we expect to persuade Mike or anyone else to organize & host the event, we are going to have to set some standards early in the year and then give the organizers the authority to proceed without conferring with all of us endlessly at meeting after meeting.)

Some highlights of the Winter Party were:

The Golden Prop Award was given to Bob Bush for making STARS Website one of the best in the Country.

The Bonehead Award was most deservedly given to Mike Zias.

. An engineering award was given to Jamie Bowen for all the innovative "inventions" he has enthralled us with through the year.

A Frequent Flyer award was given to Dave "Fly Fast" Pratt for flying outside at the field every month of 2006

The Door Prizes were many and varied and very thoughtfully planned. Many thanks to Charlie Scholeno for his donations and discounts to benefit the STARS Winter Party.

Bob Means & Charley Scholeno should have received a long distance award for their attendance!

There were 15 door prizes for pilots and 4 gift certificates for the Ladies in attendance.

The gift certificates were won by Char Cappellino, Sylvia Say, Rose Orcutt and Ruth Manske.

The Door Prize drawings were won by:

Bob Bush - World Models P-51 w retracts

Don Wehlage - G.P. Big Stik 60 arf

Rupert Pistner - World Models LA Flyer 40

Jamie Bowen - Thunder Tiger Scooter ARF

Thunder Tiger Pro 40 engine - Jason Say

T. F. power point prop balancer -

Bill Burkett - re-donated - Jay Pistner

G.P. C.G Balance Machine - Greg Pistner

Mini Max HiTorq geared starter - Tom Orcutt

Coverite trim sealing iron - Gary Fitch

DuBro Kwik Start XL / charger - Cody Bowen

G.P. 6 pce. Bal wrench set - Walt Hibbard

G.P. 10 pc. Tap & drill set - Ed Flicker

G.P. eng mount hole locator - Brad Davis

Byron 10% glow fuel - 1 gal. - Jim Keough

Hobbico Safety Chicken Stik - Tad Manske

STARS STUFF 50/50 drawing - Dick Say

That's why I pushed the ticket sales all year folks !!!

There were 44 people registered for the STARS Winter Party, but, not all were able to attend. Some didn't want to brave the weather. Some had serious health issues. Fred Fowler and Gary Baker were not able to attend because of health issues. Thankfully, they are now both feeling better.

Gary in fact went to Rochester to have an angiogram and stents implanted in his heart in January 19th. While he was on the table in the OR having the angiogram, he suffered a heart attack! Thankfully the surgeons were able to stabilize the emergency and Gary received his stents! If he had experienced the heart attack on the trip to the hospital, there is a good chance he wouldn't still be with us!

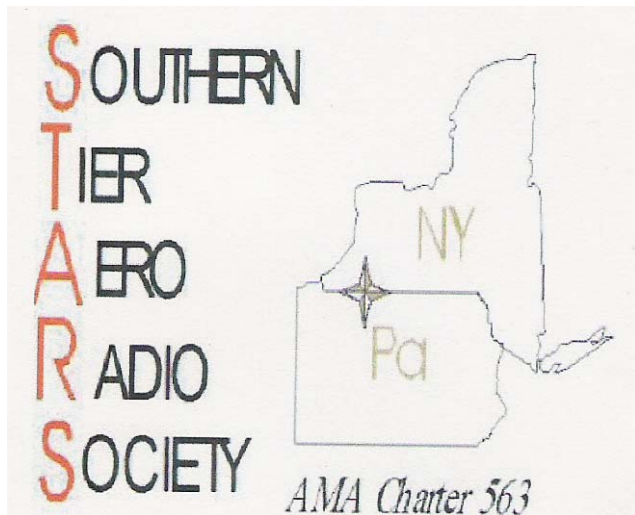
Dave Pratt & Kip Karn have both had health issues this month too.

Let's all be good to each other Folks.

Wanna see photos of the Winter Party? There aren't any!!! We ALL forgot to bring a camera! Collective Bone Head Award!

Well that's all the room I have Folks -
See you at the meeting.

Dick Say



STARS Regular Meeting - Feb 14,
7:00PM at JCC Olean.
Central Penn Aeromodelers RC Flea
Market - March 10th
Toledo model Expo - April 13, 14, 15
STARS exhibit - Wal Mart - June 22
& 23
STARS/ASG AIR SHOW - July 6,7
&8
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