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April, 2007 NEWSLETTER

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF STARS IS, April 11 - at JCC – Olean Campus – 7:00pm

Minutes of the General Meeting of: March 14, 2007 - Jamie Bowen

Attendance:

Gary Baker, Dewey Barron, Bob Bush, Jamie Bowen, Brad Davis, Gene Hickey, Kip Karn, Gary Fitch, Keith Miller, Tom Orcutt, David Pratt, Dick Say, Don Wehalge, Mike Zias

Minutes:

The minutes of the January meeting were read by Secretary Jamie B. Motion to approve minutes by Gary B, seconded by Dave P and approved by all present.

Treasurers Report:

Tom O. gave the monthly and annual Treasurer's reports. Motion to approve reports by Gary F. and seconded by Brad D. Tom O. said the minimum CD deposit of \$1000 would gain an interest of approximately 4.4% for a 6 month period. Current savings account is $\frac{3}{4}$ % at the Olean Federal Credit Union. Motion was made by Gary F. to place tractor fund into a 6 month

And seconded by Don W. and all present were in favor.

Safety:

Annual safety rules will be reviewed during the April general meeting. Membership:

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Dave Graczyk has applied to join STARS. Motion to accept Dave G. as a STARS member was made by Don W. and seconded by Gary F. Approved by all present Gene Hickey has also requested to join STARS.

Motion to accept Gene H. as a STARS member was made by Dick S. and seconded by Don W. Approved by all present

Welcome new STARS members

Member illness or other:

No report at this time.

WebSite:

Bob B. commented he is still receiving pictures for the web. Map showing where the STARS flying field is located has been added to the home page. Bob found a new site called "mapmuse" that has links to interactive listings of R/C clubs in the US.

News Letter:

Newsletter can also be downloaded at www.rcstars.org

Rally:

Nothing to report

Indoor Flying:

Ongoing - no report

Old Business:**Club Projects:****Mounting area for awards:**

Randy B. has volunteered to build a flat mounting surface to display club awards. The awards display would be located on the opposite side of the AMA safety rules.

Dewey will report project status for club awards, pilot stations, and roof.

Port-A-John:

Kip K. has volunteered to remove the old Port-A-John from the field.

Entrance Sign:

Jim G. has volunteered to make the new entrance sign.

New project:

New aircraft assembly tables is the first new project to work on and a committee will be assigned

. Flight Instructors:

Gary F. requested flight instructors review and comment about the "Guideline for Southern Teir Aero Radio Society Instructors" instructions.

Toledo Show:

Comfort Inn hotel has been reserved. Presently 9 people will be going. Contact Gary F. if you would like to attend for hotel reservations

New Business:**Winter Party:**

Dick S. opened a discussion with the idea that the winter party parameters (prices & 3 menu items) be established by members at a meeting. Winter party chairman would then present the choices of locations to the membership at the next meeting for approval. This should minimize changes month after month. Basically, let the committee do the job. Round robin discussion commenced with suggestions like; Committee chairman has the ability to change the location if required, Club should have a final vote but shouldn't take longer than 2 general meetings to complete. Start event planning earlier in the year. Dick S. requested Don W. place in writing a motion to present at the next general meeting for the members to vote on. Gary F. commented that the winter party should have more awards. Mike Z. also suggested we could have 10 to 12 awards.

AMA

New AMA charter application has been received by Dick Say.

Don W. received AMA gold leadership club application and will once again submit to AMA.

Cuba Elementary school Model Aviation subscription has expired and will require renewal as part of the gold leadership requirements.

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. Wing has taken about 2-1/2 months to build. Model will be fiberglass cover and painted. Project was started in September of last year.

Meetings:

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be held at JCC April 11th starting @ 7:00pm.

Next Planning meeting will be at Don W. house March 26st starting @ 7 PM

Meeting was adjourned.

Iron On Covering:

I have always hated covering!!! It got a little more tolerable after receiving some application hints from Jim Goodemote, but I still thought that the coverings available had much room for improvement. I wished they could have more "shrink" and yet be "gentle" on structures. I wished it wasn't quite so shiny and "plastic" feeling. Couldn't it be easier to separate from the backing when cutting small pieces? Couldn't it be opaque, light enough for small electrics, and yet strong enough for fairly large aircraft? I recently acquired two rolls of iron on covering in different colors for an electric aircraft project. The covering turned my loathing of finishing into a pleasurable endeavor!!! The covering is called "Polycover" and it is made in England. It is the best covering I have ever used to date! Two places I know it is available is Hobby Lobby and Craft World. There are probably more outlets available to purchase it that I don't know about. Now I know covering choices are a subjective exercise & I'm not trying to talk you into anything. I am just presenting another choice for you that you may not have been aware of. I enjoyed using it so much I wanted to share my "find" with you. You can learn more about Polycover in the covering materials section on the Hobby Lobby site.

STARS AMA CHARTER Certificate

Has been received for 2007.

STARS CLUB MEETINGS:

The regular STARS Club meeting for April will be the last meeting for 2007 that will be held at JCC, Olean Campus.

Beginning in May 2007 meetings will be held at the STARS Field. Probably the planning meetings as well as the regular meetings will be held at the field.

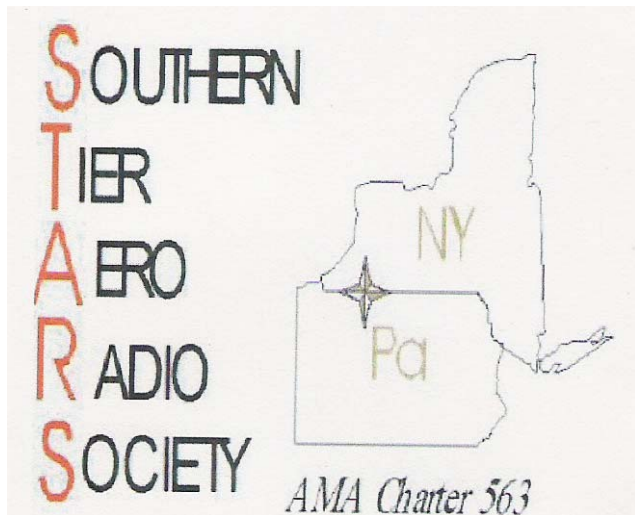
Informal Club Picnics:

Several members including myself feel we should make more of an effort to have picnics at the field during/after flying sessions. All we would need is some hot dogs, macaroni salad and/or beans. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate, but it would be nice to do when there is a bunch of us at the field. Especially now that many of the women seem to be gracing us with their presence at the field more often.

Dinner Night Out:

There were 15 people in attendance at this month's dinner night out on March 30th. We went to Sprague's Maple Farm Restaurant and everyone enjoyed the food and company. There apparently are no provisions for putting two tables together at Spragues, so we occupied two tables close to each other. There were actually 17 people who were going to attend, but illness in the ranks brought the number down to 15. I am going to schedule the next dinner for April 20 if that is agreeable to all concerned. I will send out more details later.

Happy Flying
Dick Say



STARS Regular Meeting - Feb 14,
7:00PM at JCC Olean.

Toledo model Expo - April 13, 14, 15
STARS exhibit - Wal Mart - June 22
& 23

STARS/ASG AIR SHOW - July 6,7
&8

For more info check the STARS
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