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NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF STARS IS, October 10, - at JCC, Olean Campus@7PM

**Minutes of the General Meeting
of: September 12, 2007 - Jamie Bowen**

Attendance:

Gary Baker, Brad Davis, Randy Bittinger, Bob Bush, Jamie Bowen, Charlie Cappellino, Kip Karn, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Fellett, Walt Hibbard, Gordon Hooper, Jim Keough, Bill Messer, Bob Means, Tom Orcutt, David Pratt, Don Wehlage, Mike Zias

Minutes:

The minutes of the August meeting were read by Secretary Jamie B. Motion to approve by Gary F, was seconded by Jim G. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Tom O. gave the monthly report. Motion to approve by Gary B. and seconded by Dave P. All were in favor

Safety:

Nothing to report at this time.

Membership:

Nothing to report at this time.

Member illness or other:

Jim G., Dick S., Dewey B.

Web Site:

Bob B. received Rally pictures from Randy B. and they will be posted on STARS Web Site. Walt H. also has pictures.

News Letter:

Nothing to report at this time.

Flight Instruction:

Gary B. reported that Kip K. has continued to work with Gordon H. Jim K. has now passed pilot training and can fly on his own. Congratulations Jim. a car show as well. Gordon H. asked if recognition was given to flight instructors, such as a plaque. Randy B. suggested this could be something added to the Winter party.

Rally/Airshow:

Nothing to report at this time.

Open House:

Open House was a success with great weather and many guest pilots willing to fly. Members present thanked STARS ladies for food contributions.

Members present also thanked Mike Z. for the event and Ed F. for the quick toilet repair during the event.

Randy B. commented he would like to see more STARS members spend time with our guests prior to the event.

Tables:

Don W. and members present thanked Dave P., Ramona and Clark F. for painting the tables located under the pavilion.

Officer Nominations:

STARS officer nominations will be discussed during the next general meeting.

Garage Keys:

Ed F. commented we currently do not have any formal documentation to keep track of who has a garage key and how many have been distributed to the STARS members over the years. In addition, no system has been implemented for obtaining keys from previous members.

Randy B. suggested maintenance should have keys while others obtain access via the pin box.

Dave Pratt on several occasions went to the pin box to obtain the key, but no key was present.

Bob Means suggested the key locks should be changed.

Ed Flicker suggested the possibility of installing a combination lock rather than a key style lock.

Don W. commented for replacement insurance coverage, the garage must be locked at all times when no one is present should a break in occur.

Don W. asked Ed F. to further investigate alternate options and provide a report next month.

AMA Elections:

Gary F. informed members that Dave Mathewson has elected to run as one of the candidates for the 2007 AMA National Election for President.

Jim K. asked if our club can endorse candidates for AMA elected members. Gary F. indicated this has not been done in the past.

Other Events:

Randy B. attended Kitchener event this year. The event was great with two to four pilots standing in line to fly and also included night flying. Thousands of spectators were in attendance. No issues in crossing the boarder. Please come and attend next year.

AMA district 2 fun fly is scheduled for September 22nd and 23rd.

NEAT fair scheduled for September 15th and 16th. Gary F., Kip K. and Randy B. plan on attending Saturday with a departure around 5:30AM and returning the same day. All are welcome to attend.

Funding:

Charlie C. said WalMart may have donation funds for clubs like ours.

Randy B. suggested the committee members should look into this.

New business:

Winter electric fly.

Walt H. suggested STARS put a show on for the kids at the Cuba gym

Show & Tell:

None at this time.

Meetings:

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be at JCC, Oct 10th starting @ 7:00 PM.

Next Planning meeting will be at Walt H., September 24 starting @ 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn was approved by Gary F. and seconded by Walt H. all were in favor.

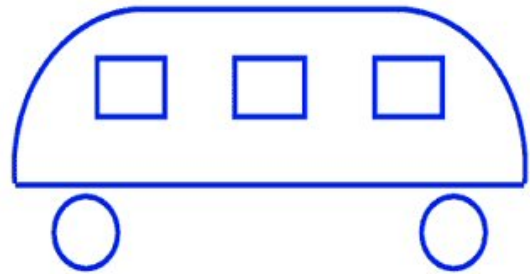
The October regular meeting is especially noteworthy. It is our first regular meeting of the year to be held indoors. This October, it is the meeting at which the club members will make nominations for the offices of President/Newsletter Editor, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also be looking for a volunteer to serve as Winter Party Chairman again.

According to a written motion by Don W. , passed by the membership at the May 2007 regular meeting - This is also the meeting at which STARS members will develop a general budget for the STARS Winter Party, including; maximum meal price, 3 menu items, the amount of the club's donation, and member's donation to the event.

The members present will also suggest the date and restaurant(s) for the party.

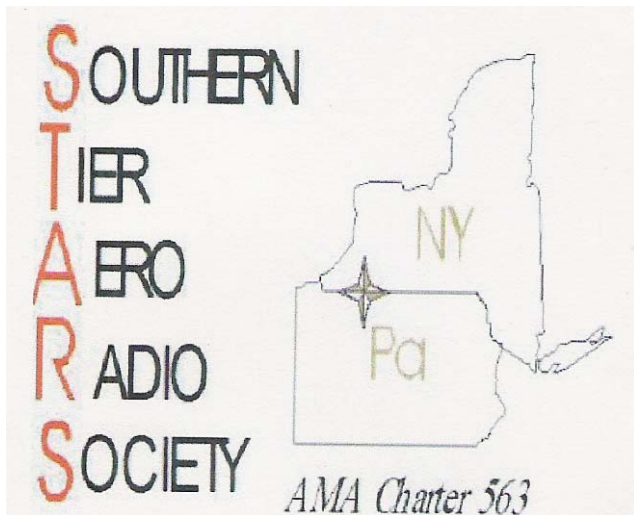
Many Thanks, to all those who have contributed pictures of the STARS Air Show/Rally and the STARS Open House to be used on the STARS Website. Randy Bittinger, Chris Brown and anyone else that I may not be aware of.

Let's see how smart STARS Members are compared to pre-schoolers around the USA. Of the thousands of pre-school age children asked this question, (*Which way is the bus traveling, to the right or to the left??*) over 90% answered the question correctly!!! If you have already read the question & answer somewhere, don't cheat. Here is an opportunity to show just how intelligent we really are. As for myself - I did NOT know the answer.



That's all for now folks. If I have forgotten anyone in reporting, spelled anyone's name wrong, offended anyone or made any technical or other grievous errors, or if you're just cranky -fire me, please!

Dick Say



October 10 – STARS meeting @ JCC, Olean Campus, Rm.124 @7:00pm

October 27 – Phelps Skyrovers Auction & Swap Meet

A full calendar of events is available on STARS Website.

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