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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!?!...!

... As of the year 2010 - The Southern Tier Aero Radio Society will officially be SEVENTY-FIVE years of age!?!

I think that's marvelous, and as President Hibbard said at the meeting... "we should do all we can to promote this important event!"

As I wasn't at the meeting, I don't know how much time was spent on this item... but now that all of us have a little more time to reflect and think about it- we should all be able to come up with at least one good idea to promote this momentous happening.

If we adopted just a few of the resulting suggestions- we'd have plenty of ways to "get 'er done".

So, fellow STARS members, put on those thinking caps and see what YOU can come up with. This isn't an event that comes along every day (and many clubs will never even approach - much less complete - seventy-five years of existence).

Let's "make ourselves proud!"

CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH



I just got off the phone speaking with and interviewing Mr. Fred Fowler, our featured guest this month.

Fred is a retired manager from numerous companies. His last position found him as a facilities manager in Massachusetts. This included sales, R&D, and the supervision of about 200 employees. He's a native of Montreal, Canada, and has lived in the states since 1953. He also became a citizen in '53. He has lived in several places on the Eastern Seaboard.

Fred has been married to his wife, Pat, for 30 years, and they have one son who lives in Ceres.

Fred's membership in other clubs/associations include AOPA (American Owners and Pilots Asso-

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MODEL AVIATION PRINCIPLES 101: The force of gravity's pull is exceeded only by that force dragging a modeler towards and through the door of a hobby shop.



Doesn't this just make you want to pack up your favorite electrics and head over to the Cuba gym? What could be more fun on a Sunday afternoon than spending time with flying buddies, exercising your thumbs, and swapping tall stories about model aviation!?!

STARS

Minutes of the General Meeting of:
11/11/09

Attendance:

Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Walt Hibbard, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Ed Flicker, Brad Davis, Dave Pratt, Jim Keough, Chris Powers, Dan Stubbs, Bob Bush, Gary Fitch, Jim Goodemote

Motion to accept the meeting minutes by Brad D. and seconded by Bob B. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Tom O. gave the monthly report. Motion to accept by Dick S. and seconded by Ramona F. All were in favor.

Membership:

Ed F. nothing to report.

Website:

Bob B. has been keeping the calendar up to date.

Club Project:

Russian Yak-6 twin electric
Dick S. has been working on the rib section. Expect to have plans completed by next month's meeting.

Pilot Roof:

Walt H. reported the pilot roof has been replaced and thanked all STARS members who helped. Clark F. reported the roof pricing went up from last month.

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HAVE YOU EVER... crashed your ex-best friend's newest model??

Winter Party:

Date: January 23rd

Location: Old Library

Ramona F. reported the "Enchanted Mountain" buffet has been selected for the meal. Motion to have a prize budget of \$500 by Ramona F. and seconded Dick S. All were in favor. Ed F. asked if we should spend monies on our winter party rather than allocate these funds to the pavilion floor. Gary F. said in the past a portion of the per meal charges went toward the prizes. Ramona F. said this was also the case for the last two years.



Stars 75th Anniversary:

Walt H. informed the members present that next year will be the 75th anniversary for STARS and we should do all we can to promote this important event.

Is this a "laid-back" hobby or what!?!

Skunk Works:

Walt H. proposed Skunk Works be provided with a budget to allow them the ability to purchase items when required. Tom O. suggested 5-gallon jugs be purchased so water is readily available at the food tent. During the last Rally the local health inspector came to inspect and requested hot water and a place to wash should be provided at the food tent. Gary F. suggested we ask the health inspector where this has been a requirement at other events. Ed F. suggested we wait and see what we have to have first before a budget is voted on. Ramona F. suggested Skunk

Works provide a list of items required so we have a better idea of what needs to be purchased. Dan S. suggested a general maintenance account be created for this. Gary F. said this budget should already be a part of the existing Rally budget.

Jim Messer:

Walt H. suggested a plaque be made for Jim Messer. Don W. will do this.

Pavilion floor:

Dave P. suggested BOCES might like to do this floor pour as a class project and also reported Gene H. has people with power trols. Ramona F. volunteered to contact BOCES and see if they would have interest in doing this work.

Nominations for Officers:

Motion to close nominations by Gary F. seconded by Dick S. All were in favor. Gary F. gave a vote to have Dave P. as president, Clark F. as VP, Tom O. as treasure and Jamie B. as sectary was second by Dick S. All were in favor.

Winter Flying:

Walt H. reported winter flying will commence on the last weekend in November. The Cuba school as requested the following be implemented from this point forward.

- 1) All batteries will need to be charged outside the building with the exception of the 150ma and smaller single cell batteries.

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- 2) Two or more people will need to be present in the gym at any given time.
- 3) Provide proof of insurance. AMA will provide this but all folks will need to be an AMA member to fly.

Gary F. said we might want to consider a Kevlar bag for charging.

Bob B. said in the last AMA magazine a report was written where it was suggested batteries shouldn't be charged from your car battery.

Field Maintenance:

Main breaker has been pulled but a minimum charge of \$21/month would still apply during the winter months. We could have the meter pulled for a cost of \$34 and reinstalled again for a cost of \$34. Expected net savings of \$50 to \$60 by doing this.

Rally:

Jim G. suggested we once again ask permission from Olean's Mayor for the use of the airport. Dave P. has his CD license and was willing to be the CD for next year's Rally. Dan Razey also had interest in being the CD. Gary

F. suggested raising our Rally camping fees may deter pilots from coming to our event. Jim K. said this was already discussed and approved from last month meeting. Ed F. requested the Rally date not be the same weekend as Geneseo's event. Jim G. said Geneseo's event is typically the weekend after the 4th

Events:

Gary F. reported RIT will be having its indoor event this weekend from noon to 5.

Show and Tell:

Gary F. displayed his MOKI 215, 5 cyl 13lb 4 stroke engine which he plans to install in a 1/3rd scale Stearman biplane.

Meetings:

Next Planning Board Meeting will recommence in January.

Next regular STARS General Meeting will be at JCC, Dec 9th, starting @ 7:00PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim K. and seconded by Dave P. All were in favor.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S DESK...

Thanks again go to Jamie B. and Jim K. for their continuing efforts on behalf of the newsletter,... and this month also to Dick S. , Bob B. and Jim K. for the photos I took from the web site to grace this publication. Without the input of the rest of you- there would be no publication!

Be sure to read the "Indoor Flying Rules" found on page 4 and the top of this page. Can you believe that the indoor flying season is here already?... then that means the Winter Party can't be far behind!

I must apologize to all of you for the poor quality picture of our special "monthly Bio guest", Fred Fowler- but it's the only one I could find.

'til next month then, **Tad**



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Next Regular Meeting @ JCC - Olean Campus:
Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:00PM

Next Planning Meeting: *TBA, but will be resuming in January*

Annual Winter Party: @ the Old Library: *Saturday, January 23rd 2010, dinner beginning at 6:00PM.*

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