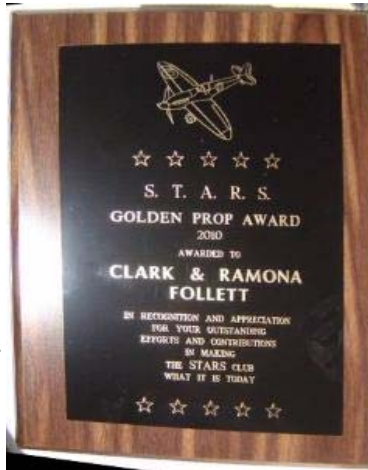


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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PARTY!

Although I wasn't able to be there (Ruthie had had oral surgery two days before), I understand that, as usual, a "good time was had by all" at this year's Winter Party. Thanks to Jim Keough, those others who weren't able to be there either, will get to see at least "some of the festivities!"



This year's Golden Prop Award went to Clark and Ramona Follett for all their efforts on behalf of the club.



Rosemarie Orcutt was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the club for her leadership and all her hard work at the 2010 Rally Skunk Works' tent.

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Another certificate went to Gene Hickey for his efforts and expertise in laying the concrete floor at the STARS field's pavilion

CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH



This month's "travels" put us up close and personal with Dr. Dan Lai. Dan can be seen flying all over the Cuba/Rushford Elementary Gym on most Sunday afternoons in the winter months. As Dan tells me, when he doesn't fly on Sundays he gets a little grouchy. After spending a little time with Dan, however, I find this hard to believe.

Dr. Lai specializes in ENT, that's Ear, Nose, and Throat disorders. He grew up in the Midwest, went to college in St. Louis, then on to med school in Houston, and trained in San Francisco. Finally, he did his specialty in

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MODEL AIRPLANE PRINCIPLES 101: "The bigger they are, the harder they fall". 'Could that be one reason indoor and park electric flyers are so popular?

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North Carolina. Dan met his wife, Dawn, in NC and she's from Buffalo so they decided to settle closer to her family. Dawn is a nurse at Bradford regional.

Their oldest child, Alex, is twelve. Next comes Victoria at eleven years old. Elizabeth is five, and the family resides in Allegany.

Dan's membership in other clubs/associations includes the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy, and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce. Among his other interests and hobbies are golf and boating.

When I asked Dan what or who got him interested in flying, he relates the following to me: "Dave Pratt revived my brief teenage flying/crashing experience. I was talking to Dave and



Here's Dan on a Sunday afternoon, with his electric Piper Cub at the Cuba gym

after an expert at the field checked it out I took it up and it crashed. It's never been flown since...it's had only the one flight. It resides in Houston right now, I just don't know how to get it here. I hope to fly it some day. My second plane I got after many mowed lawns and work at the grocery store. It looked like a big

Kadet...a Tower Hobby special/trainer/high wing. First flight we think it had a radio failure and it crashed. So I figured it really wasn't the time to do this. I 'hung it up'. I still have all the original parts. Then I got busy, forgot about the hobby, and lost interest. Then Dave got me back into it. First plane was a de



Here are the co-chairs of the Winter Party, after Receiving their well-deserved Golden Prop Award. Come on you two... you're allowed to smile!

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For those of you working on the Club Project Yak-6, I thought you might like to see how Dan Razey is coming along. Don't forget, Dick Say, the designer, has construction instructions available at the website (rcstars.org). That's also where I got these great pictures!

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Havilland, a tail dragger, and all electric. We practiced even though it really wasn't a trainer. On my first takeoff it caught a head wind towards the lake, did three loops, and was demolished into the chain fence. So now I've been flying a Corsair foamie with Dave. Also, I've been flying with him on a Seniorita, a proper trainer".

Dan's favorite plane to fly is the Corsair. "I'm still shopping for a real good one," he says.

A best flying experience? "Indoors in the winter is great," he remarks. "The flying, fellowship, and nobody gets



hurt when you crash and the plane still flies".

How about a worst flying experience? "That would have to be my first attempt at take-off with the de Havilland," he remembers.

Like all of us, Dan has an opinion on glow



vs. electric power. "Electric is great for beginners. Glow is nostalgic, what I consider true flying. Electric is way less expensive", he says. As far as 3D goes: "Best done on a simulator but can't wait to learn", he told me.

I asked Dan if he



had any areas of expertise. "I would say, 'No'", he replied, "But approaching expertise in all areas"!

Dan's advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: "Don't give up and fly hard. This hobby is not for quitters."

DON'T FORGET!!
Every Sunday in February and March is available for indoor flying at Cuba... come and join the fun!

HAVE YOU EVER... considered how very fortunate we are to have a club made up of so many members willing to "go the extra mile" to produce (1) a successful Rally, (2) a much-admired open-house, and (3) a terrific flying field?!?

STARS

Minutes of the General Meeting of: 01/12/11

Attendance:

Brad Davis, Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Tom Orcutt, Ed Flicker, Randy Bittinger, Jim Goodemote, Derek Clement, Bill Messer, Dick Say, Jim Keough, Ed Flicker, Mike Karnuth, Pat Kennedy, Dan Razey, Mike Pilon.

Motion to accept November meeting minutes by Randy B. seconded by Jim G. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Motion to accept the treasure report by Dick S. and seconded by Derek C. All were in favor.

Membership:

Motion to accept Pat K. as STARS members by Brad D. seconded by Bill M. All were in favor. Welcome Pat.

Website:

Dick S. reported on behalf of Bob B. that club project

photos have been posted by Dan R. and himself.

Rally:

Rally scheduled for July 16 and 17th.



Here are a pair of pictures from the cockpit detail in Jim Goodemote's gorgeous Vought Corsair. It sure looks real to me!



Jim G. received approval to use the airport from the Olean mayor.

Flight Instructors:

Nothing to report.

Planning Committee Nominations:

Motion to have Ramona F, Don W. and Kip K. as committee members by Jim K. and seconded by Randy B. all in favor.

Presidents Corner:

Honorary members must be voted in on an annual basis by STARS members. Motion to keep Dave M. Keith M, Daniel Oaks, Charlie Scholeno as honorary members by Bill M. seconded by Jim K. all in favor.

Old business:

Runway:

Committee members suggested setting the mower deck at a lower level to see if electricians can then take off from this. They also suggested the club spray the runway with Amine 400

weed killer twice in the spring for a cost of \$40. Bill M. suggested indoor outdoor carpet. Mike P. said some clubs used engine valves to

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anchor the carpet.

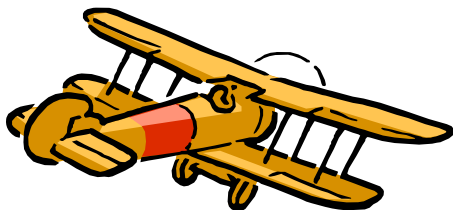
Winter Party:

Ramona F. reported the winter party is all set for Moon Winks with cocktails at 5PM and dinner at 6PM. Randy B. asked if Moon Winks would accept late arrivals as he maybe able to attend, but wouldn't know for sure until last minute. Ramona thought this wouldn't be an issue.

RC Race track:

Derek C. reported that AMA does cover RC cars. Plans are now to start track in the spring.

New Business:

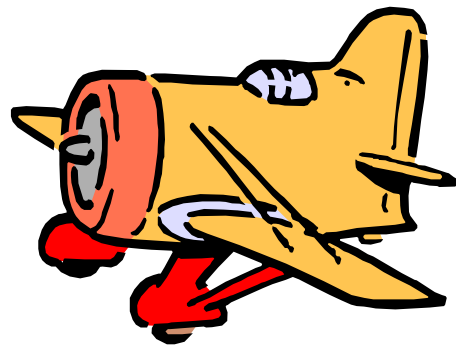


Tom O. handed out and discusses the 2011 annual STARS budget. Tom also reported the club property taxes have gone up.

Show and Tell:

Randy B. presented his "Fly DV" digital micro sized color camera with sound which can be mounted to a plane. Video can easily be downloaded to a computer thru any USB port.

Dick S. presented the forward fuselage on the clubs Yak6 twin electric. Photos have also been posted on the web. Hatch was added to the top of the fuselage for easy access to the radio and servos. Removable nose allows access to the battery compartment. Expected Weight to be around 7 lbs with batteries.



Dan S. presented and donated a 1936 popular aviation magazine for the club. Thank you Dan from all members present.

Meetings:

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be at JCC, Feb 9th starting @ 7:00PM.

Next Planning meeting will be at Dave P.'s house, Jan 31st @ 7:00PM.

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

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S DESK....



As I finish up this epistle, snow is falling outside, and being swept sideways by the wind- I'm awfully glad I'm inside!

I haven't yet made it to the "Cuba Indoor Aerodrome" on any Sunday, but I understand that there's lots of flying taking place (by quite a few pilots!) , that's great news.

Jamie, as usual, great job on the minutes. Jim, thanks not only for the monthly bio, but for those terrific pictures from the winter Party! 'til next month... Tad

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Wednesday, February 9th

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