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WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT

Since the last newsletter, our president, Dave Pratt, has suffered a heart attack.

Please rest assured that Dave is doing quite well- in fact he's back flying!, but in consideration of his health, he has given up the presidency.

Our new president is Clark Follett, who has stepped up from the office of vice president.

So that we still have a full slate of officers, Clark has asked Dick Say to serve as vice president for the time being, and Dick has graciously agreed to do so.

Clark and Dick will serve out the remainder of the present term, which ends on the last day of the year.



CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH



This month we will be taking a look at one of our newer and more accomplished pilots, Matt Kloss. Matt hails from Bradford, and we are excited to have him as a member. He has already logged a good number of hours at the field not only flying, but working as well. He is ready to help anyone needing assistance.

Matt works at Minard Run Well Services and has been with them for one year. Matt services the wells for them. His membership in other clubs include the S.H.A.R.K.S. out of Eldred, PA and he has been with them for over ten years.

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MODEL AIRPLANE PRINCIPLES 101: Remember, gravity is not just a good idea, it is the law. And it's not subject to repeal.

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I asked Matt about any other interests and hobbies he might have. He told me he does like hunting, fishing and dirt bike riding. He also likes to work on cars, bikes, lawn mowers...you know, the usual.



Matt at the field with his TREX 600 helicopter.

So what/who got him interested in flying? “My father used to fly and he got me into it,” he says. “Now he’s out of it, but I’m working on getting him going again.”

Matt’s favorite machine to fly is a Trex 450 Pro heli. His favorite plane is an Extra 300. Both are electric.

When I asked Matt about his best flying experience he relayed, “Probably when I started with helis and getting good at it. It is a lot more rewarding flying them.” His worst flying experience? “I really haven’t had any bad ones,” he says. “Probably flying with people who are not good flyers. That isn’t any fun



Matt and Bob Brown discussing... what else... airplanes! ...at the field

at all.”

In regards to Matt’s opinion on glow vs. “electric: “Not really. Electric is a lot easier and requires less maintenance, but glow gives you longer flight times,” he remarked. I hardly had to ask him his opinion on 3D flying: “I like it,” he said, but I think Matt loves it!

I also didn’t need to ask Matt about his areas of expertise. Anyone who has seen him work a helicopter has witnessed his abilities. Matt is also knowledgeable about engines and motors. He’s really a “Jack of all trades” when it comes to R/C.

Matt’s advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: “Practice is some of the best advice that can be given. Seek out somebody who knows what they’re doing.”

That’s it until next month,
Jim

STARS

June 8, 2011 general meeting minutes.

Attendance:

Tom Orcutt, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Jamie Bowen, Brad Davis, Jim Keough, Randy Bittinger, Walt Hibbard, Ed Flicker, Gary Baker, Jim Goodemote, Paul Hawkins, Dick Say, Dan Razey, Mike Karnuth, Derek Clement, Bob Brown, Kip Karn, Gary Fitch, Bill Messer

Motion to accept May meeting minutes by Dan Razey seconded by Randy Bittinger. All were in favor.

Treasurers report:

Motion to accept treasurers report by Randy Bittinger seconded by Jim Goodemote. All were in favor.

Membership:

Nothing to report.

Website:

Nothing to report.

Rally:

Tad Manske and Kip Karn volunteered for announcers.

Kip Karn volunteered his camper for the announcers' booth.

If you do not have an assignment, then go to the registration tent for assignment.

Lee Pirdy volunteered to do the food tent.

Skunk works will do the food tent.

Tom Orcutt will ask if the Boy Scouts can help.

Gary Fitch suggested we have the Boy Scouts over to the field for some flight training time.

Dave Pratt volunteered for radio impound.

Tom Orcutt and Clark Follett will do the PA system. Yeah yeah

Ed Flicker volunteered for the radio raffle.

Ramona Follett will handle Tee Shirts.

Ramona Follett and Sylvia Say volunteered for the 50/50 raffle.

Ed Flicker volunteered for the dumpster.

Ed Flicker volunteered for ice cream.

Ed Flicker volunteered for generator.

Jim Keough volunteered for public relations.

Anyone who has a trailer please bring on

Thursday, July 14th to take equipment to the airport.

Items to be taken from the field to the airport is scheduled to take place on July 14th at 1 PM.

July 7th has been scheduled for mowing the airport. Jim Goodemote will give work details ahead of time.

Club project:

Dick Say had nothing to report.

President's corner:

Dave Pratt for health reasons submitted a resignation letter to step down as club president.

Vice Pres. Clark Follett will act as club president.

Motion by Gary Fitch club shows support for

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HAVE YOU EVER... wondered how "the pits" got its name. I don't know about you, but to me "THE PITS" is crashing... not some place where I put my model airplane together!

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Clark Follett as the new president and seconded by Dick Say. All were in favor. Vice Pres. position is now open.

Dan Stubbs volunteered as club historian.

Dick Say has club picture books for Dan.

Motion to have Dan Stubbs club historian by Ramona Follett and seconded by Walt Hibbard. All were in favor.

Gary Fitch asked if we should take photos or PDFs and post.

Gary Fitch also asked to have Dan inform new stars members of past club history.

Wasp:

Dave Pratt reported on behalf of Tad Manske that this year is the 25th anniversary of WASPS fun fly scheduled for June 26th starting 11 till?

Currently four stars members plan to attend the fun fly.

RC race track:

Derek Clement reported bulldozing has been completed. Track has been laid out and will start forming. Randy Bittinger volunteered his yolk rake and so did Gary Fitch.

Safety rules:

Clark Follett read the STARS safety rules.

Ed Flicker submitted his comments to the STARS safety discussion.

Jim Goodemote suggest we have an area for helicopters and should be addressed in the star safety rules.

Matt Kloss who flies helicopters thinks at this time it is currently not an issue.

Anyone who has suggested changes or additions to the STARS safety rules may submit them at any time for review by the club.

Motion by Gary Fitch to accept the STARS safety rules as written by Dick Say. All were in favor.

New business:

Bob Brown wanted to thank Matt Kloss and Shelley for grass planting and fertilizing.

Tom Orcutt reported the mower deck pulley needs repair and we may want to replace it. Jim Goodemote reported that Dewey Barron has been looking into replacing the mower deck. Prices range from \$1900-\$2500 but Jim feels the \$1900 mower deck is better than the \$2500 mower deck. Gary Fitch suggested we may want to invest in a good mower and tractor that will work for a

long period of time.

Kip Karn said we could save in fuel costs if we had a diesel engine rather than a gas engine tractor.

Randy Bittinger volunteered to look into the cost for new mower equipment.

Matt Kloss reported that when he worked for the golf course they had purchased a \$4000 mower that came with a five-year warranty.

Matt also reported many dealers will lend demo equipment for you to try out before you purchase.

Stars should be able to raise \$5000.

Show and Tell:

Dick Say presented his PC-6 Porter by Seagull models with a 63 inch wingspan and a 46 size monster motor.

Meetings:

Next regular stars meeting will be at the field July 13th starting at 7:30 PM.

Next planning meeting will be June 27th at the field starting at 7:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Fitch and seconded by Walt Hibbard. All were in favor.

The following was copied directly from Randy's e-mail of early June.

STARS Rally 2011

<i>Saturday Flight Line Schedule</i>		
9:30 - 12:00 am	12:00 - 3:00 pm	3:00 - 5:00 pm
<i>Dewey Barron</i>	<i>Tom Orcutt</i>	<i>Don Wehlage</i>
<i>Jim Goodemote</i>	<i>Matthew Kloss</i>	<i>Gene Hickey</i>
<i>Jim Keough</i>	<i>Gary Baker</i>	<i>Jamie Bowman</i>
<i>Dan Razey</i>	<i>Derrick Clement</i>	<i>Mike Pilon</i>
<i>Ryan Farwell</i>	<i>Ed Flicker</i>	<i>Dan Stubbs</i>
<i>Brad Davis</i>	<i>Fred Rubin</i>	<i>Mike Karnuth</i>
Alternates		
Dick Hawkins Gordon Hooper	Mike Zlas Terry Blackman Dick Say	Clark Follett Brad Davis

<i>Sunday Flight Line Schedule</i>	
9:30 - 12:00 am	12:00 - 3:00 pm
<i>Dewey Barron</i>	<i>Tom Orcutt</i>
<i>Gary Baker</i>	<i>Dick Say</i>
<i>Dan Razey</i>	<i>Mike Pilon</i>
<i>Brad Davis</i>	<i>Derrick Clement</i>
<i>Richard Hamuth</i>	<i>Chris Powers</i>
<i>Jim Goodemote</i>	<i>Fred Rubin</i>
Alternates	
Dick Hawkins Gordon Hooper	Mike Zlas Terry Blackman Dick Say

<i>Parking Schedule Saturday & Sunday</i>	
9:00 - 12:00 am	12:00 - 3:00 pm
<i>Gate</i>	<i>Gate</i>
<i>Clark Follett</i>	<i>Walt Hibbard</i>
<i>Parking</i>	<i>Parking</i>
<i>Gene Hickey</i>	<i>Clark Follett</i>
<i>Mike Karnuth</i>	<i>Dan Lal</i>
<i>Jamie Bowman</i>	<i>Dan Stubbs</i>
Alternates	

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Next Regular Meeting @ the field
in Cuba, Wednesday, July 13th

Next Planning Meeting @ the field
in Cuba, Monday, July 25th

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