

## Minutes of August 10, 2011

**Meeting called to order @ 7:30PM.**  
**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Attendance:** Tom Orcutt, Kip Karn, Bill Messer, Gary Fitch, Don Wehlage, Ramona Follett, Randy Bittinger, Jay Wade, Walt Hibbard, Dave Pratt, Chris Powers, Jim Keough, Ed Flicker, Bob Bush, Brad Davis, Jeremie Dietz, Brandon Little, Dick Say, Sylvia Say, Clark Follett and Isaak Baker.

**Minutes of last meeting** read by Dick Say.  
Motion to approve minutes made by Gary Fitch, seconded by Walt Hibbard, approved by membership present.

**Treasurers report** made by Tom Orcutt.  
Motion to approve report made by Don Wehlage, seconded by Ramona Follett, approved by all members present.

**Membership :** Ed Flicker had no new applicants. Clark Follett presented his Nephew Isaak Baker , age 15, as a prospective member. A motion was made by Gary Fitch, seconded by Randy Bittinger to accept Isaak as a member and approved by membership present. There were also 2 new applicants present; Brandon Little and Jeremie Dietz seeking membership through the AMA Intro Pilot Program. Club applications were given to Brandon and Jeremie.

**Web Site:** Bob Bush reported that there were new photos on the web site of the STARS Air Show/Rally and more to come.

**Air Show/Rally:** Expenses and income were reported by Tom Orcutt. Randy Bittinger reported that all radios used for the event would be replaced next year. Discussion and suggestions by the membership about the event ensued. Everyone present thanked all the members who participated in the rally for their efforts. The Folks who operated the food tent were specially commended for their hard work and attention to detail. Even the

government's food inspector said he was extremely impressed with how the food tent was operated. Thanks also to Abbott Welding Supply for their contribution of dry ice.

**Instructors:** Walt Hibbard volunteered to organize the efforts of the flight instructors. Walt also reported that 8 prospective new members talked with him at the information tent during the rally, two of whom were present at tonight's meeting.

**President's Corner:** Clark reported that we have a new mower deck. Some discussion followed about what purpose the old mower deck might have. Ice cream at the flying field is priced @ 75cents each for members. The STARS Open House takes place at the flying field on August 28 with lunch being served at noon. Ramona Follett and Sylvia Say will organize the event with the help of other STARS members. The participation of ALL STARS members would be greatly appreciated.

**Club Project:** Dick Say had nothing new to report.

**Old Business: Racetrack,** no report. Clark Follett will contact Derek Clement. Randy Bittinger volunteered to help with the racetrack and bring equipment if necessary.

**New Business:** Ed Flicker suggested we buy a new keyboard/key lock for the restroom. A motion was made by Ramona Follett on Ed's suggestion , seconded by Brad Davis and carried by the membership to purchase the new lock.

**Winter Meetings:** Dick Say will contact JCC, Olean Campus to ask for permission to have access to the Community Room for meetings to be held on the second Wednesday of each month, October ,2011 through April, 2012.

**Randy Bittinger** reported on Hamburg Rally. Some upcoming events are Hamburg open house on August 14 and Sharks fun fly on August 20.

**Gary Fitch** reported The Frank Tiano event in Florida takes place October 14, 15 and 16.

Gary also reported that two members of STARS are running for office in the AMA. This is an unprecedented event. Bob Brown is running for President and Gary Fitch is running for Vice President. Of course STARS wishes both Gary and Bob Gods speed and the very best wishes in this endeavor.

**Show & Tell:** None

**Motion to Adjourn** made by Walt Hibbard, seconded by Ramona Follett and approved by the membership present.