

STARS REGULAR MEETING of August 8th, 2012

Before the meeting began, the club was addressed by Cuba Boy Scout leaders Rob Cornell and Kevin Kranock. They presented the club with an "Unselfish Service Award" and thanked us for keeping up the property across the road. Ramona F. took pictures of the event.

In Attendance:

Gary Baker, Brad Davis, Dennis DenBleyker, Dale Butts, Gary Fitch, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Walt Hibbard, Kip Karn, Tad Manske, Bill Messer, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage; fifteen in total.

Minutes:

The minutes of the July 11th minutes were read by Tad M. After motion by Ramona F., second of Bill M., they were accepted by vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Don W. reported that he'd recently written Rally checks to Park and Shop, Adam's Septic, and National Grid and the rallydumpster provider, closing out that account. He also has written checks in the past month to Erie Niagara Insurance, Dewey Barron, and Bradford Publishing. A motion to accept was made by Walt H., seconded by Brad D. and passed by those present.

Membership:

Dan Hoffman of Delevan NY has sent in his paperwork, requesting membership. Since he was not at the meeting tonight, we'll hold off until he can attend a meeting.

Web Site: Bob Bush was not in attendance tonight.

Rally:

Don W. reported our final net profit figure for this year's rally. He reported that our three main money-makers were parking, the concessions, and the 50/50 raffles.

Bill Messer announced that the flag stands won't be available for use next year, they are needed elsewhere that weekend.

Gary F. suggested that we consider dropping the "pilot tickets" next year. They really aren't that needed.

Don W. reported that the final rally checks had been sent out.

RC Track:

Despite his workload elsewhere, Derek Clement wishes to remain chairman of the Track Committee. The president has recently received Derek's letter of resignation as secretary, and has accepted it.

There followed a discussion on some track issues. Probably most important, do we have the money to finish the track? We really need some answers from Derek and the track committee to figure this out. Interest in the project seems to have fallen off lately. Clark will try again to contact Derek, and get some answers- hopefully by the September meeting.

Open House:

Ramona F. said that Keith Miller will again be on hand for corn, which he'll donate. After some discussion... it was determined that we'll serve at 2:00pm, not at 1. This will give some members a better chance of arriving before the meal. Please bring ice if you can. Ramona will contact everyone on "what to bring".

Club Project:

As everyone who seems likely to build the club Yak has already finished, or at least is quite far along, Dick is changing the name of the Club Project to "Dick's Project". He'll keep us up-to-date on how he's coming.

President's Corner:

Clark listed several major ideas/problems that need to be addressed and solved before 2013 rolls around. (1) We need someone to step up and become a Contest Director. Gary F. says he can handle the "title" for AMA purposes next year, but can't do the work. (2) We currently have no permanent treasurer. Don W. has ably handled the duties, but only on a temporary basis. (3) We still have no newsletter editor, and haven't had such for eight months now. (4) We may very well need a new field maintenance boss as well. Dewey plans to step down from that position. We need not only someone to head the mowing effort, but knowl-

edgeable enough to provide the preventive maintenance and repair on the tractor and associated equipment.

Monica Mardwick of the Olean Senior Center would like us to provide a static display/talk to her group on Sept. 6th at 10:30am. See Clark if you can assist.

The Seneca Highlands Aero Radio Kontrol Society (SHARKS) is planning their Fun Fly for Saturday, August 18th; starting at 2:00pm, eating at 4, and continuing flying 'til dusk. Please bring a dish to pass if you are attending.

The Wellsville Area Small Plane Society (WASPS) is planning their Open House September 9th, a Sunday. Come whenever you want to. A meal will be provided about 2:00pm, and flying will continue 'til dusk.

Vice President's Corner:

Dick has sent in the application to use a room at JCC Olean for meetings over the winter. If any problems ensue, he will let us all know.

New Business:

Gary said there had been great flying at Chenango Bridge the previous Saturday, and brought up the Jolamtra Fun Fly in Bath. It will be held next Saturday and Sunday, the 11th and 12th.

AMA is growing Gary said. Most of the increased membership is in youth- but it is growing! Also, AMA has a new app available for Ipods, tablets, etc. Lastly, all *Model Aviation* magazines from 1975 onward are now available on line.

There was no show and tell this month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Walt H., seconded by Ramona F. and approved by those present.

Meetings:

The next planning Meeting will be at the field at 7:00pm, August 27th.

The next regular meeting will be at the field at 7:30pm, September 12th.