

## **STARS REGULAR MEETING of January 9th, 2013**

The meeting began at exactly 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

### **In Attendance:**

Dewey Barron, Randy Bittinger, Jamie Bowen, Bob Bush, Dale Butts, Brad Davis, Gary Fitch, Dick Fisher, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Jim Goodemote, Walt Hibbard, Mike Karnuth, Jim Keough, Tad Manske, Bill Messer, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Jay Wade, and Don Wehlage; twenty-one in total.

### **Minutes:**

Dick Say's minutes of the December 12th meeting were read by Tad M. After motion by Jim G. and second of Randy B., they were accepted by vote.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Don W. reported on checks written in the last month, and gave updated totals for the checking, savings, and tractor accounts. His report was accepted following a motion and second for the same by Gary F. and Dewey B. respectively.

### **Membership:**

Ed F. had nothing new to report.

### **Web Site:**

Bob B. announced that pictures of Gary F.'s new Stearman (being built by Jim G.) will soon be posted on the website. He also thanked Randy B. for the pictures he'd sent since last meeting.

### **Flight Instruction:**

Walt H. had nothing to report.

### **Vice President's Corner:**

Dick has sent a card to Nancy, profusely thanking her for Jim's gift/legacy to the club. He also talked in it about possible ways and plans to memorialize Jim and his bequest.

### **President's Corner:**

Clark began by reiterating that the club is in need of a newsletter editor, and also a treasurer- someone to take over from Don W. who has been fulfilling the duties on a temporary basis.

Clark noted that he has received an e-mail from a gentleman in Pennsylvania who has been active in the design and construction of several tracks in his state. Although rather vague, it seemed his intent to "offer his services" for design and construction of ours... something that is not needed. Clark will attempt to contact him and find out more.

At this point, Randy said that he has talked to a young man named Zack about other clubs in the area, and Zack may show up tonight at our meeting. He talked to Randy about our track possibly being in association with the others in the twin tiers, but upon finding out the cost of joining ours, said "that may be a problem".

### **Rally:**

Jim G. has talked with Randy B. about being a Co-CD for this year's rally. Jim and Gary F. have helped Randy with the requisite paperwork, and he expects to get it mailed out soon.

After some slight confusion on the date, it was reaffirmed that this year's rally will be held July 13th and 14th. Jim reiterated, as he had last month, that our plans seem to be A-OK as far as the city is concerned.

### **Old Business:**

Please get both your money and choice of entree for the winter party into Don W. as-soon-as-possible. The party will be held at Moonwinks on the 9th of March, and your entree choices are prime rib, shrimp scampi, and chicken cordon bleu. The charge per person is twenty-five dollars. Clark said Ramona will get out a reminder to all over the next few weeks. She's under the weather tonight, or she'd have been here with us. Most club members she will reach by e-mail, but she'll also call those who don't have internet access.

Gary Fitch, reporting for the Geotex committee, said there is nothing new to report at this time. As soon as the weather breaks, they plan to go to Geneva, Ohio; to examine the field there, and ask questions of the club membership.

When that is accomplished, the committee will report at the following regular STARS meeting. Gary also noted that we should be thinking seriously about preparing an application for a flying field grant from AMA. Such an application needs to be in by March 1st, but even earlier would be preferable.

Jay W. asked whether any work had recently been done on our track. He said it looked to him as if someone has "scrapped and changed" the layout. Clark informed him that Kip had done some work- fine work on the facility, but that no further work had been done... as far as he knew.

### **New Business:**

Clark F., Don W., and others, reminded all that "dues are due, dues are due, dues are due!" Please don't wait 'til the last minute. Plus if you send it in now, with one check you can also cover the cost of the winter party!

### **Show and Tell:**

Jamie B. gave a very interesting talk about what he calls his "new toy". It's a CO2 Laser System that cuts and engraves. Jamie passed around some samples of work he's already done; including a nativity scene icon he reproduced and gave out as Christmas presents, a wooden gear no bigger around than a nickel, and several small signs. He answered quite a few inquiries from the membership, and many positive comments were made. No a typical "show and tell" but one certainly very well received!

### **Stars Stuff:**

Tom O. had his "stuff" with him tonight, and several members took advantage.

### **Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Brad D., seconded by Dewey B. and passed by those members present. This ended the meeting at 7:46pm.

Our next regular meeting will be held on February 13th at 7:00pm, @ JCC Olean. Our next planning meeting will be January 28th at 7:00pm, @ Clark & Ramona's.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tad P Manske, Secretary*