

STARS REGULAR MEETING of July 10th, 2013

The meeting began at 7:33PM with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Gary Baker, Randy Bittinger, Bob Bush, Dale Butts, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Jim Goodemote, Linda Goodemote, Kip Karn, Mike Karnuth, Pat Kennedy, Jim Keough, Tad Manske, Bill Messer, Tom Orcutt, Dave Pratt, Don Wehlage and Mike Zias; a total of twenty-two.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 12th meeting were read by Tad M. After motion and second of Randy B. and Jim G. respectively, the minutes were accepted by vote without revision.

Treasurer's Report: Don W. presented us the totals for the checking, saving and tractor accounts, and listed the following checks he'd written during the past month. They were prepared for Clark F. for a food permit, to National Grid, to Charlie Scholeno for a radio to raffle, to Clark F. for the Geotex, to Ed F. for barrier materials and for gas, to Dewey B. for gas, to Tom for food for the Rally, to Ramona for pop and water, and again for hot dog supplies, and to Clark F. for wire. He also listed a deposit made from dues and the Winter Party.

Membership: No change at this time.

Web Site: Bob reported "very quiet on the website front".

Flight Instruction: No report as Walt H. was not in attendance.

The 2013 Rally: Jim said that although the area has been mowed, we'll need to do some raking on the flight strip itself, and where the food tent will be set up. He asked that all who could please meet at 2:00PM on Thursday to load for our trip to the site.

He noted that Ed F.'s checklist of materials for the rally is posted in the barn. Make sure to check off the items as you load them for transport.

Jim also announced that Bruce Kline will be at the Airport on Friday to give rides in his Stearman. Cost will be \$80 for a twenty minute ride.

Dale B. has revised the flight line assignment list, as the number of flight stations has been reduced to five for this year.

Tom O. requested that everyone bring a frozen gallon container of ice on both Saturday and Sunday. This will cut way down on our "ice costs" for the Skunkworks. He also announced that once again, breakfast will be served both days of the weekend. That'll start about 8:30 in the morning. Tom also said there have been some changes made in this year's menu. They've cut down on the amount of Italian sausage they're purchasing, and they'll be offering Texas hot dogs and cheeseburgers for a change.

The Saturday night wine and cheese party will begin at 7:00PM and last until about 9:00PM.

Here it is the Wednesday before, and we already have some Canadians at the airport!

Someone asked if some signs announcing the Rally can be posted in Allegany and Olean itself.

Randy gave a big thank you to Jim for all his many years as Contest Director, and to both Jim and Linda G. for all the work they've done for the rally, and getting him prepared to take over all duties in 2014. Randy's thank you was followed by a heartfelt round of applause from all those in attendance.

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Lastly, everyone was reminded that we'll need lots of help for Thursday setup. If you can't come up until after work- please do so anyway... there'll still be tasks left to be accomplished. Sunday doesn't end at 3:00PM... we'll still have teardown and return to the barn to be accomplished. Although this usually takes less time than set up, we still need "many hands to make work light".

The President's Corner: Clark said only that the Rally, being our biggest most important event of the year, really needs all of us to stick together to make the effort successful. Almost without saying- the Rally requires great support from all of us!

Old Business:

Geotex Project: Clark reported that the Geotex we've purchased currently resides in Randy's warehouse in Bradford. Randy says it's "quite a handful" both weight and volume-wise. Clark went on to say that the Geotex folks were a real pleasure to work with, and he had no complications.

Concrete Floor Project: Jim K. asked that we put as much as possible of the heavy and non-mobile stuff on the left side of the barn when we bring everything back on Sunday. Lighter items, especially those with wheels, are what he would like to see on the right side. It will make this project much easier.

Track Project: Dave P. says that he needs decent weather to clear weeds from the track, to bring in new soil and build the deck.

Walmart Effort: Those involved felt the Walmart hot dog sale was moderately successful, but really needs more help if it's going to be a real money-maker. Ramona would like to see a two day sale later in the season. She felt this would take care of the hots not sold during the rally. Gary F. would rather offer the hots for sale to the members

at the end of the rally itself. Something will be worked out before the 2014 rally.

New Business: There was none.

Show and Tell: There was none.

Stars Stuff: was available from Tom O. for those interested.

Adjournment: Jim Goodemote made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Dave Pratt, and passed without dissension at 8:15PM.

The next regular meeting will be held at the field on August 14th at 7:30PM. The next planning meeting will be held at the field on July 29th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary