

STARS REGULAR MEETING of January 21st, 2015

The meeting began at 7:02pm in Room 124 of the JCC Olean Student Center with the Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance (despite the lack of an American flag).

In Attendance: Dewey Barron, Randy Bittinger, David Conklin, Brad Davis, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Rob Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Ben Kirk, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, and a guest-Alan Covert; sixteen in total.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 17th meeting were read by Tad. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda following a motion and second of Ramona and Dan respectively.

Treasurer's Report: Since Don is currently away on vacation in the Caribbean, Clark gave the report. One check was written during the past month, to National Grid. Deposits included dues, donations for the F3P fund, and donations to the club by Dale and Tad. Clark also read the current balances in the checking, savings and tractor accounts. The Treasurer's report was also accepted by the club by vote, after a motion by Dan and second of Brad.

Annual Financial Report: This being the annual meeting, Clark next gave the treasurer's report for the year. He listed the year's income and expenditures and noted that the taxes have gone up again this year, mainly because of improvements we've made to the field. A discussion ensued on the topic, with the following points being made: possibly the assessors thought that our geotex was actually macadam, and raised our assessment accordingly; maybe a committee should be appointed to look into preparing a grievance. This would have to be accomplished before the end of March to be accepted this year. The report was accepted by vote of the membership after a motion and second of Frank and Ramona respectively.

Honorary membership Renewal: As we must renew, annually, our honorary memberships, (those of Bush, Mathewson, Miller and Scholeno), an affirmative vote regarding the same followed soon after the appropriate motion by Ramona and second of Dewey.

Membership: Ed noted that he needs a list of those members who have already paid their 2015 dues so as to adjust his records accordingly.

He also noted that our guest for the evening, Alan Covert, has applied for membership. Alan was asked to give a few particulars about his involvement in the hobby, and then was voted in by the membership. He was welcomed by President Follett, and was told about his requirements as a new member- to pay his dues expeditiously, and to give all possible assistance to the club at our two major annual events, the Scale Rally and the Open House. He was then given a blue, "New Member's Folder" by Ed.

Web Site: Clark again thanked those who had sent pictures to Bob for our website, and encouraged all to "keep on giving" so that Bob has new and interesting pictures to post at RCSTARS.org.

Instruction: As Walt was not in attendance this evening, no report was given.

STARS Rally 2015: Randy has received approval from Tom Windus at the Olean/Cattaraugus County Airport to utilize the facilities for this year's rally. He has also sent the requisite paperwork to AMA for sanctions, and it has all been approved.

Following a question, Ed volunteered to secure the permit to hang the banner in Olean, and reserve a date for it to be put up.

A short discussion ensued on whether we should attempt to secure door prizes for the visiting pilots, and Randy said simply that "the pilots always enjoy the wine and cheese party, and I think that's enough".

He next brought up our marketing efforts. He talked about the signs from last year that should again be displayed prominently around the area. Tad asked if we'd ever used the cable's local channel as a means of advertising, after all- it's free. Alan also brought up some points regarding getting the message out. Jim Keough will be apprised of all these ideas, as he's our marketing go-to-guy.

A longer discussion ensued on the possibility of forming committees to handle different set-up tasks at the Rally. Doing this could better involve the younger guys who are still working during the day (they could do some of the heavy lifting after supper), and also allow some of the older members who aren't up to as

much physically anymore to take their time (and not their backs) during the morning and early afternoon hours. All seemed to feel that this was an excellent idea. Expect to hear more about it in the future.

Dewey asked if we'd procured the replacement tent parts we had approved earlier in the year. Clark said he'll check with Don to make sure that they have been ordered.

Randy wants a meeting in early March to work on details of the Rally. He wants the head or chairman of each committee or section to be there so that nothing is left until the last minute. He has offered the use of his place of business for the meeting, but that issue is still up in the air. He and Clark will get together to come up with a date, a time, and a place for the meeting, but expect it to be in early March. An e-mail will then be sent to all affected persons.

The President's Corner: Clark has talked to Dick Say lately, and says he's doing well after his recent surgery.

The club is still taking donations for the F3P fund, and will continue to do so through the month of February (at the end of which a single check from the club will be sent).

Our president reminded all that if you're a "Cuba Indoor Sunday Flyer" you must be an AMA member- but guests from other clubs are welcome (as long as they've fulfilled that single AMA requirement).

Clark next read aloud his e-mailed December "thank you letter", in which he reminded all about the need to support the club; especially regarding projects, the two most important of which are the Rally and the Open House.

Old Business: Ramona next took the floor to remind everyone about the March Dinner at Moonwinks. It is twenty-five dollars per person, is a sit- down dinner, and offers you an entre choice of either prime rib or chicken cordon-bleu. Cocktail hour will be at 5:00pm with dinner to follow at 6:00. Please let Ramona know of your choice NLT the last day of February. Checks may be sent to either her or Don.

She also announced that she'll be having a meeting at her house tomorrow night to talk about awards. Please, let her know if you have any good ideas about awards that might be given.

New Business: None

Show and Tell: None

STARS Stuff: Tom is in the house... see him after the meeting.

Our next planning meeting will be at Brad Davis' house on January 26th at 7:00PM.

The next regular meeting will be here at JCC Olean at 7:00PM on February 18th.

Adjournment: Brad Davis made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Dewy Barron and passed without discussion at 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary