

STARS REGULAR MEETING of September 9th, 2015

The meeting began at exactly 7:30pm in the pavilion of the STARS Club Cuba field with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Gary Baker, Dewey Barron, Randy Bittinger, Brad Davis, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Robert Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and two guests- Patrick Casey and Kamil Murawski; a total of sixteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 12th meeting were read by Tad. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda after motion of Frank and second of Dan.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported that he had written checks over the past month to National Grid, the *Olean Times Herald*, Ramona and Park and Shop. He had also made two deposits. He finished his report by giving the balances-on-hand for the checking, savings and tractor accounts. After a motion by Thomas, and a second by Tom- the treasurer's report was accepted by vote.

Membership: Our two guests of the evening were introduced and they told us a little about themselves. Both Pat and Kamil turned in a completed application for membership, and after disappearing around the end of the garage for a moment, they were voted into the Southern Tier Aero Radio Society. Calling them back, President Clark welcomed them (which was met with a round of applause by those in attendance), and gave them a short talk, mentioning that Our Membership Chairman, Ed Flicker, will be giving them a new member packet as soon as he sees them. Clark also explained the requirements for membership, stressing the need to participate in both the July Rally and our August Open House- our two major annual events.

Web Site: For the umpteenth time, it was mentioned that Bob needs photos for posting. Tad said he'd been on the website yesterday, and there were NO photos listed for the whole 2015 year thus far.

Instruction: With Walt Hibbard currently having major health concerns, Jim Keough has been more-or-less taking over the needed duties. Fred has also been assisting him.

The President's Corner: President Clark noted that we had received a thank you letter from the Olean Food Pantry. Unable to return left over rolls after the Open House, they had been donated to the pantry.

This coming Sunday, the 13th, is Grandparents' Day at the Pines in Machias. Clark took the names of several who said they'd be going, and asked anyone else who might be interested to see him after the meeting. This will be the third year the club has participated- and our participation has always been appreciated.

Our president has been contacted by someone named Michael Morse, who is looking to find a wing jig. Several members had ideas for Clark to relay to him, including several internet sites that may be able to help.

Clark told everyone that the club is in need of a safety officer, Dale having resigned the position. If you're interested, please let him know. A safety officer is a requirement for all AMA clubs, according to national rules.

The Vice President's Corner: As far as Dick knows, we have Room 124 (our usual room) at JCC for the second Wednesday of the month over the winter. He has not heard officially yet, but he believes that is because his contact has been extremely busy lately.

The September picnic was officially canceled, simply because there was not enough interest expressed. Dick will schedule our next one for some time in late spring or early summer.

Old Business: Rob thanked everyone for all the help they had given Thomas since he began flying. Thomas is headed shortly to Lackland AFB, Texas, for his basic training as he enters our nation's armed forces.

President Follett stated again that he'd be more than happy to receive any recommendations from members before the special meeting on the club's future plans. Remember, that meeting will be held at the field on September 23rd, beginning at 7:00pm. All were sincerely asked to attend that meeting. If you're not there you may miss some very important discussions.

New Business: Don received an e-mail from Ed Flicker saying that he will no longer be able to handle the duties of field maintenance. Clark reminded all that Fred was co-director of field maintenance, and he has agreed to stay on the job.

Dewey noted that we are in need of a new tube for the tractor. It will be expensive, and will need to be installed by a tractor repair shop. He suggested that we wait until spring to do it. Another suggestion, that we block up the axle over the winter to take strain off of the tire, was welcomed and will be followed up on.

Our treasurer announced that we had made a profit on this year's open house, and gave us the figures therefor. This bit of good news was well received by all in attendance.

Show and Tell: Dan passed around a packet of Wound Seal. Fred, speaking from personal experience, said "it does work!" Dan also passed around a picture of a boat he's procured to retrieve downed sea and float planes from water.

STAR's Stuff: Tom Orcutt is in the house- see him after the meeting.

Our next planning meeting will be at the field on September 28th at 7:00pm.

Our next regular meeting will be in Room 124 of the Student Center at JCC Olean, on October 14th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Brad Davis made a motion to adjourn. I was seconded by Don Wehlage and passed without discussion at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary6