

## STARS REGULAR MEETING of April 13th, 2016

**The meeting began at 7:04pm in Room 124 of the Student Center at JCC Olean with the pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.**

**In Attendance:** Randy Bittinger, Bob Brown, David Conklin, Brad Davis, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Jim Keough, Matt Kloss, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and one guest, Shelly Deitz; for a total of sixteen.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Tad. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda after motion of Don and second of Dan.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don reported sending two checks this month, to Moonwinks and National Grid. He also made deposits of dues received and spring party monies received. He finished up giving the current balances of the checking, tractor and savings accounts. This report was also approved by vote following motion and second of Dan and Brad respectively.

**Membership:** Ed had nothing to report, but Dave told a story about Gene Hickey. With Dave acting as sponsor, Gene was voted back in after having had his membership lapse.

**Website:** Dick said that he sees Bob several times each week. He reported that Bob has begun making asked for changes in the website, to include a new aerial view of the field with the Geotex blacked in and the track taken out.

**Instruction:** Jim says he'll be contacting his students to meet with him at the field on a Sunday, to get things set up for beginning training this spring.

**Fun Fly:** Randy sent out the poster he has shown us to the approximately 1200 people on his e-mail roster. Presently, 37% of those e-mails have been opened by addressees. He also said notice of our fun fly should be in the Calendar of AMA's *Model Aviation* magazine shortly.

**FPV Racing Event:** In a test run at the field, Matt held an FPV race about three weeks ago to see how things went. He said that, on the day of the actual June

race, the grass in that area needs to be about six inches in length. To be done correctly, that means that multiple mowings will have to be done before hand.

Matt went to Weak Signals in Toledo this year, and there made contact with more sponsors, and about 250 flyers there- those who might have an interest in our race. He and Randy passed out many of the wallet cards that Randy had made up for the event.

After a question from Matt, more discussion was held on the need for a dedicated circuit in our pavilion. Clark seemed to think this would be no problem.

Someone asked if we might contact the Buffalo TV stations to see if they might be interested in coming down to film parts of the race and the racers themselves. As FPV racing is such a new thing... they might be persuaded...

Both Bob and Matt stressed that once our June race is history, “the trick will be to get them to come back!”

Bags to be used as “goody bags” for the racers have been procured by Matt. He asked for suggestions as to what we could put in them. Does the club have anything, for example? It was also suggested we see about coupons from the Cuba Cheese Company.

Finishing up, Matt says we really need to increase our traffic on Facebook; it’s traffic that pulls in more people curious about “what’s going on”.

**The President’s Corner:** Clark noted that the WASPS club of Wellsville has been given a special invitation to fly with us on May 14<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday.

**The Vice President’s Corner:** Dick gave a report on how his efforts towards getting a “Founders’ Plaque” put together are coming. Some discussion followed on exactly who should be on the plaque. Dick said it was strictly for founders of the OMAC and STARS. Several members present offered to send him information they had on possible personnel to be included.

**Old Business:** Clark reiterated what several members had said tonight, that a good time was had at the spring party. Mention was made however, by several, that they were disappointed in some of the food this year. Others were disappointed at the small turnout.

Clark next reminded all of the Community Open house coming in May, on Saturday the 21st. Tad and Brad have volunteered to cook. Members are needed to help newcomers fly with buddy boxes; to demonstrate using their own aircraft; and of course, as many of you who can make it to “smile and socialize” with our guests of the day.

Clark is sending out a poster to all members that he’d like posted in local post offices, banks, where ever your community posts news and information. Copy the one he sends and post it all over your community!

**New Business:** Clark likes the new logo, and thanks Randy, Bob and Matt for their efforts on same.

The new logo will be standardized on all club hats, shirts, and jackets; if the members approve. The change-over to the new logo will not happen overnight, so don’t throw away what you currently have. After little discussion, a motion to accept the new design was made by Frank, seconded by Matt, and passed by vote. When Ed noted that we still have a significant number of club caps yet unsold, the suggestion was made that they might be a good item to put in Matt’s “goody bags”.

Matt said that Charlie Scholeno has sold his field. Charlie has a diesel mower that might be a good fit for our field, do we want to take a look at it? After a short discussion, Matt said he’d contact Charlie to find out the particulars of the equipment.

**STARS Stuff:** Tom is “in-the-house” tonight- see him after the meeting.

**The next planning meeting will be at Fred Fowler’s home on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.**

**The next regular meeting will be here at JCC Olean on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.**

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Davis, seconded by Dan Haines, and passed by vote of the members present at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tad P. Manske*, Secretary