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January, 2007 NEWSLETTER

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF STARS IS,
January 10th - at JCC - Olean Campus -
7:00pm

Minutes of the General Meeting of:
December 13, 2006 - Jamie Bowen

Attendance: 20 members present -
Ken Babbitt, Gary Baker, Dewey Barron,
Randy Bittinger, Jamie Bowen, Charlie
Cappellino, Brad Davis, Gary Fitch, Ed
Flicker, Fred Fowler, Walt Hibbard, Jim
Goodemote, Bob Means, Tom Orcutt, Jay
Pistner, Rupert Pistner, Dick Say, Jason Say,
Don Wehlage, Mike Zias

Minutes:

The minutes of the November meeting were read by Secretary Jamie B. and approved by the members present. Motion to approve by Walt H. and was seconded by Dewey B.

Treasurers Report:

Tom O. gave the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Jim G. and was seconded by Don W. Gary F. suggested STARS should look at the possibility of investing the tractor fund in a CD or money marked because of the favorable interest rates.

Tom O. will investigate.

Membership:

None at this time.

Member illness or other:

None at this time.

WebSite:

None at this time.

News Letter:

Dewey B. can now obtain the newsletter from his e-mail and no longer requires a hardcopy. Ken B. provided his new e-mail address. If you find you are unable to open the newsletter from your e-mail try and download ADOBE Acrobat Reader from the web.

Rally:

2007 Rally has been scheduled for July 7 & 8th.

Letter was delivered to the Olean mayor by Jim G.

The Airport Support Group (ASG) will be having a chicken BBQ on Friday to help raise money for the airport.

Pilot fly-in breakfast has also been scheduled for Saturday from 7 to 10am.

ASG welcomes any and all volunteers who wish to help.

Several members suggested STARS should display aircraft on Friday at the hanger where the food will be served.

Randy B. suggested the possibility of a car show as well.

Safety:

None at this time.

Field Maintenance:

Ed F. will once again change the pin box combination in February.

Indoor Flying:

Ongoing - no report

Old Business:

Club Hats:

Dick Say submitted the order to Gary F. The order will be sent to the company shortly by Diane Fitch.

Wal-Mart: Static display has been reserved & scheduled for June 22 from 8am - 7pm and 23 from 8am - 4pm. However, no event reservation will be made formal, until next year.

Winter Party:

Bona's club house has been selected for the winter party on Friday Feb 2nd from 6 to 9pm. Dinner will commence @7pm.

Menu items will consist of 5 main choices.

Members will be charged \$20/person.

Children's menu will be checked into.

Membership Dues:

Dues are due at next meeting. If not paid by March then dropped from the list. Annual renewal fee is \$45.

New Business:

Toledo Show:

April 13th, 14th, & 15th, 2007

Show hours: Fri/Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 9am to 3pm

Gary F. would like to be notified if you wish to attend, so he can begin reserving hotel reservations.

Flight Instructors:

Gary F. handed out a paper for flight instructors to review as a guideline. The first meeting will take place at Friendlys December 31 at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

Club Priority List:

Building Fund

Tractor Replacement

Cement floor in pavilion

Parking enlargement at north end

Extend fence to road

Flight station and new tables

New chairs or benches

Dewey B. - Roof on pilot shelter

Ed F. - Eves trough on new addition

Randy B. - Re-stain building, Driveway repair

Don W. - Hot water heater for bathroom.

Members will discuss & finalize list at Jan. meeting.

Show and tell:

Jamie B. displayed his homemade coil winder that is used to make magnetic actuators in place of servos for 2 ounce and less micro sized planes where weight is an issue. The device was constructed from an old hard drive, some slo-sync motors, electronic counter and several other odds and ends. This will be posted on the STARS website. Jamie B. also displayed a way to store multiple airplane fuselages and wings when not in use via some adjustable metal pegs.

This was achieved by purchasing from Home Depot some ½ inch electrical conduit, 3/8 inch bolts, large washers, uni-strut and 3/8 inch uni-strut nuts. Details have been given on the STARS website.

Meeting Adjourned.

Motion to adjourn made by Don W. seconded by Jim G, approved by all present.

Meetings:

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be held at JCC Jan 10th starting @ 7:00pm.

DUES ARE DUE – DUES ARE DUE

Enquiries have been made to me from people who live outside the area (some of whom attend our events) about the possibility of acquiring an associate membership in the STARS CLUB. They have indicated they would be happy to pay dues. They would not be able to attend many (if any) meetings and would not be able to work at the STARS RALLY. At least one person said he would be able to help out at the STARS OPEN HOUSE. The privilege they would like to enjoy is occasionally flying with the STARS , when they are in the area. We already allow people to fly with us as guests. These enquiries were made by people who simply wish to pay for that privilege as a matter of conscience. These people are attempting to be responsible to the club in the only way that are able, by paying dues for a privilege we already allow them. In fact, we already have members who, for the same reasons, pay dues but are rarely seen and do not work events or attend meetings.

I believe there is room in the STARS organization for associate members.

However that decision is ultimately up to the entire membership. For that reason, I would like the subject to come under discussion at the regular meeting and will put it on the agenda.

STARS members enjoy lunch together every Wednesday at The Bird Cage in Allegany. We meet at 11:30am

The next "dinner night out" for any STARS and their mates and/or friends will be January 12th at Don Lorenzos' in Allegany. Attend if you can. It is always a good time.

Please note that you should be making your reservations & choice of dinners for the Winter Party at the January meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, call or e-mail Tom Orcutt or Mike Zias with your res & choice as soon as possible.

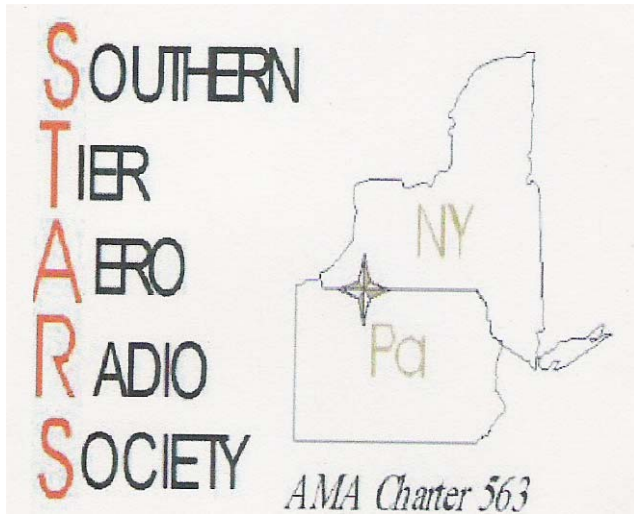
In case I haven't mentiond it before - Bill Burkett is the longest standing member of the field maintenance crew. A huge THANK YOU to all the field maintence crew for keeping STARS in the air.

I just want to say "THANK YOU" to the entire membership for all the support and fellowship you have given me during my first year as your President.

That's all for now folks. Any constructive comments are welcome. As usual, if you feel I am not creating the newsletter in an acceptable fashion - fire me - PLEASE!

Dick Say ,

President



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STARS REGULAR MEETING:

January 10, 2007 @ 7:00PM @ JCC, Olean Campus

STARS WINTER PARTY – Friday, February 2nd at St. Bonas Clubhouse. Begins at 6pm – dinner at 7pm.

Winter Flying @ Cuba School Gym: January 7,14,21,28 – February 11,18,25, - March 4,11 & 18.

For more info consult the STARS web calendar.

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