

Syracuse Thunderbirds Aero Radio Society

Plane Propwash

February 2010

Charter 473

The General Meeting will be at 7:00 at Walt's on February 10

2010 Officers

Roy Fields, President
Bob Rowe, Vice President
Chuck LeVine, Treasurer
Jeff Wolsley, Secretary
Peter Seiffert, Safety Officer

Directors:
Peter Seiffert, 2007-08
Scott Erich, 2006
Rick Colvin, 2005

Volunteer Staff:
Jeff Wolsley, Propwash Editor
Michael Graham, SYG Administrator
Chuck LeVine, Webmaster
Carl Moore, Field Committee

PrezSez;

The February meeting will be on Wednesday the 10th, at Walt's, at 7:00pm. As a reminder, the meeting is always the second Wednesday of the month. Meetings are now held at Walt's until the spring.

From the Prez,

Dues are Due!

Executive Meeting Held

The field is open right now and in good condition. But it is cold and sometimes very windy.

I suggest that all flyers get their skis in working order because the Snow Fly, or sometimes called the mud fly, will be March 7th. This will be held at our field along with plenty to eat and drink.

It was discussed at the board meeting that the club would pay out five of the shares that are owed for this year. But if you would like to donate a share, please let it be known. There will be 5 [loan] shares paid this year from those that still have shares owed to them.

Some of you may or may not know, we lost Bob Prugger a couple of weeks ago, and we

just found out about a week ago of the passing of George Gresovic last September. I sent out sympathy cards to the widows on behalf of the club. Mrs. Gresovic has said that she has 2 club jackets with George's name on them. **If** anyone in the club knows of another George or someone that needs a jacket, to let her know. We would like to remember Bob as a hard worker at our field, and many chores only got done because Bob was always there to do it. He was fun to fly with, a nice guy and will be sorely missed.

The CNY Model Aircraft Forum was a lot of fun. There seemed to be better attendance this year than last. I Hope everyone had a good time. I know I did.

Roy, the Prez

From The Editor:

**PLEASE, take a moment and get your dues in for 2010. Send them into Chuck LeVine- 785 Fyler Road, Lot 50, Kirkville NY 13082.
One month's late fee now assessed!**

Secretary's Report:

The January 2010 STARS regular meeting was called to order by STARS President, **Roy Fields**, at 7:02 pm. There were **15** full members, **3** associate member, **no** youth members, and **no** guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report from the December and January Propwash were approved. Motion to accept by Phil Morgan and 2nd by Mike Graham. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck LeVine

The real estate taxes for 2010 are up by 4.5% over the 2009 taxes.

The gate has been repaired and the insurance payment has been received.

As of the January meeting, only about ½ of the dues for 2010 have been collected.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Phil Morgan and 2nd by Peter Seiffert. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Field Committee:

The field committee is breaking even.

Jim VanCise plowed the driveway.

The gate code will be changed by the end of January.

The gate was repaired but there was an issue the car owner's insurance.

Flight School Report: Bob Rowe

No report for the meeting.

Old Business:

AMA Report: Peter Seiffert-

The AMA focus on 2010 is membership and safety.

The AMA reported the 2009 membership drive program was well thought out but poorly

executed. The push was to sign up new members, but not on retention.

The Leader Member Committee Chairman sent a pier to pier letter explaining the retention issues that were compiled from the membership drive:

- Club dues and initiation fees are too high. AMA renewal and club dues are due around the holidays.
- Club meetings are stagnant.
- Cliques in the club centered on skill or ability to outspend others.
- New members felt they were being snubbed by older members. Ignorance or lack of skill looked down upon.
- Club membership intolerant of change.
- Conduct by members at the field that alienated others and made family in attendance uncomfortable.
- Events that don't allow for newbies. Intolerant of lack of resources or limited skill. Design events so that everyone has a chance to compete.
- Lack of a formal club orientation and welcome.
- Does the club news letter provide the content you need and/or encourage you to attend a meeting? Does the news letter grab your attention? If it doesn't grab your attention, how is it going to get a potential new member's attention? What can you do to help- pictures, articles, etc.

Safety Report: Peter Seiffert

No Safety Report at this time.

STARS Web Site: Nothing new at this time.

Long Range Planning: Bob Rowe

We are looking at where we are and where we would like to be.

The list of potential projects/goals appeared in the January Propwash.

Beavers: Peter Seiffert

Have not been able to get a hold of the trapper yet. Pelt values are down so may not be much interest

New Business:

New Members:

Candidates for Open Membership are:

Howard Blair- Fixed Wing

Howard was an Associate member in 2009.

Dan F. Williams

Sponsored by Chuck LeVine

Motion to accept by Bob Fisk

2nd by Mike Graham

Carried unanimously

Adjournment:

The August regular monthly meeting of the STARS was adjourned at 7:44 PM with a motion from Bob Fisk and 2nd by Mike Graham.

Secretary

Jeff Wolsley

Re-post of the Long Range Planning Committee Projects

The long range planning committee met 01/06 at Walt's.

Club members in attendance were Bob Rowe, Roy Fields, Chuck LeVine, Phil Morgan, Peter Seiffert, and Jeff Wolsley

Several topics were discussed. The summary of the proposed improvements (in no order of priority) are:

1. Get rid of the impound.
2. Pay off remaining open club shares.
3. Propane storage for the grills.
4. Add a door to the club house for access to out door grilling area.
5. Add a 10' x 10' crushed stone pad for the grills.
6. Seavan container to replace the old shed. Locate closer to the existing shed and pavilion.

Clean up the area behind the old shed. Disposal of old shed.

7. Continue port-a-potty rental for 2010.
8. Look at a more permanent lave facility. Club use only, not for events. Envirolet toilet?
9. Reconfigure pilot pad layout. Add a fourth front position. Eliminate the rear positions.
10. Fence repair. Replace sagging top tube and fix end anchors. Re-tension the chain link.
11. Add two (2) electrical circuits to pavilion.
12. Look into a concrete pad for the driveway between the road and culvert to eliminate rutting.

Some of the projects can be done easily and at no cost like the pilot pad reconfiguration, or getting rid of the impound. Some projects are a necessity like moving the grills outside.

Safety Officer Report: Peter Seiffert

No report for the February Propwash.

STARS Executive Meeting, January 2010

The STARS Executive meeting was called to order at 7:50 following the conclusion of the regularly scheduled January club meeting. In attendance were Peter Seiffert, Rick Colvin, Roy Fields, Chuck LeVine, Bob Rowe, and Jeff Wolsley.

The following topics were discussed and deliberated at the meeting.

Flight School-

Fixed Wing: Attendance is waning a bit. May be due to weather. It rained on almost every Tuesday night last year during the school.

Heli: Going well and well attended. Did not suffer from the Tuesday night washouts like fixed wing.

Recruit flight instructors-

Bob Rowe

Chuck LeVine

Pete Seiffert

Bob Fisk

Club Loan Share Refunds-

Get the outstanding loan shares paid off. Start with members that have two (2) loan shares and get them down to one (1) share. Number of members with two (2) shares =17. Use lottery system to pay them down.

The first goal is to get every member with a loan share to one (1) loan share each. There will be five (5) loan shares paid in 2010.

The members with outstanding loan shares will be first asked if they wish to donate their share(s) before the refund lottery starts.

There are two (2) former members that are among the loan share holders. Dennis Lundgren and Phil Norris will be contacted and asked if they would like to donate or refunded. If they choose the refund, they will be paid off first.

Executive Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Secretary

Jeff Wolsley



S.T.A.R.S.

Jacket Order Form



The STARS Club jacket is a blue, three season, satin finished, quilt lined jacket with the Club logo on the back and your name embroidered on the front over the left breast.

The prices: \$67.00 for S, M, L, XL; \$71.00 for 2XL; \$73.00 for 3XL

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name desired on jacket: _____

Send form to: Phil Morgan
4808 Black Oak Drive
Liverpool, NY 13088

Checks payable to: Phil Morgan (Not the STARS)

Please note that the dealer requires a minimum order of six jackets. I will send your order in when I have six or more.

Please note- This is the previous order form. Add \$ 5.00 to each of the above prices for 2009 dollars. Phil M. is pretty confident that will cover any additional fees. Thank you.

Calendar of Events: *Editor's Note- Also watch your e-mail for sudden changes to events like cancellations or re-scheduling due to weather.*

February 19-21, WRAM Show

March 7, STARS Snow Fly

April 29, STARS Flight School- Pre Flight Work Shop at Walt's

May 11, STARS Heli Flight School Begins

May 13, STARS Airplane Flight School Begins

Indoor helicopter flying at Walt's will start on Thursday October 1st for the indoor season. Helicopter nights will be Wednesday and Thursday from 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm. The landing fee is \$5.00, there is also a per year pass available. Stay tuned for more information on the helicopter league. For any additional information contact Walt's Hobby 453-2291

Indoor flying at the Oswego YMCA Armory will start up in October.

The current schedule will be posted either on the AMA District 2 calendar or the Hawks Website.

We had several discussions about how things went last year. In trying to get more young people involved this year we feel it's the right time to make a few changes. We decided to get smaller and spread out the times.

Here are some of the changes:

1. The Y changed our Tuesday night time for this year. We'll be flying from 7:15 to 9:30 this year. 2. We've split up the "Slow Flyer" category into two categories- "FF / Micro" & "Slow Flyers".

3. Flying times will now be 15 minutes each (depending on attendance)

0 – 15 minute mark (Choppers, the smaller the better)

15 – 30 minute mark (Micro or FF, Rubber included) for planes up to Parkflyer Citabria/Cessna size

30 - 45 minute mark (3D)

45 - 60 minute mark (SLOW FLYERS) From Parkflyer Citabria size and up including foamy choppers.

4. The indoor season will run from Oct 2008 up to and including March 2009 9:00pm until 9:30 will be open flying, again depending on traffic.

AMA still required to fly.

\$5 for adults and \$2 for juniors.

"DO NOT BRING YOUR OUTDOOR AIRCRAFT INDOORS TO FLY"

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

02/02/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

02/06/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

02/16/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

02/23/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

02/27/10 Saturday 1:30

Check the AMA DII Calendar for cancellations before leaving home.

More info will follow as we move along.

Thank you

Tim Pease, Hawks Chairman
564-5889

STARS Flight School- *Pre Flight Work Shop April 29 at Walt's.*

Please visit the AMA DistrictII website for additional information on these and other events.

Advertisements:

Items for sale:

WANTED:

I need about 1ft² of Ultracoat Lite White HANU973 to make a repair. If anyone has this material, please let me know. Please bring it to the next STARS meeting or arrangements can be made to pick it up or mailing.

Thanks, Jeff Wolsley. 315-391-0613

FOR SALE: *If you want to list modeling items for sale, R/C services offered, or a really neat R/C web site, this would be a good spot. Free for members. Send your advertisement by e-mail to jwolsley@ix.netcom.com. Please put STARS ADVERTISEMENT in the subject line.*

Submit your web sites, links to online articles, magazine articles, etc. If you run across an interesting tidbit or have them, please submit them to the Propwash.

A REALLY COOL WEBSITE- *Thanks to Rick Colvin for pointing this out at the June 2009 meeting-*

For those of you who ever wanted to know how to make a fiberglass plug, molds, and parts, this is the guy to check out. Even if the plane in the project doesn't interest you, the education from the process may. If the hyperlink doesn't work, copy the following URL into your browser line and click go or search on [youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqTKJU6PlkA&feature=channel_page) for Hornitpilot. It's up to 130 videos now. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqTKJU6PlkA&feature=channel_page



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Online at: <http://www.amadistrictiistars.org>



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Membership Application Form

Date: _____

Membership: Open (\$220.00 share+dues) Extra Family member (\$30.00)
 Associate (\$75.00) Youth (< AMA age 19 - \$5.00)
 Park Pilot - Associate (\$75.00) Park Pilot - Youth (< AMA age 19 - \$5.00)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

AMA: _____ DOB: _____

RC Channels Used: _____

STARS Member(s) Contacted: _____

Primary Interests (Sport, Scale, Pattern, Fun Fly, etc.): _____

Other Club Affiliations: _____

Desired Name on Nametag: _____

Email Address (for newsletter and notices): _____

You must be a current member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) in order to join the STARS. Please show your AMA card to the Officer given this application or include a photocopy of the application for the license.

"I have read and agree to abide by the STARS Field Safety Rules." (on back)

Submit this form to a Club Officer

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INDOOR FLYING!

2009/10

Tuesdays
7^{:15} - 9:30pm
OCT, NOV, DEC, JAN, FEB, & MAR

- ❖ No club membership required
- ❖ RC electric or FF aircraft welcome
- ❖ AMA membership required (*)
- ❖ Flight instruction help is available.

Spectators welcome

Oswego NY

Map Satellite

12VDC Power is available

Oswego YMCA Armory



New State Armory, Oswego, NY

**Oswego YMCA, 249 west 1st St.,
Oswego NY, 13126, PH: 315-343-1981**



YMCA Armory

Pilots Fee
\$6 adults
\$4 seniors
\$2 juniors

Season passes available!

Free for spectators & Hawks students



Ask for Marty!

**Sponsored by the RedneckRC Hobby Store
Fulton NY 315-532-6826**
 (*) get your AMA membership at Redneck RC!
 (\$1 juniors, \$29.95 for adults)

The 2009/10 indoor flying schedule is posted in the calendar section of the AMA District 2 Website www.amadistrictii.org
 (Check the calendar for cancellations before leaving home)

S.T.A.R.S.

Flight Training Program

2010



When?

Every Thursday evening from 5:30 PM to Sunset
May 13, 2010 through September 09, 2010

Where?

At the S.T.A.R.S. field in Phoenix, New York

Who?

Anyone wanting to learn to fly powered R/C model airplanes!! You do not have to be a Club member and all lessons are free. Each student must furnish his/her own plane and radio equipment and also must hold a current membership in a nationally recognized model aircraft association in order to fly.

PreFlight Workshop

Held at Walt's Hobby
Thursday April 29, 2010 at 7 PM

Interested?

Contact any one of the following members:

PRESIDENT: Roy Fields (598-4814)

VICE-PRESIDENT: Bob Rowe (474-8428)

SECRETARY: Jeff Wolsley (458-0613)

TREASURER: Chuck LeVine (403-8208)

SENIOR FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR: Bob Rowe (474-8428)

The Link for the AMA is:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/>

The link for the AMA DII Calendar is:

http://www.amadistrictii.org/amajoom/index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=56&task=view_month&month=2&year=2010

The link for the club yahoo users group is:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stars_club_members/ (Don't forget to sign in)

The link for the STARS club home page at DII is

<http://www.amadistrictiistars.org/>

The Propwash News Letter is now available at YAHOO GROUPS. The current news letter and the previous months are viewable and printable from there.

Please contact Mike Graham tanjmg82@aol.com to join the STARS Yahoo group. Send Mike an email asking to join from your preferred email account. Mike will then reply with an invite to join the group. The invitation contains the links and instructions necessary to join.



STARS Field Satellite photo

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