

Syracuse Thunderbirds Aero Radio Society

PLANE PROPWASH

March 2010

Charter 473

The General Meeting will be at 7:00 at Walt's on March 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,

Snow Fly Is Here!

Hi to all.

Chuck Levine and I were at the field on Mon. the 22nd thinking we were going to fly but we couldn't because there was too much snow for us to drive through. Chuck said he would see if Jim Vancise could plow the driveway and parking lot before the snow fly on March 7th.

If the weather stays warm like it has been for a week now, it could be a mud fly, but in C.N.Y. if you wait five minutes the weather will change. There will be food and drink and it will be free. We will have to take turns on the grill and there will be coffee and soda.

In the spring we will need to do a clean up on the field and some of the things that

need to be done are getting rid of the mess behind the west storage building, taking care of the old impound stand, and take the old refrigerator back to Bob Wassel's house. So if you have a pick up that you don't mind getting a little dirty, bring it. Clean up day will be announced at our next meeting and in the newsletter.

I don't know about everyone else, but I'm ready for some good weather like warm and 70. Be thinking about fuel and what you want and I will see if Ted will do it again this year.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on March 10th at 7 Pm at Walt's Hobby.

Your Prez,
Roy

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.

Two month's late fee now assessed!

Secretary's Report:

The February 2010 STARS regular meeting was called to order by STARS President, **Roy Fields**, at 7:02 pm. There were **13** full members, **3** associate member, **no** youth members, and **no** guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report from the January meeting was submitted for approval. The Secretary noted that an error existed in the month listed in the Propwash. The error would be corrected in the on-line version of the Propwash. Motion to approve was made by Peter Seiffert and 2nd by Mike Graham. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck LeVine

Chuck reported that all bills are current. As of the February meeting, only two (2) open members have not paid their dues yet for 2010. Dues payments from Associate Members are ahead of where we were at this time last year. Motion to approve was made by Peter Seiffert and 2nd by Mike Graham. Carried unanimously.

There was a request from Gary Brown to provide a financial summary to the membership for 2009. There is precedent for this as summaries have been provided in the past. The decision was made to provide the summary to those members that requested it, but would not be published in the Propwash. Please submit your requests to Chuck.

Committee Reports:

Field Committee: Carl Moore

The beaver trapper is ready to go.

The combination was changed on the main gate by the time of the meeting. All other combinations have been/will be changed by the end of the month.

A request was made to purchase a small chest freezer to store food for the cooking sessions. The estimated price for the purchase is around \$ 150.00.

The old refrigerator will be removed and returned to Bob Wassel.

The Motion to approve made by Phil Morgan and 2nd by Rick Colvin. Motion Carried.

Flight School Report: **Bob Rowe**

The 2009 Flight School was discussed. The Fixed Wing School was not well attended mostly due to poor weather on Tuesday nights. Nearly every Tuesday was rained out. There were only 1, 2, or maybe 3 students for fixed wing. When the weather did cooperate, 4 or 5 students would come.

The pre-flight clinic offered at Walt's prior to the start of the flight school was not well attended either.

Heli Flight School was very well attended. There were 15-20 pilots at the classes.

The following topics were discussed:

- Move the school nights around to accommodate weather issues. Tuesdays it rained, Thursdays were nearly perfect all summer.
- Volunteer flight instructors are needed. There is a shortage now, but if there was an influx of students, there would be a problem. Fixed wing instructors are needed most.
- Roy Fields and Jim Coleman will do the cooking.
- Food prices for 2010 need to be evaluated.
- There will be advertising at the MOST.

A question was asked if we share the flight school information with the AMA- How many students we accept into the school and how many graduate. Currently we do not. The comments made were that maybe we should share this with the AMA.

Old Business:

AMA Report: Peter Seiffert-

Nothing new to report at this time.

Model Aircraft Forum: Peter Seiffert

Peter reported the MAF in January was well attended. The number of registered pilots was good. No change over last year.

Safety Report: Peter Seiffert

No Safety Report at this time.

STARS Web Site: Nothing new at this time.

Loan Shares:

The subject of loan share repayment was discussed. It was decided to repay 5 loan shares in 2010. The outstanding shares for both Bob Prugger and George Gresovic should be repaid immediately. There are two (2) outstanding loan and club shares between Bob and George. In addition, there are two other former members that have outstanding loan shares.

A motion was made to 1) repay the widows of Bob and George, and 2) Contact the former members and ask them for their wishes to either have the loan share returned or to donate it back to the club.

Motion made by Peter Seiffert and 2nd by Mike Graham. Motion carried.

New Business:

New Members:

Gary Schug has changed his membership status from Associate to Open.

James Gottel Candidate for Fixed Wing Flight School

Sponsored by Phil Morgan

Motion to accept by Chuck LeVine and 2nd by Mike Graham. Passed.

***Safety Officer Report:* Peter Seiffert**

No report for the March Propwash.

WRAM Show:

Phil Morgan is going on Friday and Peter Seiffert is going on Saturday. Both have room. If interested contact them.

Heli-Jam: Chuck LeVine

The Heli-Jam is on for June 26. Stay tuned for planning details.

Long Range Projects: Bob Rowe

- Replace the top fence rail- Jim VanCise will replace the top rail and re-tension the fence. Deferred to next meeting pending a cost estimate on the materials.
- Trailer for storage- Carl Moore has a cargo trailer available for storage. Approximately 8ft square by ?? Long.

It was determined that we really need to look at what we have to store and eliminate the junk before we decide how big we need. It may be determined that after the junk is weeded out, additional storage is not needed.

The town also needs to be contacted to determine our tax liability for the additional storage.

Adjournment:

The February regular monthly meeting of the STARS was adjourned at 8:05 PM with a motion from Carl Moore and 2nd by Peter Seiffert.

Secretary
Jeff Wolsley



S.T.A.R.S.

Annual 2010 Snow **fly**



When?

Sunday, 7 March 2009

11 AM to 4 PM

Where?

S.T.A.R.S. Field in Phoenix, NY

(See map on back)

❄ **Admission: NONE** ❄

Open Flying - fly when you are warm enough!

Heated, enclosed pavilion.

Power available for charging batteries.

Food & Beverages to be served all day.

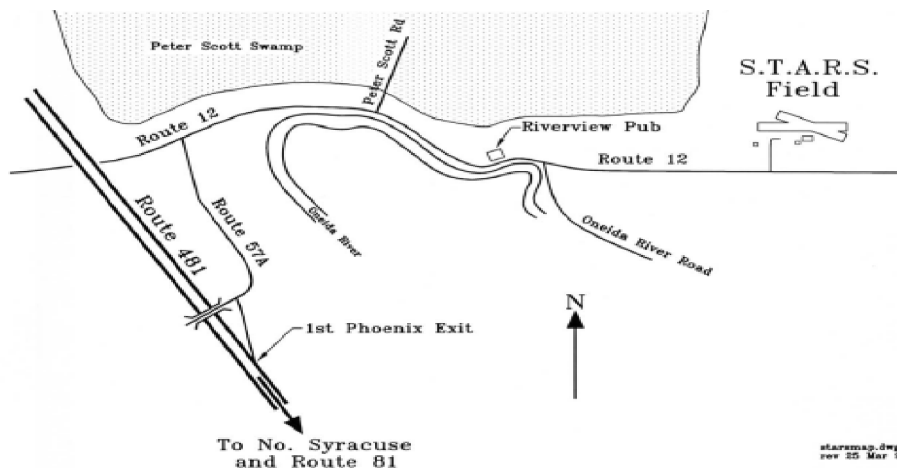
Come and fly all day! ❄

For more information, contact:

Roy Fields, President: 598-4814



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Map to S.T.A.R.S. Flying Field in Phoenix, New York



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.*

March 7, STARS Snow Fly

April 17, FLAPS Auction. Phelps, NY

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

June 26, STARS Heli-Jam

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:

03/02/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

03/09/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

03/16/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

03/23/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

03/27/10 Saturday 1:30

03/30/10 Tuesday night 7:15 to 9:30

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. 315-391-0648

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 150 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



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)

FLAPS presents:

Eighth Annual

RC Swap Meet & Auction

Saturday, April 17, 2010

at the

(Easy Access!) Magee Fire House *(Plenty of Parking!)*

Route 318, at intersection of Route 414, Seneca Falls

Swap Meet - 10:00am

Auction - 12:00 noon

Doors open 9:30 am

\$5.00 Admission *(ladies & children free)*

No Auction Fees

Tables provided no charge

Food and Refreshments available

50/50 Drawing

Drawings for door prizes

Tickets on sale for other great Prizes



Directions:

From the Thruway Exit 41 (Waterloo):

Turn right on Route 414 and south to Route 318, turn left, Magee Fire House is immediately on left.

From the South:

Take Route 5&20 to intersection of Route 414, between Seneca Falls & Waterloo. Go North on 414 toward Thruway Exit 41, turn right on Route 318, Magee Fire House is immediately on left.

Check Our Auction Site:

Easy Access! - Great Deals!

More Space - Lots of Parking



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Visit us at: www.flapsrc.com

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=3&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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