

Syracuse Thunderbirds Aero Radio Society

Plane Propwash

September 2011

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The General Meeting will be at 7:00 at Walt's on October 12

2011 Officers

Chuck LeVine, President
Ralph Kyle, Vice President
Bob Rowe, Treasurer
Jeff Wolsley, Secretary
Peter Seiffert, Safety Officer

Directors:
Roy Fields, 2010
Peter Seiffert, 2007-08
Scott Erich, 2006

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

The next STARS meeting will be October 12 at 7:00. The October meeting is the first meeting at Walt's for 2011. We will meet at Walt's until spring.

As a reminder, the meeting is always the second Wednesday of the month.

Tractor Dies at Air Field

September 2011 - President's Perspective

As some of you are aware our Sears tractor finally gave up the ghost and had to be replaced. At the last meeting we voted to replace and we now have a brand new Snapper for field use. Thanks to Carl Moore's knowledge and perseverance we got a great deal. Thank you Carl.

In line with that I am pleased to advise that we have the Field & Maintenance group filled and in place for next year. Many thanks to Herb Moore, Dave Jewell, Ted Anderson and Ron Werbeck for the super job this year and into the future.

We are still in need of volunteers for the remaining two groups as listed below. Please give some thought to how you can help.

Group 2. Food Services - Arrange to have food, soda and condiments available for our two flight schools, cook for the schools. Keep the refrigerator stocked with soda.

Group 3. Club House Maintenance - Keep the club house organized and clean, including table, chair replacement as needed. This includes trash removal, empty can return, electrical service, and flight stand maintenance as needed., and annual lock re-numbering and change. Keep propane filled and available for cooking and heat.

You should have received your AMA renewals and ballots for President and Executive Vice President by the time you read this - Please vote as this is a very important time for our organization and its ongoing discussions with the FAA and how this will impact our hobby.

With my President's hat off, my personal choice is Bob Brown for President and Gary Fitch for EVP, please read all of the nominee's qualifications in the last issue of Model Aviation or on line at AMA's website and come to your own conclusion, but most importantly is to please vote.

Thanks.

Chuck

Secretary's Report:

The September 2011 STARS regular meeting was called to order by STARS President, **Chuck LeVine**, at 7:00 pm. There were **13** Full members, **5** Associate member, **0** youth members, and 2 guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report from the August meeting was submitted. Motion to approve by Mike Graham and 2nd by Roy Fields. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Rowe

Treasurer's Report from the August meeting was submitted. The Air Show proceeds were entered and the Club is in good shape. We are currently ahead of last year at this time. Motion to approve by Peter Seiffert and 2nd by Mike Graham. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Field Committee: Carl Moore

Tabled to New Business.

Volunteers are needed for the Field Committee. Please contact Carl at 668-1684 or carl32609@aol.com if interested.

AMA: Peter Seiffert, AMA District II, AVP

Nothing new from the FAA at this time. The next report should be in December. Look for your ballots in the next few weeks with your AMA renewals. President is open-3 people are running. DII VP Gary Fitch is running for Executive Vice President.

Flight School: Bob Rowe

Bob reported that there were three (3) fixed wing graduates.

Heli School will remain open through Oct.11 until bad weather sets in. There are approximately 15-20 students there at each session.

Please think about volunteering to help at next years' schools.

Safety Report: Peter Seiffert

No new Lipo issues. Thanks for following the new charging rules.

STARS Web Site: Howard Blair

Please check out the STARS site. Give your feedback to Howard for continued improvements.

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

Old Business:

STARS Hats: Bob Rowe

Bob is currently sold out but will have more soon. The price is \$ 15.00

New Business:

Field Tractor:

One of the field tractors is permanently out of business. The old Craftsman tractor needs to be replaced. The repair costs are substantial- 1300.00. The decision was made to replace it. Carl has found a Snapper at a reasonable cost.

Motion made to purchase the Snapper mower made by Peter Seiffert and 2nd by Warren Wagner.. Motion carried.

Club Officers 2012: Peter Seiffert

For all STARS members, this is the time of year that we get together a list of member that are willing to be officers for next year. The club is run by volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out with club business. If you are willing to spend the time to help make the club better this is your chance to come forward and help.

Club officers must be open members. If you are not an open member and you would like to you can pay the dues to become an open member for 2012. The advantages of being and open member for a one time payment of \$160.00 plus dues are, your yearly dues are reduced, you can vote on financial motions, you receive your \$160.00 back if you leave the club and you can become an officer of the club.

If you are interested in becoming an officer or an open member please see any officer.

Peter Seiffert, Director

635-6370 or email to pseiffel@twcny.rr.com

New Members:

Four new members were voted in-

Brian Kiggins- Heli

Tim Bannigan- Heli

Tray Hellwig- Fixed wing

Duy Nguyen- JR. Member- Heli

Motion by Herb Moore, 2nd by Carl Moore. Passed.

We also took a membership application from Simon VanHoute after the meeting. He will be a Jr. member Fixed wing.

Adjournment:

The August regular monthly meeting of the STARS was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Secretary, Jeff Wolsley

Safety Officer Report: Peter Seiffert

Thanks for following the new charging rules. No new issues at this time.

Safety is everyone's concern!
Peter Seiffert, Safety Officer

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

September 16-18 NEAT Fair

September 23-25 DII Fun Fly Oneonta Radio

Control Flyers- Gilbert Fuel Sports
Park, formerly the Polo Fields, Gilbertsville,
NY

Indoor helicopter flying at Walt's- Has closed for the
2011 season.

For any additional information contact Walt's Hobby
453-2291

Look for updates to indoor flying schedules!

Flight Schools- 2011 STARS Flight Schools are under way-

Fixed Wing Flight School will be closing soon.

Heli Flight School runs Tuesday nights starting at 5:00 until Oct. 11

MOST Volunteer Schedule- Please contact Peter Seiffert to volunteer. The MoST is will be starting up soon.

Please visit the AMA DistrictII website or the Event Section in the back of Model Aviation for additional information on these and other events.

Indoor flying at the Oswego YMCA Armory- Indoor
flying has closed for the season.

Advertisements:

Items FOR SALE:

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.*



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 learn how to make a fiberglass plug and molds, 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 YouTube hyperlink doesn't work, copy the following URL into your browser line and click go. It's up over 1500 videos now. Bob is currently building 5 kits for the successfully flown and now proven F-105 on commission to help fund the B-1 project.. How To Build A B-1 Bomber 10 Minutes At a Time
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqTKJU6PlkA&feature=channel_page
This is the link to the web site- <http://www.b1modelproject.com/>

Tom Catalino pointed out this site recently. An excellent site for Lipo battery info-
<http://sites.google.com/site/tjnguytech/charging-how-tos/balance-connectors>

Peter Seiffert sent along the following web site- www.servodatabase.com/servos/all

Mike Graham has a torque conversion chart-



Servo Torque Conversion Chart.pdf

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=9&year=2011

The link for the club yahoo users group is:

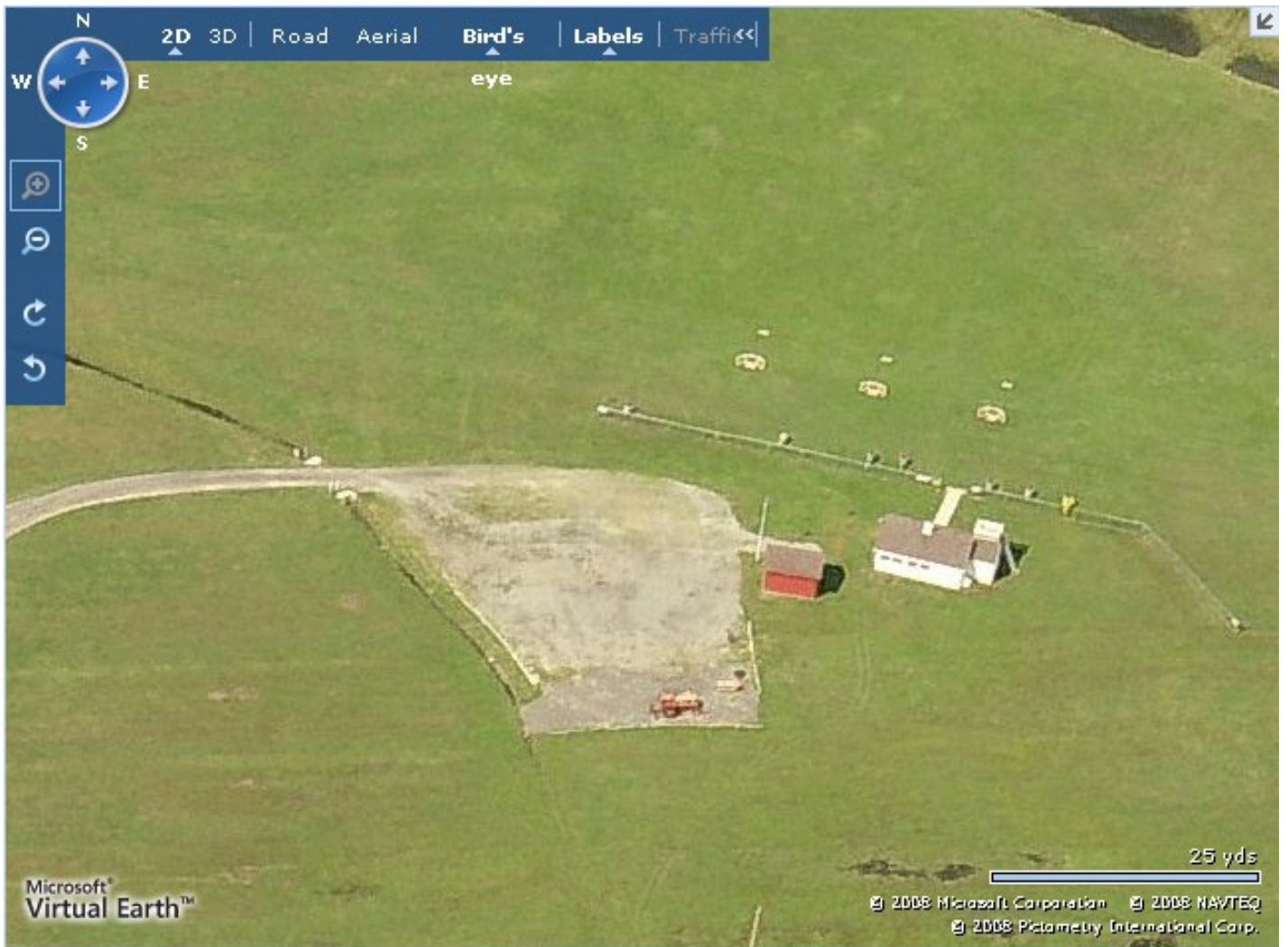
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stars_club_members/ (Don't forget to sign in)

The link for the STARS club home page at DII is

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

The Propwash News Letter is also available at YAHOO GROUPS. The current news letter and previous years/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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Online at: <http://www.amadistrictiistars.org>

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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STARS Field Safety Rules

1. General:

- A. License: All pilots, students, and flying guests must have a current membership in a nationally recognized model aircraft association in order to fly.
- B. Spectators: Only those people essential to flight operations will be permitted in the pit area; all others will remain on the spectator side of the fence.
- C. Impound: All pilots, students, and flying guests must place their transmitter(s) in the impound area immediately upon arriving at the field.
- D. Vehicles: Vehicles will not be permitted on the flying field.
- E. Crash Debris: Pilots must retrieve all pieces of their aircraft after a crash. Particularly, attention must be made to obtaining all pieces of aircraft that land in the neighboring fields under cultivation.
- F. Trash: All members will take home their own trash.
- G. Alcoholic Beverages: Members will not consume alcoholic beverages prior to, nor during, participation in any modeling operations.
- H. Smoking: Smoking will not be permitted in the pit area or on the flight line.
- I. Mowing: Flying on the field will not be permitted if the field is being mowed or maintained.
- J. PPMP: Those pilots participating in the Park Pilot Membership Program must fly models that weigh two pounds or less and be incapable of reaching speeds greater than 80 mph. They must be electric or rubber powered, or of any similar quiet means of propulsion.

2. Transmitters:

- A. Frequency Control (**For non 2.4 GHz transmitters only**): All members, students, and guests must make use of the field frequency control system. Each pilot will obtain the correct frequency flag (or pin) from the impound board and attach it to his/her transmitter before attempting to fly.
- B. Range Checks: Each pilot will conduct a successful radio equipment ground range check before flying a new or repaired aircraft and prior to each flying session.

3. Engines:

- A. All internal combustion engines run at the field will have a cilencer (except for small displacements of .88 cubic inches or less).
- B. When running an engine in the pits, keep neighboring personnel behind the prop arc.

4. Flying:

- A. Boundaries: Flying over the pit area or the spectator side of the fence is prohibited, unless beyond the control of the pilot(s).
- B. Taxing: Taxing is prohibited in the pit area!
- C. Flying:
 - (1). Pilots will initiate their first turn after takeoff away from the pit and spectator areas.
 - (2). Engines will not be started before 9 AM Monday through Saturday and 11 AM on Sunday, unless approved by the Event Director.
 - (3). No more than three aircraft will be permitted in the air at one time.
 - (4). All flying will be conducted from the designated flight boxes.
 - (5). Hand launching of aircraft is prohibited from the pits.
 - (6). Flight operations will cease during electrical storms.

5. Guests:

- A. All guests must have a current membership in a nationally recognized model aircraft association in order to fly.
- B. Guests may fly at the field only with the approval of a member in good standing and only as long as a sponsoring member remains at the field. Guests will not fly unattended.
- C. A local guest will be allowed to fly at the field on three (3) separate occasions and then will be asked to join the Club.
- D. An out-of-town guest may make arrangements with the Club to fly at the field while visiting the area. The Club Officers and the Safety Officer will handle each out-of-town visitor on a case-by-case basis.
- E. All guests are required to extend every courtesy to current members sharing the same flying frequency. But when there is a conflict over who shall fly, the Club member will have the first option to fly. Both the guest and the members should use common sense while sharing the flight line or using the same radio frequencies.

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