

## Syracuse Thunderbirds Aero Radio Society



# Plane Propwash



April 2023

Charter 473

**The STARS April meeting will be held Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 at the STARS field**

### 2023 Officers

[Paul Volcko, President](#)  
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[Jeff LaPorte, Safety Officer](#)

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Michael Graham  
Herb Moore, 2014  
Phil Morgan \*2011-2013

[Jeff Wolsley, Propwash Editor](#)  
[Michael Graham, Club Historian](#)  
[Paul Volcko, Webmaster](#)  
[Jim Johnson, Field Committee](#)  
[Mike O'Neill, Facebook Admin](#)

### Volunteer Staff:

**The STARS May 2023 meeting will be at the STARS field, on May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00. Unless otherwise notified, the monthly meeting is held at the STARS Field May through September and online via ZOOM October through April.**

### The 2023 Flying Season is Here

What a difference a couple of weeks makes. On April 15th we had terrific weather for the annual Spring Cleanup day. Then just a couple weeks later on April 29th, when the STARS Auction was to be held, it was cold, windy, and raining, and it seems it hasn't stopped raining for more than a couple hours at a stretch since. Welcome to Spring in CNY.

Current weather woes aside, thank you everyone that came out to help at the cleanup day. Rock raking, table setup, grill setup, cleaning the pavilion and refrigerators, buying food and stocking the refrigerators, maintenance on some of the machines and even a bit of mowing got done. Things were actually dried out enough to do some maintenance items on the runway too, including several rolling passes and a crew replacing staples and re-stretching the geotex where needed. Even the control line circle got some attention. The take-off pads seem to have settled in very nicely over the winter and the concrete pilot pad held up great, as well.

The auction did end up being canceled, but we'll plan to reschedule it in July or August during our May meeting. This time around, ahead of the auction, we were doing some pre-marketing of items that were going to be available for sale at the auction and that did seem to be garnering some interest. We'll do that again in the lead up to its new date.

All of our weekly special interest nights are going now. Mondays we have the jets showing up in force. Tuesdays are heli and multi-rotor nights. Wednesday the giant scale planes get favor. And we wrap up with our Thursday night flight school. Anyone can fly anything on any evening.

However, if it's a busy night of those flying the type of the day, expect to have to wait for an opening in the sequence. Be courteous and work together to give everyone a chance to fly.

About meetings and the agenda: anyone can reach out to me to request a topic or item be put on the agenda ahead of time. People can also bring up an item at the meeting. Every meeting, before the end, I "open the floor" to anyone that wants to bring something up. This can be a topic for discussion, something you want to present to the group, or a motion for some action and/or vote by the club membership. I keep track of topics brought up at prior meetings and will automatically put them on the agenda for the next meeting if a topic was unresolved or deferred for future action. However, once a topic has been resolved I generally take it off the "old business" list. At that point it takes a new motion or request (ahead of time or in person during a meeting) for it to be put back on the agenda and come back into consideration at a meeting.

Finally, if you make a request ahead of a meeting for inclusion of an item on the agenda, please make every effort to be present at that meeting so you can present the item. If you can't be there, make sure someone is there in your place to do so. If someone isn't there to kick off the item, then it is very likely to be skipped over until someone who wants to champion the item does show up.

Hopefully sometime soon the rain lets up enough for the field to dry out and for everyone to get some flying in.

See you at the field!

Paul  
[president@cnystars.com](mailto:president@cnystars.com) / 315-708-2009

## ***Secretary's Report: Jeff Wolsley***

The April 2023 STARS meeting was held online via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Paul Volcko. There were 16 Open members, 2 Associate members, 0 Youth members, and 0 Guest in attendance.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's report from the March Propwash was amended regarding there are three sanctioned STARS events- Heli Jam, Air Show, and the Control line fun fly which is coming up on 05/20. Motion to accept by Phil Morgan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herb Moore. Carried.

### **Treasurer's Report: Bob Rowe**

Bob reported the Treasurer is short on checks. Getting re-supplied. The treasury is in great shape at this time.

Motion to accept by Herb Moore and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck LeVine. Carried.

### **Correspondence:**

We have received our Gold Club Charter.

NatGrid/The ownership dispute of the property east of the Stars field has made some progress. Tim Stapleton from NatGrid says the dispute has been cleared up.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Field Committee: Jim Johnson**

Jim stated the runway is in bad shape right now so he is asking everyone to say off of it until it can be repaired.

The field is drying out nicely so the committee should be able to get on the runway repairs soon. Leveling will continue as needed. There's lots of work for the cleanup party to do. The burn ban is still in effect until May 15<sup>th</sup>, at least.

Later on in the meeting it was noted the foot long plastic spikes were holding better than the long barbed staples. The fabricated spikes are even longer and should provide superior holding power.

#### **Safety Report: Jeff LaPorte**

Jeff was not available for the meeting.

We'll see if Jeff is up to reviewing the safety at the next meeting. This is a requirement of the AMA that the safety code is reviewed annually to maintain GOLD club status.

The complete AMA safety handbook is available here- <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/100.pdf>

#### **AMA Report: Phil Morgan**

Phil reported that the AMA is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Nats this year. To commemorate the milestone, the AMA has t-shirts and hats available on their website. Or you could pick them up in person if you were interested in attending.

Attention new members: Please take the TRUST test if you haven't already. This is a 100% pass test.

The test can be found here- <https://trust.pilotinstitute.com> or here- <https://trust.modelaircraft.org/>

Note there are scam websites also, so use the above links. Review the June 2021 Propwash for additional information and

what to expect when taking the test. The test is once in a lifetime.

Make sure to save your credentials after taking the test. You can not go back and get them from the website after you close it.

#### **STARS Web Site: Paul Volcko**

Paul is working on rebuilding one of the field cameras. He found some water made its way into the housing so it may be shot.

The address is: [Syracuse Thunderbirds Aero Radio Society \(cnystars.com\)](http://SyracuseThunderbirdsAeroRadioSociety.com)

The field cameras that are still in place are up and running.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Air Show:**

The sanction was received for the Air Show on the new September 2<sup>nd</sup> date.

##### **FRIA Area Application:**

No report on the application. From the last meeting- Paul reported the FRIA application has been filed with the AMA. A response is expected to the application in a couple of months. The application needs to be filed with the FAA, There is an issue with the FAA being flooded with applications, both legitimate and erroneous. The erroneous applications were purposely submitted to gum up the FAA. This is being corrected.

##### **Flight School: Bob Rowe**

**Fixed Wing Flight School-** The first official night is 04/20 for the pre-flight workshop. The workshop will start at 5:00 and run until dark. Food will be available. Flight school starts 05/04 and runs through 09/14.

**Heli-Night-** The first official night is 04/18 and runs through 10/03.

##### **Big Bird Giant Scale: Phil Knapp**

No word yet if Phil will continue to be the unofficial official head of the group. The first official night is 05/03 and runs through 09/13.

##### **Monday Night Jets:**

The first official night is 05/01 and runs through 09/11.

##### **Control Line: Mike O'Neill**

The Control Line Fun Fly is 05/20.

Please note the improvements to the control line circle. The center pad and work/takeoff area were completed in 2022.

Mike continues to offer vintage and classic control line, glider, and rubber powered kits on Mike's website under the STORE tab- <https://www.flyboyzblog.com>

##### **Facebook:**

STARS has a Facebook page. There are 252 members currently. [Mike O'Neill](#) is the administrator.

Paul Volcko talked about setting up a business page. Events can be set up here and allow us to do some advertising.

The STARS website- [cnystars.com](http://cnystars.com) or <http://www.amadistrictiistars.org/>

The STARS Facebook page-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/amastars/> - **Continued** -

## Field Improvements- Long Term Planning:

### CONTINUE FIELD SMOOTHING

Continue to improve the field. Fill the low spots and grade off areas that attract standing water.

### AED MACHINE UPGRADE/STORAGE

Phil Morgan requested a heated storage box for the AED so it can be kept at the field year-round. Nothing too elaborate. A 6" x 14" x 14" box with a 100watt lightbulb should be sufficient.

New field improvement projects coming in 2023.

Mike O'Neill mentioned the new Micron Plant starting up in Clay. There will be a flood of tech people and population growth in our area. We should be thinking of ways to promote our club.

Chuck LeVine mentioned flight line table replacement. Some of the tables are shot. Need a way to transfer the tail holders from the old tables to the new. Maybe look at a redesign because the tail holders prevent the tables from folding properly/fully.

### STARS Meetings:

STARS meetings will be held at the STARS field until fall unless there is an announcement prior to the meeting.

The ZOOM meeting credentials are on the STARS web page, and are sent out with the Propwash newsletter email.

### ZOOM Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88488515371?pwd=c2ZiRWhkMkIrbGZ5WENDaE12SIB5Zz09>

To join from the STARS web page, go to [cnystars.com](https://cnystars.com). Then click on the club events tab. On the club events page, in the lower right under Club Meetings, click the red text that says [online via ZOOM](#). This will take you to the ZOOM meeting. Click on the Launch Meeting button. You will enter into the meeting, or you may see a dialog box that says, "Please wait for the host to start the meeting".

If you don't already have ZOOM installed on your computer for the first time, below the Launch Meeting button, it says- "Don't have Zoom client installed? Download Now". Click on the "Download Now" text and follow the prompts to set up ZOOM on your computer.

### New Business:

### New Members:

No new members to vote on for the March meeting.

The new members are encouraged to complete the TRUST test if they haven't already done so.

### Community Involvement:

Liverpool High School drone program will be at the STARS field on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a follow up to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program open house on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

This was previously reported here- Liverpool High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program held an open house on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Drone Tech Program was flying drones in the gym. They showed off 3D printing capability there. They are looking forward to coming back to the STARS field. Also in attendance at the open house was Oswego State University. They are interested in attending the STARS demonstration.

Paul noted there were between 15 and 30 students in attendance the first time. Between 80 and 100 students are anticipated this time. A specific date has been set. The tentative date is June 2.

### Model Aircraft Forum:

The MAF went well. There was a good mix of people at the event including several students. The door receipts were approximately the same as last year.

### Maker Faire:

The Maker Faire at LeMoyne College was well attended. STARS was right up front.

### STARS Auction:

The date for the STARS auction has been established as April 29, 2023.

### Real Estate Committee:

No input from the committee at this meeting.

### FAA Registration:

Many of the members are coming up on the FAA registration renewal at the end of 2023. Let this serve as a reminder to renew your registration.

### Guest Columnist:

Anyone, club member or others, is welcome to submit a hobby related article for the Propwash.

The article must be about the hobby or something that impacts the hobby.

The Propwash Editor and/or STARS BOD reserves the right to edit the article content or refuse to include the article.

Submit your article to [Jeff Wolsley, Propwash Editor](#)

### Club Hat Order:

Club hats are no longer available on an individual basis. An order of approximately 12 hats is required to make an order. There will be a survey sent out to see how many would like a new hat. The club will make the expenditure based on the survey and the interested members will pay the club.

### Adjournment:

The April 2023 regular monthly meeting of the STARS was adjourned at 7:19.

***Secretary, Jeff Wolsley***

## STARS Board of Directors Meeting

A STARS Board of Directors meeting was called on April 29 at 10:00. This was held instead of the STARS Auction to discuss membership designations and possible changes to the STARS Constitution and Bylaws to account for the changes.

Members in attendance were Paul Volcko, Mike Graham, Phil Morgan, and Jeff Wolsley. The membership in attendance did not meet the minimum criteria for a quorum for an official BOD meeting so no official business was able to be conducted.

The only thing that happened is there was an agreement to gather more information from AMA DII VP Eric Williams to see what other clubs are doing regarding membership designations. This information will be presented at a later BOD meeting. This does not affect current STARS membership designations.

The unofficial meeting was concluded at approximately 10:50.



1/7<sup>th</sup> scale T-ONE models A-10. Just the right amount of ugly to be cool.

## Calendar of Events

**NOTICE: EVENT DATES MAY CHANGE OR CANCELLED OUTRIGHT.**

### **Calendar of Events for May and beyond:**

*Editor's Note- Check with the event sponsor for actual date and time. These dates are accurate at the time the Propwash was published. New events are added all the time.*

To be rescheduled- STARS Auction at the field  
May 20- STARS Control Line Fun Fly  
June 2- Liverpool High School Drone Program Field  
Trip to STARS  
June 17- STARS Member and Family BBQ

June 24- RCCR Fun Fly  
July 8- CNY Heli Jam  
August 26- [Southern Tier STARS Fun Fly](#)  
September 2- STARS Model Airshow  
October 28- Sky Rovers Swap meet

For additional events, click here → [AMA DII Event Listing](#)

**STARS Flight Schools-** Flight schools begin soon.

**Fixed wing-** April 20 Pre-flight workshop at the STARS field starting at 5:00. Feel free to come early. Regular classes start May 4<sup>th</sup> and run through September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Heli/Multi Rotor-** April 18 through October 3 and beyond, weather permitting.

### **Indoor Flying -**

Coming to a close for spring 2023..

Manlius Pebble Hill- this needs to be confirmed for 22-23 indoor flying.

[Camillus Indoor Aviators \(CIA\)](#) Indoor flying at First Baptist Church located at 1960 State Route 5 in Elbridge 11/18 thru ?, on Friday evenings. If enough interest is generated, flying possibly permitted on Saturdays as well.

[CNY Indoor Flying Society](#) No group contact available.

[Walt's Hobbytown](#)- NO INDOOR FLYING THIS SEASON

[MexAir R/C](#) NO INDOOR FLYING THIS SEASON



RC Groups giant scale pylon Racing.

[2018 USRA Race of Champions: Giant Scale Pylon Racing - RC Groups](#)

STARS Work Party Photos and commentary courtesy of Mike Graham-

**The flagpole was painted and Paul said that he would look into why the weather station wasn't showing the correct temperature.**







The Geotextile fabric was stretched tight on the ends:





**And had some slack on the sides:**



**Mike O'Neill inspected the animal mats in the UCC and then pulled grass from between the mats:**



Maker Faire. Photo courtesy of Mike Graham from 3rd party



The arrow is highlighting the STARS.

## Advertisements:



*Store Hours:*

Monday/Friday: 9:00am-9:00pm -- Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 9:00am-6:00pm -- Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm -- Sunday: 11:00am-5:00pm

*Phone Number:*

(315) 453-2291

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Winner of AMA 2015 Hobby Shop Award  
for signing up new AMA members.

## **FOR SALE:**

Please visit the Southern Tier RC Swap Shop. Dan Luchaco has included me in his mailing list. The current edition is sent along with the Propwash in the monthly email. All contact information is included with the ads.

*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@verizon.net](mailto:jwolsley@verizon.net). Please put STARS ADVERTISEMENT in the subject line.*

## **Links-**

[UASidekick – The Ultimate UAS Pilot Assistant](#)

This is an app for your phone that gives weather conditions, club locations, FRIA locations, and event schedules for UAS pilots. This is for recreational pilots as well as commercial drone pilots.

This Mike O’Neill’s website to check out- <http://www.flyboyzblog.com/>

This site has articles pertaining to both full scale and model aircraft. Check it out.

Howard Blair found an interesting video from YouTube on micro flight

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuoFA2fKjEo&feature=fvst>

Tom Catalino pointed out this site. An excellent site for Lipo battery info-

<http://sites.google.com/site/tjinguyltech/charging-how-tos/balance-connectors>

**The link for the STARS club home page is**

<https://www.cnystars.com>

**The link for the STARS club web cam is:**

<https://www.cnystars.com/cameras.php>



**The latest satellite photo with the new runway! Just need the control line circle improvements. Thanks Gary Natali**

**Remember: A repaired aircraft should be treated just like a new aircraft. It needs a full ground check before flying. Don't forget to inspect the areas that were not repaired. They may have hidden damage. Fly it like it's the first time in the air and will need a full functional check before flying it in front of spectators or in competition.**

# S.T.A.R.S.

## *Flight Training Program*



# 2023



### **When?**

Every Thursday evening from 5:30 PM to Sunset  
May 04, 2023 through September 14, 2023

### **Where?**

At the S.T.A.R.S. field in Phoenix, New York  
649 County Route 12, Pennellville, NY 13132  
N43.23696, W76.24550

### **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 the Academy of Model Aeronautics aircraft association in order to fly. For those not yet finished building/assembling their trainer aircraft, the Club has a Club Trainer available that may be flown on a Buddy Box.

## **PreFlight Workshop**

**Held at STARS Flying Field in Phoenix, NY**

Thursday April 20, 2023 at 5-7 PM



### **Interested?**

Contact:

FB Workshop

SENIOR FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR: Bob Rowe (315/474-8428)

FB Flightschool

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## 2023



## *Helicopter and Multirotor Nights*

### **When?**

Every Tuesday evening from 5 PM to Sunset  
April 18, 2023 through October 03, 2023



STARS website



FB Heli Nights

### **Where?**

**At the S.T.A.R.S. field in Phoenix, New York**  
649 County Route 12, Pennellville, NY 13132  
N43.23696, W76.24550

**All skill levels welcome, but must be an AMA Member to fly and must provide your own outdoor capable helicopter or multirotor aircraft.  
Build help and flight instruction available.**

### **Interested?**

**Come out and join us for fun, food and good flying!!**

**For more information, contact Paul Volcko at 315/708-2009**



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## Auction 2023



To be  
rescheduled



STARS event

10:30 AM

Where?

Field in Phoenix



FB Auction event

### No Admission Fee!!

Only Modeling Aircraft and Related Items will be Auctioned

10 % Commission will be charged on all Sales

Sellers will not be permitted to bid on their own Equipment

*A Minimum acceptable bid will be required on each item up for Bid*

9 AM to 10:30 AM — Setup and Preview

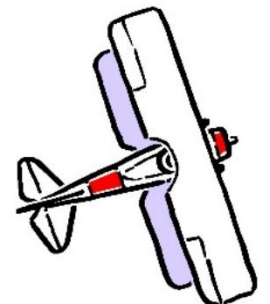


STARS will provide coffee and donuts

Lunch will be offered to wrap up event

*For more information, contact:*

**Phil Morgan: 315/457-3674**





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## 1st Control Line Fun Fly

*Two flight circles  
and In-Stunt Pattern Tracing*

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

**Rain Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**10 AM to 4:00 PM**



New takeoff runway and  
pilot's concrete center pad!!

*Show off and fly your winter builds!  
Fun Fly Events through out the day!  
New Pilot flying!*



**Bring your canopies and setup at the field for a day of control-line fun!!**

**Bring your tables and chairs!!**

**Power available for charging batteries**

**Ample room for parking!!**

**No parking fee, landing fee or pre-registration!!**

**Food and beverages available to all during day**



STARS events



FB CL event

**Event Director, Mike O'Neill, at 315-720-9111**

**Contest Director, Paul Volcko, President, at 315-708-2009**





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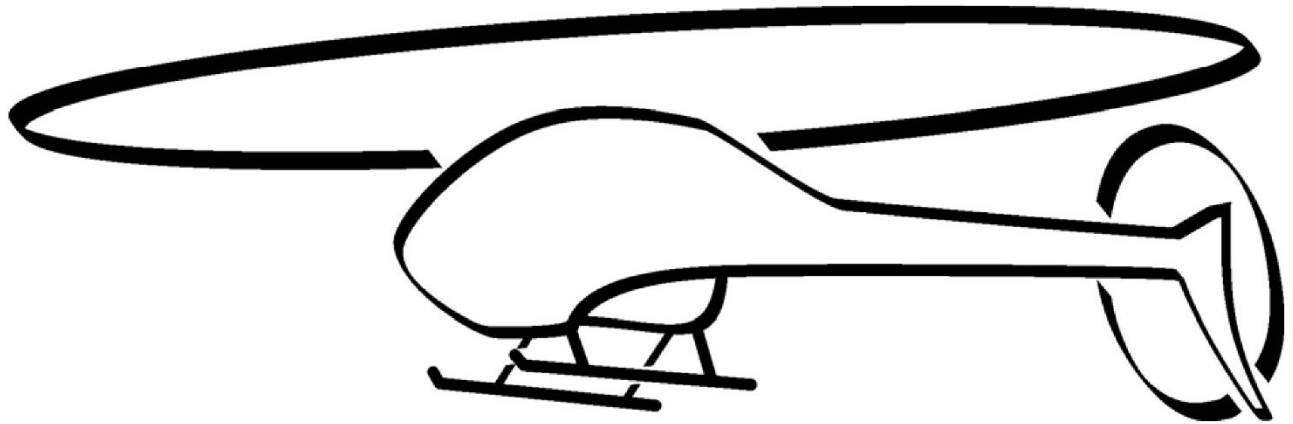
**Presents the 14th Annual**

## *CNY Heli-Jam*

**Saturday, July 8, 2023**

*[ Rain date: Sunday, July 9 2023 ]*

**9 AM to 5 PM**



At the STARS Field located at north of Phoenix, NY, on County Route 12  
(See map on back)

Ample room for parking & overnight camping - no hookups  
Food and beverages available



STARS events

**No parking fee, landing fee  
or pre-registration**

**AMA Required**



FB HeliJam event

**Gate opens at 8 AM - Pilot's meeting at 8:50 AM**

For more information, contact Paul Volko, at 315-708-2009 or email [helijam@cnystars.com](mailto:helijam@cnystars.com)

# IMAA Big Bird Safety Checklist

## Balance

Is the longitudinal center of gravity (fore and aft) within the range shown on the plans?

Is the model balanced laterally (side to side)?

## Alignment

Are all the flying surfaces at the proper angle relative to each other?

Are there any twists in the wing?

Do the wings and removable tailplane seat properly on the fuselage every time?

Is the engine set at the proper thrust angle as shown on the plans?

## Control Surfaces

Are all control surfaces securely attached? (i.e., hinges glued, pinned). Pull on each one to test.

Are the control horns secured to the model?

## Control Linkages

Have all the linkages been checked to be sure they are secure?

Are the clevises closed? (Keepers or fuel tubing should be fitted to ensure they stay closed)

## Engine / Motor Mount Security and Operation

Are all engine mount screws tight, including mount to bulkhead if applicable?

Are the propeller bolts and/or spinner tight? If a single nut, is there a safety nut as well?

Does the throttle work without binding?

Does the throttle trim tab shut down the engine?

Has the propeller been balanced and checked for damage?

Are the propeller tips painted a contrasting color? (while not essential it makes the propeller much easier to see)

Has the engine been thoroughly test run? (engine idle and throttle up properly)

Is the fuel tank installed correctly? (i.e., carburetor at the same height as fuel tank, fuel tank clunk in proper position and moving freely, fuel lines in good condition and connected to the engine correctly)

## Radio Equipment

Are the receiver and the battery securely mounted and padded with foam to protect from vibration and shock?

Are all the electrical connectors secure?

Is the receiver antenna fully extended and in good condition?

Are the batteries charged and in good condition (check under load with a voltmeter if unsure)?

Are all servos securely fastened to the rails or trays?

Are servo arms firmly attached with screw in place?

Are all push rods firmly secured in servo arms (again keepers or fuel tubing should be fitted)?

Are the control throws in the correct direction with proper amount of deflection (as per plan)?

Rudder & tail wheel: Left stick should move the rear of the rudder and tail wheel to the left.

Nose wheel: Left stick should move the front of the nose wheel to the left

Aileron: left stick should move left aileron up and right down.

Elevator: Pulling back on the stick should move the back of the elevator up.

Canard: Pulling back on the stick (elevator) should make the front of the canard move up

Throttle: With trim set fully forward, pushing the stick forward should open throttle fully. With trim set fully backward, pulling the stick back should fully close the throttle.

Has a full range check been performed? (see below)

**Undercarriage (where fitted)** Is the undercarriage firmly attached to airframe and the wheels securely retained?

Does aircraft taxi in a straight line?

## General

Is the covering tight with no visible signs of damage?

Are the retaining bolts in place and secure?

Are any hatches, cowls, and canopies secure?

Are all components structurally sound?

Is your name and contact details marked on the model somewhere easily visible? (in case it's lost)

## Range Checking the radio

Verify frequency is available and mark it as yours if necessary.

Turn on transmitter check the correct model is selected (if applicable) and then turn on the receiver.

Important: make sure the transmitter aerial is down fully.

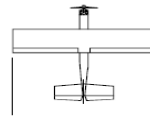
Ask someone to help and walk away from the model until signs of loss of control is apparent. If electric powered ensure that the range is not worse with the motor running.

## Before EVERY flight:

Check the receiver battery pack to ensure enough charge for the flight intended.

Check for damage and the control throw direction of all surfaces

# S.T.A.R.S. Field 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. 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 60 mph. They must be electric or rubber powered, or of any similar *quiet* means of propulsion.
- 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. Vehicles: Vehicles will not be permitted *on* the flying field.
- D. 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 **or from the mowed areas that might cause damage to mowing or farming equipment.**
- E. Trash: All members will take home their own trash.
- F. Alcoholic Beverages: Members will not consume alcoholic beverages prior to, nor during, participation in any *modeling* operations.
- G. Smoking: Smoking will not be permitted in the pit area or on the flight line.
- H. Mowing: Flying on the field will not be permitted if the field is being mowed or maintained.

## 2. Transmitters:

- A. Frequency Control: **2.5 GHz technology is prevalent in the hobby. In general, transmitter impound and channel flagging is no longer necessary. Pilots using a non-2.04 GHz transmitter system or FPV video transmitter should make all efforts to determine if others present are also using one and self-manage frequency separation prior to powering up their transmitter. Event Managers and Contest Directors may establish a transmitter impound or channel frequency control policy for their event, if deemed necessary.**
- B. Range Checks: Each pilot will conduct a successful radio equipment ground range check, **including any FPV equipment**, 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 silencer (except for small displacements of .09 cubic inches or less).
- B. When running an engine in the pits, keep neighboring personnel behind the prop arc. **Restrain fuel powered airplanes with stakes, starting stand, or helper prior to starting the engine(s).**

- C. **Electric motors and fuel engines are not to be run in spectator/pavilion areas or anywhere behind pit area fencing or designated test stand/hover areas, unless propellers/blades are removed. Model electronics (receivers, servos, etc.) can be powered up in spectator areas as long as electric motors are disconnected or propeller/blades are removed.**
- D. **Remove or secure all necklaces, straps, loose clothing, hoodie ties, etc. prior to starting a fuel engine powered model. Long hair should be tied back or secured so it cannot get caught in a spinning propeller or rotor.**

## 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 (electrics may start at 10 AM), 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.

**STARS Club Rules- End 06jan21**



Photo courtesy Mike Graham archives

The STARS pavilion goes up c.1977. Mike identified the person on the ladder as Lon Sauter. Not sure who the others are.

# STARS

## Field Protocol

Dedicated to responsible  
RC fun with safety by  
choice, not chance.

### 1. General:

- A. Civil and courteous behavior is required at the field at all times.
- B. Safety is paramount and everyone's business. Use common sense in all matters.
- C. It is strongly recommended that you do not fly alone.
- D. Learn where the First Aid station is located and inform the Field Committee if material has been issued from it.
- E. When opening or closing combination locks, *always* set the wheels to 0000.
- F. Last member out must close and lock the refrigerators, pavilion, and main gate.
- G. **Limited use of cell phones and mobile devices on the flight line to photography/videography or integrated use with model systems. Talk, text, and browse from the pits or spectator areas.**

### 2. Engine Courtesy:

- A. Long term tuning and initial break-in should be conducted away from the pits and spectators (usually at the engine break-in stand).
- B. Do not direct prop wash at other modelers, their aircraft, equipment, or bystanders behind the pit fence. Kindly inform those bystanders near the fence that you intend to start an engine before you do so.

### 3. Flying Courtesy:

- A. Any person wishing to enter an active flying field or runway to cross same or to retrieve an aircraft, must loudly announce their intention to all fliers on the flight line.
- B. A "landing" aircraft has the right of way over an aircraft "taking-off".
- C. A "dead stick" aircraft has the right of way over all others.
- D. All take-off and landing attempts must be announced to other pilots on the flight line. Take-offs are normally announced by saying "taking off", and landings are announced by saying "landing" or coming in". Dead stick landings are announced clearly to all pilots in the pits and on the flight line by saying "dead stick".
- E. A pilot having difficulty in controlling his/her aircraft must announce to all in the pits and on the flight line that he/she is experiencing radio or mechanical problems. Pilots on the ground preparing to fly will turn off their transmitters and wait for the problem to be resolved before continuing to fly. Fliers in the air will stay clear of the aircraft in distress and will land, if possible, as long as it does not contribute to the crisis. All personnel near the pit area must be alerted to the situation.
- F. If a crash occurs on the field or in the pits, all flying will stop until the accident has been investigated and the debris has been cleared from the field.
- G. Normal flight duration is 10 minutes. Obviously, flight time may be extended if there are no other pilots waiting to fly or waiting for a particular radio channel.
- H. When you have finished flying, please return your transmitter to the impound.

### 4. Good Earth Policy:

- A. Place recyclables in the appropriate container in the pavilion.
- B. Turn off all pavilion lights when departing the field for the night.
- C. The field does not have a trash removal service. If you carry anything to the field, carry it back out.
- D. If a pilot or guest brings a pet to the field, he/she will be responsible for supervising the animal's conduct while at the field. Please observe all appropriate Field Rules.
- E. If you smoke, please place all cigarette butts in the butt cans in the field.
- F. Do not **dispose of trash in the outhouse/port-a-potty pit.**
- G. **DO NOT DRINK THE WELL WATER.** Well water is to be used for washing only.

### 5. Replacement Courtesy:

- A. Where an individual's plane or property is damaged by the actions of another individual, it will be the responsibility of the two parties to resolve the situation in an appropriate manner.

## **STARS POLICY REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHY**

- STARS is a membership organization organized under the laws of the State of New York.
- The STARS flying field, located in Phoenix, New York, is owned by STARS, and as such, is privately owned property.
- The purpose of this policy is to limit and restrict the reproduction of images, in any form, of the STARS property and the activities which occur thereon.
- While the STARS property is privately owned, members, guests, and the general public are welcome at the field during published field hours of operation. Members, guests, and the public must adhere to all rules imposed by STARS regarding entry upon and/or the use of STARS property, including the STARS policy on photography.
- The reproduction of images of the STARS field or the activities thereon, in any form, is a privilege and not a right.
- Except as provided below, the reproduction of images of the STARS field or activities thereon in any form, including, but not limited to film and digital still photography, and video photography in either film or digital form, is strictly forbidden.
- Violation of this policy will result in immediate expulsion of the violator from the STARS premises, and may subject the violator to criminal and/or civil sanctions and penalties.
- Members in good standing of STARS shall be exempt from the above requirements so long as any images or video produced on the STARS premises or the activities thereon are for personal and non-commercial use.
- Guests and the general public may be permitted to photograph or video the STARS property and activities thereon, but only for personal and non-commercial use, and only with the prior written consent of the Club's executive board.



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## Membership Renewal 2023

Return renewals to our Treasurer, Bob Rowe, via mail to: 211 Sedgwick Drive, Syracuse, NY, 13203. Please fill in your name, mark your membership type, and include your payment made out to: S.T.A.R.S.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	Type	Description	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth	Full use of club facilities, age 19 or under, 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday on or after July 1, 2023. No voting rights.	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Park Pilot	Operates under the model restrictions of a Park Pilot AMA membership (electrics, <2lbs, <60mph). No voting rights.	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate	Full use of club facilities. No voting rights.	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open	Full use of club facilities. Holds ownership share with voting rights. Late renewal penalties of \$10 per month after January.	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra Family	Full use of club facilities. Someone in household has an Open or Associate membership already. No voting rights.	\$30

All flying conducted under AMA rules and guidelines. Active AMA membership or allowed exemption required to fly. All members are encouraged to renew their memberships at the beginning of the year, but only Open memberships have a late renewal penalty. Open member late renewal penalties can be waived at Treasurer's discretion, please contact Bob in January, or before, if you need an extension. If you wish to change your membership type, such as upgrading from Associate to Open, please contact Bob or another club officer.

Please provide your updated contact information below.

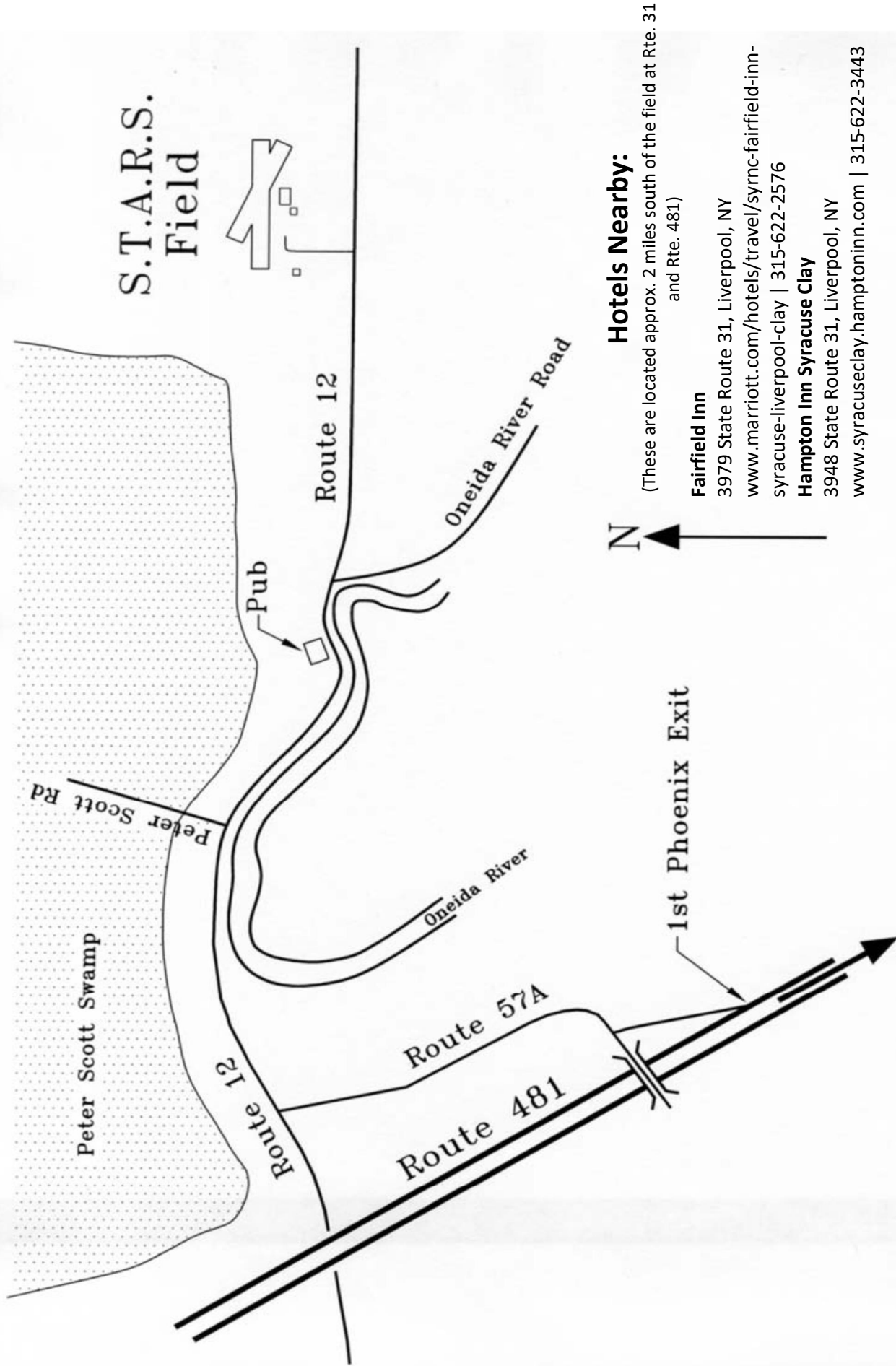
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Map to the STARS



S.T.A.R.S.  
Field

Route 12

Oneida River Road

Pub

Peter Scott Rd

Peter Scott Swamp

Route 12

Route 57A

Route 481

Oneida River

N

1st Phoenix Exit

## Hotels Nearby:

(These are located approx. 2 miles south of the field at Rte. 31 and Rte. 481)

### Fairfield Inn

3979 State Route 31, Liverpool, NY

[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sync-fairfield-inn-syracuse-liverpool-clay](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sync-fairfield-inn-syracuse-liverpool-clay) | 315-622-2576

### Hampton Inn Syracuse Clay

3948 State Route 31, Liverpool, NY

[www.syracuseclay.hamptoninn.com](http://www.syracuseclay.hamptoninn.com) | 315-622-3443

To No. Syracuse  
and Route 81

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



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## Membership Application Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership:       Open (\$160 share+\$60 dues)       Extra Family member (\$30.00)  
                           Associate (\$75.00)                               Youth (< AMA age 19 - \$0.00)  
                           Park Pilot - Associate (\$75.00)       Park Pilot - Youth (< AMA age 19 - \$0.00)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (for roster): \_\_\_\_\_

AMA: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

STARS Member(s) Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address (for newsletter and notices): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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)*

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**Submit this form to a Club Officer**

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