

Syracuse Thunderbirds Aero Radio Society

# *Plane Propwash*

October 2011

Charter 473

**The General Meeting will be at 7:00 at Walt's on November 9**

**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 November 9 at 7:00. The November meeting is the last meeting for 2011. As a reminder, the meeting is always the second Wednesday of the month.**

**Elections &  
Christmas Party**

**October 2011 - President's Perspective**

November already - this year has really flown by. As the outdoor flying season comes to an end, it is time to look forward to next year. I hope all of our members have enjoyed the activities of the club for 2011. We have had an outstanding year. Thanks to everyone that have made this such a great club.

My monthly request is still in force as we are still in need of volunteers for the 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.

Annual lock numbering and change. Keep propane filled and available for cooking and heat.

Our club elections are coming up with the voting for new club officers occurring at the next meeting. If you would like to run for office please contact Peter Seiffert.

You should have received your AMA renewals and ballots for President and Executive Vice President. 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.

And of course please plan on attending the STARS annual Christmas dinner on December 2nd. This a fun time so please plan on joining us.

Thanks.

Chuck

From the STARS President-

**VOTE!**

Elections are won by few votes. We face increasing regulation from the FAA and these regulations may have a negative impact on the hobby that we enjoy. It is important that we show the FAA that the AMA has a strong membership with a keen interest in our future. The more ballots returned the better. Please return your ballot cards to the AMA with your choice(s) clearly marked. The card does not require postage.

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

The October 2011 STARS regular meeting was called to order by STARS President, **Chuck LeVine**, at 7:00 pm. There were **12** Full members, **5** Associate member, **1** youth member, and 0 guests in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report from the September meeting was submitted. Motion to approve by Peter Seiffert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Orr. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Rowe

Treasurer's Report from the September meeting was submitted. Taxes are current. Next tax bill in January. The new tractor expenditure has been entered. Motion to approve by Skip Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Blair. Carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Field Committee:** Carl Moore

Last mowing completed. No more soda at the field until spring. The water has been shut off for the season.

Carl stressed that we should keep the momentum the Field Committee has generated going. They have become a steady revenue stream for the club, essentially a third show's worth.

Volunteers are needed for the Field Committee. Please contact Carl at 668-1684 or [carl32609@aol.com](mailto: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. Ballots are out for AMA elections. Please vote. This is especially important right now as the AMA works with the FAA. If Gary Fitch wins, he will appoint a new DII VP who will then run next year.

The MoST has started again. Please volunteer. Again, the presentation is the first Saturday of the month. Please contact Peter if you are interested in participating. There is a special presentation for the Boy Scouts next week (10/18)

**Flight School:** Bob Rowe

The flight schools have closed for 2011. Bob reported that there were three (3) fixed wing graduates. Heli School students are moving indoors.

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:**

**Long Range Planning:**

Possibly plow the driveway for the winter. Otherwise no current plans.

Start thinking up some new plans for 2012.

**STARS Hats:** Bob Rowe

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

**Field Tractor:**

The new tractor has been purchased and is at the field.

## **New Business:**

**Club Officers 2012:** Peter Seiffert

Please see or contact Peter if you are interested in becoming a STARS Officer for 2012.

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 an 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](mailto:pseiffel@twcny.rr.com)

**STARS Christmas Party:**

The STARS Christmas party is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at RFH's Hideaway. Please see that attached flyer.

Please get your payment in to Rick as soon as Possible.

Forum Meeting: Peter Seiffert

Looking for ideas. There is an opening on the Forum Committee since Dave Mathewson's departure. The Committee meets at 7:00pm the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month at Denny's on Erie Blvd. Please contact Peter if you want to join.

Secret Santa Sale:

The Secret Santa is 11/19 at Walt's. Volunteers needed to man the STARS booth. There will be flying demonstrations during the sale.

***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

New Members:

Two new members were voted in-

Peter Bronson- Heli and new Junior Member Simon VanHoute- fixed wing.

Motion by Mike Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skip Davis.  
Passed.

Adjournment:

The October regular monthly meeting of the STARS was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Secretary, Jeff Wolsley

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**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.*

**Oct. 29 Sky Rovers Auction and Swap Meet**  
**Nov. 19 Walt's Secret Santa Sale**  
**Dec. 2 STARS Christmas Party**  
**Jan. 20 STARS Auction**

**Look for updates to indoor flying schedules!**

**Indoor helicopter flying** at Walt's is open again for the 2011-2012 season. Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30 to close.

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

**Indoor flying at the Oswego YMCA Armory-** No flying at the Armory for 2011.

**Flight Schools-** 2011 STARS Flight Schools are closed for the season. See you in the spring.

**MOST Volunteer Schedule-** Please contact Peter Seiffert to volunteer. The MoST program is up and running.

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

**Advertisements:**

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**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](mailto:jwolsley@ix.netcom.com). Please put STARS ADVERTISEMENT in the subject line.*

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# The STARS, 2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Friday, December 2, 2011  
Where: RFH's Hideaway Restaurant  
Time: 6:00PM for Drinks and Socializing. Dinner at 7:00PM

## MENU CHOICES:

1. Broiled or Fried: Seafood Dinner (Haddock, Scallops & Stuffed Shrimp, Without Lobster).....\$21.24
2. Prime Rib Dinner, 12oz.cut.....\$19.99
3. Chicken Parmesan Dinner,.....\$17.49

ALL Dinners include: Salad Bar, Buffet, Baked Potato, Rolls & Butter, Dessert and Coffee or Hot Tea.  
The prices above include 'Sales Tax and Gratuity'.

**Thank you for getting your payments to me promptly last year. It made the evening much more enjoyable for me. Please keep up the prompt payments. Also note the prices have remained the same as last year. I would like to ask everyone planning to attend, to please mail or bring your dinner choices and your checks to me by the November 9<sup>th</sup> STARS meeting at Walt's, or no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Thanks, Rick Colvin

*Please detach and return with your payment to Rick Colvin*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the 2010 STARS Christmas party.

No. of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

My dinner choice is: 1 2 3

My guest's dinner choice is: 1 2 3

Other:

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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***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 1700 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](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](http://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](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/](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](mailto: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.



# SKY ROVERS FLYING CLUB

## Model Aircraft Auction and Swap Meet

Join us for our Fifth Annual Auction on **OCTOBER 29** at the Phelps Community Center, 8 Banta St.



**Doors open at 10:00 AM and the auction starts at Noon. There will be no commissions or buy back fees.**

**There will be drawings, raffles and door prizes throughout the day.**

**We will have the auction in the gymnasium with plenty of tables and chairs. The cafeteria will be open and a variety of food and drinks will be available.**

**Admission is \$5 per person. Ladies, and children under 12 admitted free. Vendors are welcome but must supply their own tables.**

For More Info Contact  
Dave Reid  
315-548-3779  
[dreid@fltg.net](mailto:dreid@fltg.net)



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Charter Club 469

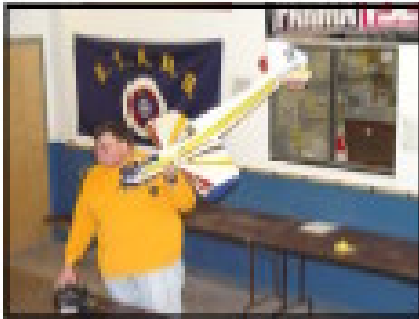


STARS Field Satellite photo



# S.T.A.R.S.

## Auction 2012



### When?

Friday, 20 January 2012

5 PM to 9 PM

Bidding starts at 6:00 PM

### Where?

Walt's Hobby

### 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*

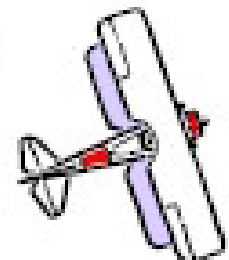
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM — Setup and Preview

Skype Auctioneer: Walt Throne

Auctioneer: Phil Morgan

*For more information, contact:*

**Phil Morgan: 457-3674**







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# Syracuse Thunderbirds Aero Radio Society

Online at: <http://www.amadistrictstars.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)*

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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. PPMIP: 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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