



Syracuse Thunderbirds Aero Radio Society

Plane Propwash

October 2023

Charter 473

The STARS November meeting will be held Wednesday the 8th, at 7:00 via ZOOM

2023 Officers

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The STARS November 2023 meeting will be on ZOOM, on November 8th, at 7:00. Unless otherwise notified, the monthly meetings will be held via ZOOM October through April. The STARS regular monthly meetings will return to the STARS field in May 2024.

Seasons Change

As I set out to write this, news of Walt Throne's passing is making the rounds on Facebook. His is a great loss for his family and friends, but also for the many lives he touched throughout the Syracuse region. He was the gateway to RC hobbies for thousands of people in the CNY area. Be it selling people their first model at Walt's Hobby, to helping people find local clubs to fly at, to his participation in events around the region and nationally, to being a friend and great advocate for the hobby for many decades. As of this writing there is no information about services or a memorial, but I'll be sure to pass along info as it comes in.

October 7th was the annual Ringmaster event. It started off a bit wet, so the mad Ukrainians had no choice but to fly in the rain, but after lunch the weather broke and the whole group ended up setting a new record for flights conducted at the event! Thank you, Mike O'Neill, for organizing this once again. And thank you field crew for keeping the circle mowed and free of clippings for the event. The weather leading up to it made it tough to keep on top of the rapid grass growth.

During the meeting we will be going over the proposed event schedule for 2024, checking in on the Christmas Party (get your signup forms and payments to Phil Knapp by Nov 22!), and getting status reports on the end of season activities to get the club ready for the winter.

Also, at the November meeting we'll be holding club elections, the nominees for which are listed later in this issue and in the meeting notice email. We have three officers volunteering to return in 2024, but both Phil Knapp and I, Vice President and President respectively for the past 5 years, will be stepping down as others take lead in managing the club's affairs. Into those two spots we have Chuck Levine for President and Mike Mueller putting

his hat in the ring for the VP position. Thank you to Chuck, Mike, and all the nominees for stepping up to lead the club in 2024!

These past five years have seen a lot of change for the club. Picking up on the Garage project during the last year of Ken Kadish's time as President, the electrical work was finished off in the first months of 2019. Over the coming years electrical outlets were installed along the pit fence line, the runway was installed, and a concrete pad was installed on the control line field. We put a lot of work into improving drainage out of the creek through our neighbor's property and along our property line. And in the middle of this, of course, we found our way through the challenges of COVID. And that was all on top of our jam-packed event calendar each year and the constant effort to keep the grounds groomed and equipment maintained.

Over the past 5 years I've received thanks from many members for my part in making this happen. Your thanks and encouragement have been greatly appreciated. But this record of success, improvement, and growth for the club is only in a small part mine. It happened due to all of you who volunteered to work and make these achievements come to fruition, for the betterment of the club. For that service to each other and the club, I thank you all. The club will benefit from these achievements for years to come.

We're heading into 2024 under new management. I look forward to seeing you all at the November meeting so we can elect and support our incoming officers.

I'll see you at the field!

-Paul

president@cnystars.com / 315-708-2009

Secretary's Report: Jeff Wolsley

The October 2023 STARS meeting was held on ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Paul Volcko. There were 13 Open members, 2 Associate members, 1 Family member, 0 Youth members, and 4 Guests in attendance.

Special Presentation:

The October meeting was opened with a presentation by Groundpoint Engineering. Groundpoint engineering is requesting special use of the STARS field/property to conduct training certification of commercial drone pilots.

Groundpoint is trying to establish a standard proficiency level for drone pilots. The presentation lasted for approximately 45 minutes. They explained what they are trying to accomplish. Some of the membership had questions regarding impact on field activities and was concluded by a Q and A session.

There was a motion made to allow Groundpoint to do a couple of test runs at the field in November. Phil Morgan made the motion and Lloyd Darrohn seconded. The membership in attendance voted in favor of the proposal. However, some of those in attendance could not communicate through ZOOM to voice their concerns or opposition.

[Paul has distributed the emails from the concerned STARS members. Ultimately the Groundpoint Engineering request was rescinded.]

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's report from the September Propwash was accepted as published. Motion to accept by Mike Graham and 2nd by Phil Morgan. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Rowe

No Bob tonight so a brief report from Paul V. was given. All expenses are up to date. Bill Whittaker has not been paid for the mowing reels as of this meeting.

A breakdown of the Airshow was expected. It was reported that the show was light on pilots but had a big spectator turnout. A more formal Airshow accounting is expected at the November meeting.

Motion to accept by Chuck LeVine and second by Phil Lamkey. Carried.

Correspondence:

Brian Morse promoted the EAA is sponsoring a build program at the local schools. This would be a good way for the STARS to be involved and help with our Gold Leader status position. Paul will send a notice to the club membership.

Committee Reports:

Field Committee: Jim Johnson

Jim was not available so Lloyd D. filled in. The committee has been catching up on the mowing as the weather permits. As a compromise, the taxiway has been given a close cut.. This was tried as a compromise to adding a bovine or geotextile mat.

The Simplicity mower needs a teardown to chase down the problem. Parts will be ordered and repairs made. Parts availability could be an issue.

Safety Report: Jeff LaPorte

No Jeff tonight. Sorry we missed his report.

The complete AMA safety handbook is available here-

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/100.pdf>

AMA Report: Phil Morgan

Phil reported that the FAA has piggybacked on the AMA Safety Requirements Handbook essentially adopting the AMA safety code as their own. Does this mean that violating the AMA safety code will result in a federal offence?

If you build your own equipment, you will need to comply with Part 107 of the FAA code.

There was some discussion that having to get AMA membership, conforming to the TRUST program, Joining the FAA, and complying with Part 107 of the FAA drone code, are possibly deterrents to new flyers/members?

Phil told a story of how a plane was lost 60 years ago. 3 months later the plane was found about 30 miles away. A chance newspaper article about the plane being found reunited the plane with the owner. The point of the story was the plane didn't have any identification on it.

The AMA has identification labels available. Phil made a pitch for buying some of the labels and making them available to members. Phil was given permission to go ahead.

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

The field cameras are up and running.

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

Old Business:

New Reels for Mowing:

Storage for the new reels was discussed. A dry location is a must. The field committee will get the location prepared before bad weather sets in.

Flight School: Bob Rowe

No Bob. Fixed Wing Flight School- Fixed wing school has formally concluded for 2023.

Peggy Eamer thanked the flight school for helping them learn to fly.

Heli Night- Chuck LeVine continues to fly regularly on Tuesdays and all are welcome for an informal night until the weather turns and stops him.

Big Bird Giant Scale: Phil Knapp

Over for the season.

Continued -

Monday Night Jets:

Over for the season.

Control Line: Mike O'Neill

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>

Ringmaster Fly-Athon:

Mike O'Neill reported there were 5 pilots and 8 planes flown in the fly-athon. There were 30 qualified flights despite the rain. Make has video of the event on his [FlyBoyz](https://www.flyboyz.com) site and the STARS website.

Facebook:

STARS has a Facebook page. There are 265 members currently. [Mike O'Neill](https://www.facebook.com/mikeoneill) 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://www.cnystars.com) or <http://www.amadistrictiistars.org/>

The STARS Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/amastars/>

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 2024.

Re-anchor the electrical boxes along the fence line. They have been upset by frost heave.

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 on-line via ZOOM until spring.

The ZOOM meeting credentials are on the STARS web page, and are sent out with the fall/winter/spring Propwash email.

ZOOM Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88488515371?pwd=c2ZiRWVkMkIrbGZ5WENDaE12SIB5Zz09>

To join from the STARS web page, go to [cnystars.com](http://www.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:

Warren Clough- Open member. Bob Simms and Gary Natali are acquainted with Warren. Carried.

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

Elections:

The slate of officers for 2024 are:

President- Chuck LeVine	Secretary- Jeff Wolsley
Vice President- Mike Mueller	Safety Officer- Jeff LaPorte
Treasurer- Bob Rowe	

Proxy votes should be sent to [Mike Graham](#) or [Phil Morgan](#).

Christmas Party:

Phil Knapp- The Christmas party will be 12/06 at RFH Hideaway's Restaurant.

No gift exchange. The ladies will get a corsage. A head count is due to get the correct number of favors. The deadline to get the RSVP in is two weeks prior to the party date. Phil is looking into using PayPal to receive the payments.

The Christmas Party form is below in the Propwash. Please note there is no provision for a PayPal payment indicated on the form.

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.

[You will or already have received your renewal email. The email is from uas.faa.dronezone@faa.gov. Follow the prompts to renew your FAA registration. The registration renewal is \$5.00.

Club Hat Order:

Club hats are available. They are 20.00 each. Put your money in the soda bank in the fridge before you take a hat. The white hats are already gone. See Paul V. about custom embroidery on the hat. The embroidery starts at \$8.00.

Adjournment:

The October 2023 regular monthly meeting of the STARS was adjourned at 8:34.

Secretary, Jeff Wolsley

Walt Throne Tribute-

https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/ThroneWalterC.pdf?fbclid=IwAR37nhssQmekDNNIXBZ3UNoojCB3NFUK_xPQN7WvJESCyU4FeEO1-T8eb7o

Pictures courtesy of Michael Graham. This is the link to the Drop Box page. Mike noted that the pictures are dated there-

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/dafv1oxvdcepfmxwcd9hz/h?rlkey=3w9872qx0ksspjxsuwym9d4b9&dl=0>









This is the link to Walt's obituary as it appeared in the Syracuse Post Standard.
[Walter Throne Obituary \(1945 - 2023\) - Syracuse, NY - Syracuse Post Standard](#)

Calendar of Events

NOTICE: EVENT DATES MAY CHANGE OR CANCELLED OUTRIGHT.

Calendar of Events for October 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.

Jan 2024- STARS Auction

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

STARS Flight Schools- Well..., It's happened. It's finally too late to join the 2023 flight schools, but Flight School will be back in 2024.

Fixed wing- See you in 2024

Heli/Multi Rotor- Still meeting informally when the weather permits. See you back in 2024.

Indoor Flying –

The Indoor flying schedule will be updated here as soon as I get updates.

Indoor flying at Sacred Heart Church Cicero was forwarded to me by Tim Smarzo of the Voltaires.

Mondays 1:30 to 4:00 and Thursdays 12:30 to 3:30 (as of 10/08/23).

The church has become more security conscience. All doors are locked except the main door. The gym lighting switch has changed. The new key is in the same place as always, the cabinet in the kitchen, attached to a piece of aluminum bar. Unlock (If locked) pull up the plate, and flip the switch. All doors have alarms except the Gym door. This means that once a member comes in the front door we can use the gym door to haul gear in and out. We need, as always, to make sure the lights are off and doors are closed all the way before the last person leaves.

The following needs confirmation-

Manlius Pebble Hill- So far is listed as no flying this winter (as of 10/08/23).

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



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Phoenix, NY

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STARS Annual Christmas Party

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Where: RFH's Hideaway Restaurant

Time: 6:00PM for drinks and socializing, dinner at 7:00PM

MENU CHOICES:

1. Prime Rib Dinner, 12oz.cut \$36.00
2. Seafood Dinner (broiled or fried: Haddock, Scallops & Stuffed Shrimp,
Without Lobster) \$32.00
3. Chicken Parmesan Dinner \$28.00
4. Haddock (broiled or fried) \$25.00

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

Please mail your dinner choices and your checks to Phil Knapp by November 22nd. Phil's address is: 17 Finch Path, Liverpool, NY, 13090.

Please make checks payable to S.T.A.R.S. Thank you.

Unlike prior years, we will not be doing a gift exchange. However, corsages for the ladies are still in the plans!

..... Return with your payment.

I, _____, will attend the 2023 STARS Christmas party.

No. of guests: _____

My dinner choice is: 1 2 3 4 ____ (Circle, write B or F on the line if selecting 2 or 4)

Guest's dinner choice is: 1 2 3 4 ____ 1 2 3 4 ____ 1 2 3 4 ____ 1 2 3 4 ____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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:

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www.facebook.com/mexairrc

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

Classified Ads-

FOR SALE:

WANTED:

1987 AMA window membership sticker. Please contact Jeff Wolsley if you have one that you would be willing to donate. jwolsley@verizon.net

Warren Wagner's SIG Kwik-Built Chipmunk partially completed aircraft. If you have it and would like to re-home it, please let me know.

jwolsley@verizon.net

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. Please put STARS ADVERTISEMENT in the subject line.

STARS In MA, June 2023- Thanks to Mike Graham

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/tjguytech/charging-how-tos/balance-connectors>

The link for the STARS club home page is

<https://www.cnystars.com>

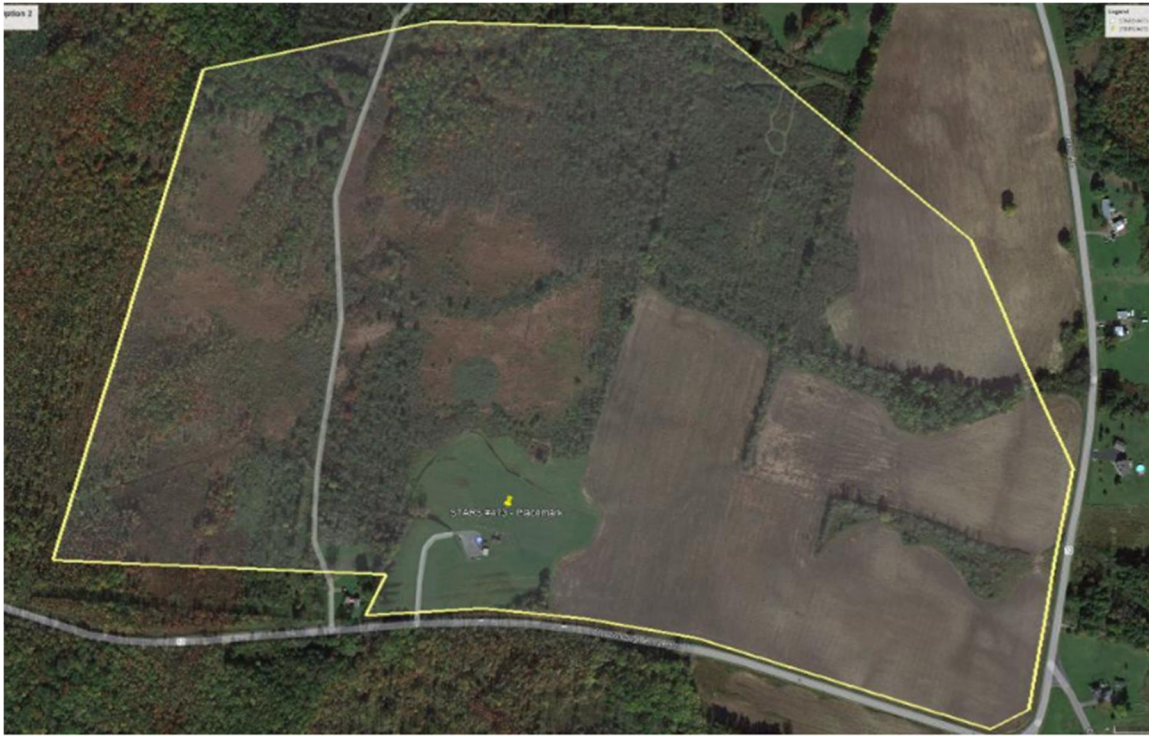
The link for the STARS club web cam is:

<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.



**STARS FAA
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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, cowlings, 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.

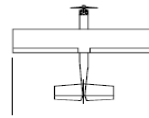
Ask someone to help and walk away from the model until signs of loss of control are apparent. If electric powered ensure that the range is not worse with the motor running.

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.

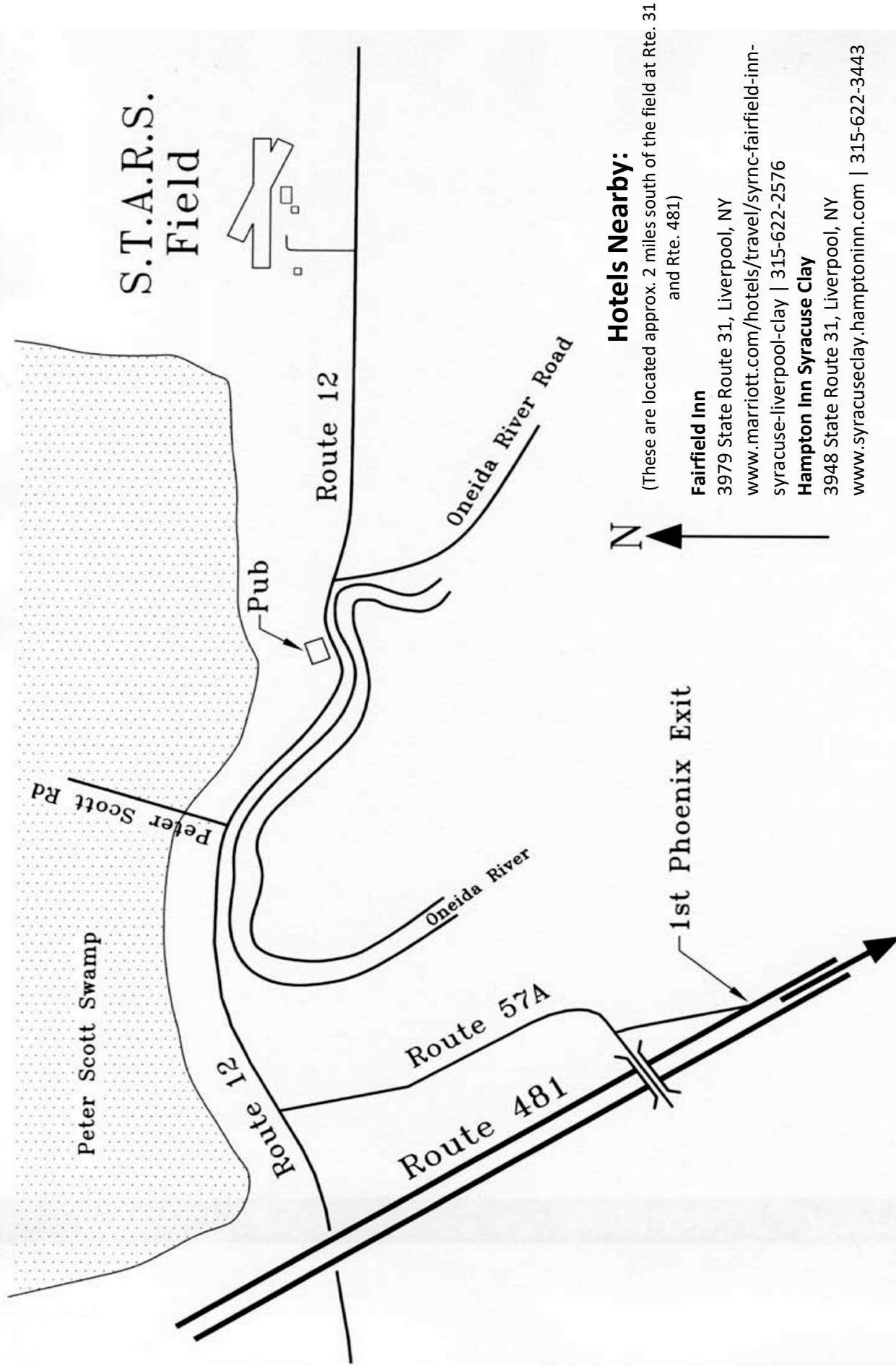
5. Replacement Courtesy:

- 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.

Map to the STARS



S.T.A.R.S.
Field

Pub

Route 12

Oneida River Road

Oneida River

Route 57A

Route 481

1st Phoenix Exit

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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 | 315-622-2576

Hampton Inn Syracuse Clay

3948 State Route 31, Liverpool, NY

www.syracuseclay.hamptoninn.com | 315-622-3443

To No. Syracuse
and Route 81

N43.23696, W76.24550

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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)

Submit this form to a Club Officer

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<https://www.cnystars.com>



Membership Renewal 2024

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 th birthday on or after July 1, 2024. 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: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____