

STARDUST

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January Election UPDATE By Chuck Weiss

ASTRE held its January election meeting on Saturday, January 23, at Sarah Majot's Archtech business location in Albany. Thank you to Sarah and John for their generous hospitality. Attendees included Sarah Majot, John Sicker, Jeff Vincent and Chuck Weiss. Alex DeMarco contacted Chuck concerning meeting subject matter and was available via telephone.

ASTRE 2010 Board of Director (BOD) members nominated and elected at the meeting include:

President – Chuck Weiss
Vice president – John Sicker
Secretary/Treasurer – Alex De Marco
Senior Adviser – Jeff Vincent
Member at Large – Sarah Majot

Congratulations to ASTRE's new BOD members.

The new BOD discussed tentative ASTRE activities for 2010. Projected activities include:

- * Early Newsletter mailing to members announcing the 2010 BOD and tentative activity schedule
- * Early spring build session to support NARAM 52 Take It, Fly It program
- * NARCON trip based on member interest
- * April Spring Opener Sport launch
- * May Sport and Contest launch

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- * June Sport and Contest Launch
- * Summer Stardust News Letter.
- * July ASTRE/4H Club Model Rocketry Seminar
- * July Sport Launch
- * August Sport and Contest Launch
- * Fall Stardust Newsletter
- * September Sport and Contest Launch
- * Early October Sport Launch
- * Early November Year End Get Together Party
- * Year End Stardust Newsletter – November

This is an ambitious schedule. The 2010 BOD would appreciate as much member assistance and participation as possible. If you would like to assist with any of the planned activities, please contact one of the BOD members. In addition to planning details and carrying out the proposed activity schedule, the BOD will submit ASTRE's 2010 NAR charter requirements, verify our flying field availability and submit necessary information to the NAR for our flying field owners insurance coverage. Details related to events will be provided via newsletter, the ASTRE website and ASTRE471 yahoo group as soon as they are determined. It's best to monitor the yahoo group and website because newsletter publication is not always timely in relation to event schedules.

Chuck indicated that he will not be able to directly participate in spring activities because of a medical issue that must be attended to. As a result, John Sicker and Alex DeMarco will conduct primary planning and leg work for these activities. Please provide them your assistance and cooperation where ever possible. Chuck hopes to be able to assist via e-mail in planning some of the spring activities and be fully involved again in time for ASTRE's summer activities.

2010 has the potential makings of a great model rocketry season. We hope to see a high rate of member participation. See you on the flying field and other ASTRE scheduled activities.

Chuck Weiss

ASTRE President 2010

Take It / Fly it Build Session March 20th

Every year at NARAM (National Association of Rocketry Annual Meet) the NAR offers a free premade kit to first time flyers. This is done to promote the hobby and give the enthusiast jump start on the hobby.

In fact last year at NARAM 51 my daughter received a free Quest that she flew twice on the sport launch field. It was donated by a NAR club out in Arizona. This is a great way to give back to the hobby and hopefully inspire future enthusiasts.

This spring instead of having our typical build session the BOD has decided to sponsor Take It / Fly It. Therefore, on Saturday March 20th from 1 to 4 p.m. at Archtech in Albany we will be getting together to build some kits.

If you have any extra kits laying around (I know some of you do!) bring them to share. If you don't have a kit, come on over anyways and we'll hook you up. You will need to bring standard building supplies such as:

- Cutting board
- Ruler
- Sandpaper
- Exacto Knife
- Glue
- Pencil

Don't want to build anything? Come on out anyways and talk some rocketry with us!

Spring Sport Launch April 17th

ASTRE is happy to announce that our first launch event of the year will be held on Saturday April 17th from 11a.m. to 4p.m. It's too early to determine which launch site we will use. We'll make that announcement once the weather improves. It will either be our field in Guilderland or Johnstown.

This will be a great opportunity to dust off that range box and fly some rockets. Be sure to watch the ASTRE website or Yahoo group for further information on this event.

- Alex DeMarco Launch Director



John Sickers rocket dungeon
(photo by Chuck Weiss)

Event Calendar

March 20 - Take It / Fly It Build Session 1-4pm:

Place: Sarah Majot's business (Archtech) location,
40 Colvin Avenue in Albany, NY.
See page 2 for details.

April 17 - Spring Opener Sport Launch

Launch Site: TBD
Time: 11:00a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Launch Director, Alex DeMarco

May 15 - Event TBD

Launch Site: TBD
Time: 10:00a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Launch Director, Chuck Weiss / Alex DeMarco

June 12 - Event TBD

Launch Site: TBD
Time: 10:00a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Launch Director, Chuck Weiss / Alex DeMarco

Contact Information

Visit ASTRE at:

<http://www.astre471.org>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ASTRE471/>

Reach our officers at:

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Sarah Majot	MemberAtLarge@astre471.org

ASTRE Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

NAR Number? _____ Tripoli Number? _____

Date _____

- Junior member (under age 18) - \$5.00 dues
- Senior member (18 and over) - \$10.00 dues
- Family membership, above is the *primary* member - \$15.00 dues for entire family

Please mail your completed application(s), including a check payable to "ASTRE" to:

ASTRE Membership
c/o Alex DeMarco
43 Bloomingdale Ave
East Greenbush, NY 12061



It's here!
Your latest issue of **STARDUST!!!**

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ASTRE Club Members attend 2009 year end get together.
(photo by Chuck Weiss)

**A motley crew of amateur Rocketeers
and one Orange Bear**

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