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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S DESK...



No, I'm not going to pretend that this isn't the front page... it's "June, all over again!"

It's just that doing it this way is the easiest (and fastest) way to get the information about the issue out to you- as well as hit you right off the bat with some important information.

Having just concluded the 31st annual STARS Scale Rally- you'll be happy to see some pictures of same inside. One in particular is very worthy of extra mention... that being the one showing the newest member of the AMA Hall of Fame- our own Jim Messer!

Walt is taking the month off (from his column "Principles of Flight") so you'll have to wait 'til next time for another dose of his wisdom.

Jamie, Jim Keough and Jim Messer have all made their fine contributions (as usual), and you'll find them all in here.

At last month's Planning meeting, it was brought up that we plan to have our "Flea Market / Yard Sale / call-it-what-you-will" at this year's Open House (after it's great success last year). so please... don't forget to bring a few items to donate to our "selling effort". You don't have to have them here ahead of time, just bring them that day.

Jim Goodemote sent many of you an email concerning RC equipment for sale from one of our former members, Ray Marble; but for those of you who don't have e-mail (and those of you who may have forgotten) I've printed Jim's e-mail in this newsletter.

MEMBER BIO OF THE MONTH

I actually didn't know Jim Messer before the rally weekend. At that time I became enthralled with his plane and flying. Next thing I knew, he was being awarded for his induction into the AMA Hall of Fame. More on this can be found on the STARS website.

Jim started out working as a design engineer for Dresser, designing hydraulic presses in the plant. He then

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Our Ladies in the Skunk Works did their usual fine job on Rally Weekend- We couldn't do it without them!

Model Aviation Principles 101... "Learn from the mistakes of others; you don't live long enough to make them all yourself!"

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went to work for Birdwell in Bradford logging oil and gas wells. Later on in his occupational career, he was off toward Olean for Dresser, and spent the next 27 years there before retiring from designing engines and compressors.

He met his wife, Peg, in high school, and has been married for 56 years. They have nine children of whom six are girls and three are boys. The children make their homes in several states including: Florida, New York, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Arizona.

In addition to STARS, Jim belongs to the Highlands Radio Control Club in Sebring, FL.

Jim spends a good deal of his time with his planes so he has few other interests. He did play golf quite a bit, but had to give it up due to some health issues.

Jim's interest in model planes began back in 1937 building rubber band models, then moving on to gas in 1941. He entered a lot of free flight contests, and won many and that kept him in the hobby. He moved on to Ucontrol, then he and his buddies were the first into R/C back in the mid 50s. After the Bristol Squadron, he started a world wide model business, which sold quadra engines and manufactured quarter scale kits. He was a distributor for Ace, Zinger props, and C.D. Associates. Jim sold the business in 1991 to Dave Reid who still has the business today.

Jim doesn't really have a favorite plane to fly. He has ten favorite airplanes. He's into large scale...the bigger the



Jim with his AMA Hall of Fame Award

tail off the Sopwith with his propeller. Both crashed in front of about 2000 spectators.” (Now I would have thought that to be the worst flying experience, but check out what he then told me for his worst flying experience.)

“Smashing up a big airplane on the maiden flight...1/3 scale scratch built Aeronca Sedan. It was just a radio failure, but it was a 100 percent loss.

I asked Jim if he had an opinion on glow vs. electric. “I have an electric sail plane...it's a fun airplane to fly. Not into electrics, 'No'. I like giant scale...the bigger the better.”

Regarding 3D: “Don't do it. Don't like it. It's O.K., but it gets old real quick.”

Jim related another interesting story to me: “Back in 1975...we flew WWI airplanes at Rhinebeck, NY. We flew well, but never won any prizes. We had to do something different,

so we designed the Bristol Scout Squadron. powered by gas engines. That really got the judges' attention.

His advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: Learn to build. Building is more fun than flying once you get into it.

See you next month,
Jim Keough



Jim with a beautiful Stinson Reliant

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 ★ Ray Marble) and Ray's ★
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**STARS Minutes of the General Meeting of:
7/09/08**

Attendance:
Gary Baker, Brad Davis, Jamie Bowen, Bob



This B-29 was one of many beautiful planes at our Rally

Bush, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Romona Follett, Chuck Golden, Jim Goode-
mote, Dick Hawkins, Walt Hibbard, Kip Karn, Jim Keough, Tad Manske, Bill Messer, Jim
Messer, Tom Orcutt, Rupert Pistner, Dave Pratt, Don Wehlage, Mike Zias

Minutes:
The minutes of the June meeting were read by Jamie Bowen. Motion to approve by Romona F. and seconded by Don W. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:
Tom O. gave the monthly report. Motion to approve by Mike Z. and seconded by Bob B. All were in favor.

Safety Report:
None at this time.

Membership:
Motion by Gary F. to have Chuck Golden elected as a new STARS member and was seconded by Gary B. All were in favor. Wel-
come Chuck.

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Field Maintenance:

Gary F. on behalf of Dewey B. reported rear-mount mower deck will need to be replaced. Ed F. stated we should not purchase a King Cutter because on the way this particular mower is made. Kip K. volunteered to see what is available on the market. Ed F. volunteered to search the web for state auctions.

Member illness or other:

None at this time.

Website:

Bob B. requested STARS members take your camera to the Rally and post pictures on the website.

Newsletter:

Tad M. asked members to report on the Rally and include pictures so they can be published in the newsletter.

Flight Instruction:

Dave P. reported Romona F. has been making good progress.

Airshow/Rally:

July 10th, 11AM at the airport.
Bring your planes for display.
Sunday can fly until 3PM.
Planes can be left in airport hanger.
Chicken barbecue on Saturday sponsored by the Airport support group.
Gary F. thanked Jim Keough for Rally ads and publicity.
Olean Chamber of Commerce placed an ad and banner across union street.
Mike Z. obtained food permit, ordered food and held a meeting with Skunk Works.
Breakfast available on Sunday only.

Rupert P. - Pins
Romona F. - Parking

Old Business:

SPCA :

Jim G. reported SPCA is willing to participate in the open house.

Field Maintenance:

Kip K. has some cans of stain for the clubhouse.

New Business:

Bathroom:

Ed F. installed a keyless pad lock on the bathroom door.

Meetings:

Next Planning Board Meeting will be at the field, July 28th at 7PM.

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be at the field, August 13th starting @ 7:30PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Romona F. and seconded by Brad D. all were in favor.



How'd these characters get in here?!?

LOOKING BACK – 3

Last month we told you about the thousands of people that turned out to watch model airplanes do their antics in Jamestown, NY. Olean was no exception, and when a model meet was held either on the Dugan Road (Line Material field) or on the Conklin Farm on the Haskell Road, thousands of spectators turned out to watch.



But in 1946, eleven members of the Olean Model Airplane Club drove to Bethpage, Long Island, NY to participate in **the largest model airplane meet ever held.** It was sponsored by the New York Mirror newspaper, and featured both free-flight and U-control models. Believe it or not, **150,000 spectators turned out to watch!**



The grand prize was a full scale **Ercoupe** airplane which was won by Ernie Babcock, a New Jersey resident.

There were 1122 pre-registered contestants, and some of those names you might recognize as going on to be quite famous in the modeling fraternity: Leon Schulman (grandfather to today's talented Jason Schulman), Harold deBolt, Carl Goldberg, Dick Korda, Chester Lanzo, Ed Lorenz, Frank McElwee, John Byrne, and Norm Rosenstock, among several others.



Standing are Easy Evans, Jim Messer, and Dewey Ballard. Kneeling are Gerry Brown, Bill Messer, Ken Koeppel, Eddie Stepanian, Don Kramer, Ed Jefferies, and Ray McCready. Sitting is Bill Moore. Nobody won any of the prizes, but it certainly was a trip to be remembered. Bill Messer lost his airplane when it landed in the huge crowd of people, never to be seen again.



Jim Messer, Bill Messer and Jerry Brown got their pictures in the NY Mirror newspaper while standing in line to get their airplanes processed. Jim is the front guy, holding a Goldberg "Zipper" in the left hand and a Goldberg "Interceptor" in the right. Bill and Gerry are next in line.

LOOKING BACK - 4

When I joined the **Olean Model Airplane Club** back in 1941, it was sponsored by the **Olean Exchange Club**. Every summer the Exchange Club members would advertise and hold a free-flight meet, **put up all the money for prizes, and do all the work**. There were a lot of big Olean names involved, and it placed the model



airplane club in exceptionally good standing in the city and surrounding communities. This in line photo taken at the Line Material field shows **James Messer, Charles Matson**, (contest director), **R. Gill, H. Whiting, and Bill Messer**. **Mr. Matson** was a full scale pilot; he ran the Matson Appliance Store; and he was always involved with running our AMA sanctioned meets. **Believe it or not, this meet drew 206 model airplanes.**

Just for fun, see how many of the following names you might just remember. Each and every one of them were involved with putting on our model meets in one way or another; what a great bunch of people!

Bill Jesson (Ford garage), **R. Sandburg** (Sandburg Oil), **Hedley Brook** (Hedley Brook Insurance), **Ward Wilday** (Buick garage), **Benjiman Brunner**, **R.W. Reynolds** (Reynolds Rambling Ranch), **Edward Lannen**, **Warren Williams**, **George Schyver**, **Estes Pickup** (Pickup Diner), **William Bryant**, **Hal Chesbro**, **Thomas McHenry**, **Harold Huber**, and **John Dietter**.

Also, **Fredrick Meyer**, **Spencer Harris**, **Creighton Hooker** (Hydrox Dairy), **Andrew Peterson**, **John Shortell** (Shortell Plumbing), **John Kenney** (Mgr. Sears Roebuck), **Melville Follett** (F. R. Brothers Drug Store), **Harold Whiting**, **Robert Stevens** (Fox & Stevens Jewlery), **Glenn Willard** (Willard Electric), **A.J. McMullen** (Olean Lumber Co.), **Harry Long**, and **Walter Wanner**.

Other members were; **William Smith** (became Mayor of Olean), **Vincent Taylor**, **John Swan**, **Harry Halwig** (Halwig Funeral Home), **Andrew Sheret**, **Frank Schnell** (accountant), **George Douglas**, **Howard Eyley**, **Henry Unger**, **Howard Wands**, **J. Richmond Page** (Cattaraugus County Judge), **Joseph Nevins** (attorney), **Harry Clark**, **Dr. Irving Troup**, **Stewart Love**, **Cleveland Pyles**, **Leonard Bessey**, **Kay Fitch**, **Ray Sandburg**, and **Roy VanNorman**. I wish that I could remember how each and every one was attached to the city of Olean, but it has been too long - just a case of out of sight - out of mind.

While we are on names, some of the members of the Olean Model Airplane Club in the early 1940's were: **Ken Koeppel**, **Bill Thomas**, **Easy Evans**, **Ed Jefferies**, **Ray McCready**, **John Hardy**, **Ivan Forselin**, **Gerry Brown**, **Jim Messer**, **Bill Messer**, **Bob Messer**, **Don Kramer**, **Bill Moore**, **Dewey Ballard**, **Leonard Bosworth**, **Dick Subject**, **Eddie Stepanian**, **Jim Collins**, **Lewellyn Barnaby**, **Dale Shields**, **Donnie Lyle**, **Steve and Dick Gilboy**. All meetings were held at the various members homes, once a month.

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Next Regular Meeting @ the field
in Cuba, Wednesday, August 13th,
7:30pm

Next Planning Meeting: TBA

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