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## **SOME WORDS OF WISDOM, NEEDS AND HEEDS FROM PRESIDENT HIBBARD**

Via e-mail, conversations, and the last Planning Meeting, President Walt asked me to mention the following in this month's newsletter...

Beginning with an e-mail quote... "the indoor season is coming to a close soon and the outdoor season will be starting as soon as weather permits, so we will need to have some bodies to help get the field in shape - probably in late March".

Also, soon after that "weather break", we are going to need to get some guys together to inventory everything at the field- for insurance purposes. This came up at our last insurance review.

Lastly, remember to save your styrofoam egg cartons for the Rally... we'll need them at the Kids' Glider table.

### **THIS MONTH'S CLUB BIO**



We're going to take a little closer look at Kip Karn this month in our ongoing interviews with STARS members. When I asked Kip about doing an interview, he said there wasn't much to tell. Anyone who has talked to Kip knows he has a lot to offer, and can keep up a conversation with the best of them!

Kip has held several jobs since he was in high school. He worked at "The Bakery" when it *was* a bakery back in 1950 and delivered their goods around the lake. He has also held positions at Cuba Cheese, the cookie factory, he drove school bus, and had a dairy at one time. As a

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*Another lovely lady, Rosemarie Orcutt, (seen here with husband Tom) wins a distaff raffle at January's Winter Party at the Old Library on the 24th*

*MODEL AVIATION PRINCIPLES 101: The four most useless things to a model's pilot are (1) altitude above your plane, (2) runway behind it, (3) air in the fuel tank, and (4) a tenth of a second ago.*

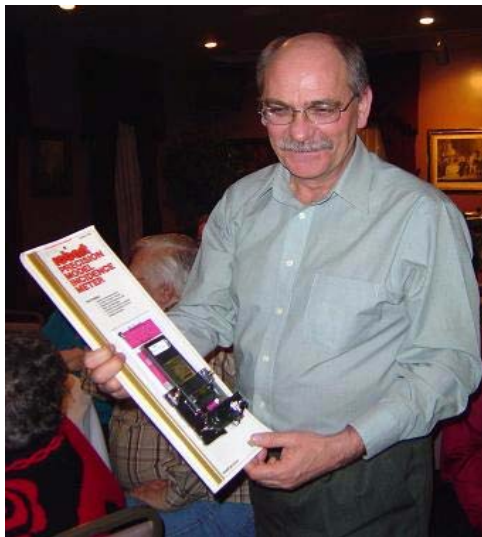
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matter of fact, some of you may not know that our present field is the site of his former farm.

He and wife, Audrey, have been married 55 years. Audrey was working at Clark Bros. when Kip married her. Cathy, their oldest, lives in West Virginia. Son, Jim, is "up on the farm". He had 600 sheep, but now is back into dairy with 40-50 head. Donna is in KY working for Kroger's chain store. Kendall works for himself at his local garage. They have a bunch of grandkids and a couple of great-grandkids.

Kip used to bowl and even participated in some national tournaments out in Las Vegas at one time. He and Audrey continue to enjoy playing cards.

When asked what/who got him interested in flying, Kip shared the following: "When I was a little kid I used to build models. Then I got into control line when I was older. I went down to the Bonaventure Club and watched



***Don Wehlage wins himself a Robart incident meter at the Winter Party!***

the model fly. Then I got into the STARS in 1982."

Kip preferred his Kadet Mark II with skis to fly. Bill Burkett and he were flying one day with identical planes...they

got confused as to which was which, but it all turned out O.K. His Agcat was always fun to fly, also.

When asked about his best flying experience, he said, "That's hard to tell. But



once I built a big Cherokee...124-inch wingspan, it flew great. One day when I was flying it, I went to turn it and it didn't turn, the servo arm broke...I still have it, I might rebuild it."

"I still like the glow," when the subject of glow vs. electric was brought up. "I have had bad experiences with charging the electrics."

On 3D: "Well, it's alright if you're younger. I don't see as good as I used to, and you don't have the confidence when you're older".

Kip doesn't think he has any areas of expertise. "I build them, I'm not the best, but I enjoy it". And that's exactly what Kip was doing when I called him!

His advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: "I don't know...well, learn to fly with a rudder. That's the way the old planes flew. I think they were more fun than the ailerons".

Until next month then,  
*Jim Keough*



## STARS

### Minutes of the General Meeting of: 2/11/09

#### Attendance:

Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Brad Davis, Bill Burkett, Jack Burkett, Bob Bush, Gary Fitch, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Walt Hibbard, Kip Karn, Jim Keough, Tom Orcutt, Dave Pratt, Dick Say, Jay Wade

Motion to accept the meeting minutes by Gary F. and seconded by Gary B. All were in favor.

#### Treasurers Report:

Tom O. gave the monthly report. Motion to accept by Dave P. and seconded by Jay W. All were in favor.

#### Web Site:

Bob B. reported additional winter party pictures have been added to the website including some photos of the Sunday flying at the Cuba gym. Gary F. suggested AMA district II could host our website for no cost to the club. Bob B. would like to better understand the software used by AMA prior to any commitment of having them host our site.

#### Winter Party:

Ramona F. reported the winter party was a success. Next year we may want to see if we can change the buffet somewhat. Ramona

also plans to send a thank you to Old Library.

#### Rally:

Gary F. reported on behalf of Jim G. that the Fun fly will be from noon to 2PM. ASG will do the chicken dinner. District II will provide lunch for registered pilots. AMA will have a big push to increase membership this year.



*"These Vapors are great little indoor flyers!"*

On this basis, Gary F. suggested we setup a flight simulator. Tom O. suggested we bring trainer planes as well. Jack B. stated last years Rally wasn't publicized in PA. Auction to follow after flying. Gary F. volunteered as an auctioneer if required. May want to consider a raffle. Walt H. suggested we purchase food from the Cuba Giant rather than Park & Shop. Ramona F. suggested we shop around and see what is available.

Gary F. suggested Mike Z. should investigate possible alternatives as well.

#### Old Business:

##### RC Cars:

Walt H. suggested we still look into an RC car race track. Possible location would be the new area, which Kip K. has cleared. Ramona F. suggested we contact some of the people who race cars and show them our club to see if they would be interested in joining our club.

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**HAVE YOU EVER... landed with your muffler  
dangling from the fuel pressure line?**

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Dick S. suggested we might not want to fly and have car races at the same time. Dick also suggested the club contact Mike Hail. Gary F. reported AMA may also be looking into this as a way to have additional members.

#### **Club Liability:**

Walt H. reported we have minimal insurance on our property. Walt suggested we might want to look into more insurance coverage. It was determined this will need to be discussed at the next planning board meeting. Gary F. will look to see if we can purchase liability insurance through AMA.

#### **House Fire:**

Dave B. informed club members a WASP member had lost his house to a fire about two weeks ago. If you wish to donate money or house wares please contact Dave P. Ramona F. asked to have cloths sizes if possible.

#### **Club Project:**

Walt H. suggested the club once again have an airplane project similar to what the club once did in the past with the Bristol Scout biplanes. Dick S. presented a possible Russian Yak-6 twin electric motor plan in which club members could build. This plane would have a wingspan of 73.75", wing area of 5.75 sq/ft, weight approx. 6 lbs. Produce a wing loading of 16 oz. Costs for two electric motors and ESC's would be approximately \$90. 90 oz of thrust would be produced with a 7.4 volt battery pack which equates to 45 oz/motor. This is a high lift airfoil design. Suggest we use two - 2 cell 7.4 volt lipo's at 2300 to 2500ma for a cost of \$35 each. All together

cost would be approximately \$200. Gary F. suggested looking into hobbyking.com for batteries as well. Walt thought if 5 to 6 members were interested could lead to more media about STARS and possible new members. We may even be able to build kits to make it easier for others to build.

#### **Club House Electric:**

Tom O. stated the breaker still hasn't been pulled.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Budget:**

Tom O. proposed the 2009 budget.

##### **AMA:**

Gary F. reported AMA has suggested AMA leader members and other club members need to get together to review AMA programs and to educate clubs on what AMA has to offer. This may increase club members as well.

#### **Show & Tell:**

Gary B. presented his Golden Eagle Talon F1 P. 85.5 inch wingspan, 70 inches long, 16-17lbs, and loaded with a DA50. Jim G. completed the ARF.

#### **Meetings:**

Next Planning Board Meeting will be at Tom O. house, Feb 23rd @ 7PM.

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be at JCC, March 11th starting at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave P. and seconded by Dick S. All were in favor.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR...



For those of you who might be interested in the building project Walt has in mind, I've printed below a three-view of the Yakevlov 6 (Yak 6).... just to give you an idea of what it looks like.

For those who might be interested in something else... I'm listing below an index of all the articles published in this newsletter during the year 2008. I hope some might find it interesting and/or informative.

### LEAD ARTICLES

J- Welcome to 2008!  
 F- It Has Been Reported That..  
 M- Strategic Planning Meeting  
 A-I Think It's About Time that We...  
 M-Toledo 2008!  
 J- Is This the Front Page?!?!  
 J- Memorable Meetings  
 A-For Your Information  
 S- As Summer Comes to an End  
 O- STARS Written Up  
 N- It's Cranium Time!  
 D- It's In Full Swing!

### MONTHLY MEMBER BIO

F- Gary Baker  
 M- Dave Pratt

A- Bob Bush  
 M- Randy Bittinger  
 J- Jamie Bowen  
 J- Walt Hibbard  
 A- Jim Messer  
 S- Mike Zias  
 O- Clark Follett  
 N- Ramona Follett  
 D-Tom Orcutt

### BUILDING & FLYING

J- Indoor Flying  
 J- Borrowed from AMA Insider  
 M- Principles of Flight I  
 M- Propeller Safety Tips  
 A- Some Tricks and Tips  
 M- Principles of Flight II  
 M-Vacuum Forming Box

J- Principles of Flight III  
 J- Principles of Flight IV

### RALLY TOPICS

M- Think of It as a "RALLY ALLY"  
 J- Important RALLY Info!

### HISTORY

F- Ah Yes- the Winter Party  
 J- Looking Back #1  
 J- Looking Back #2  
 A- Looking Back # 3&4  
 S- Looking Back #5  
 O- Looking Back #6  
 N- Looking Back #7  
 D- Looking Back #8

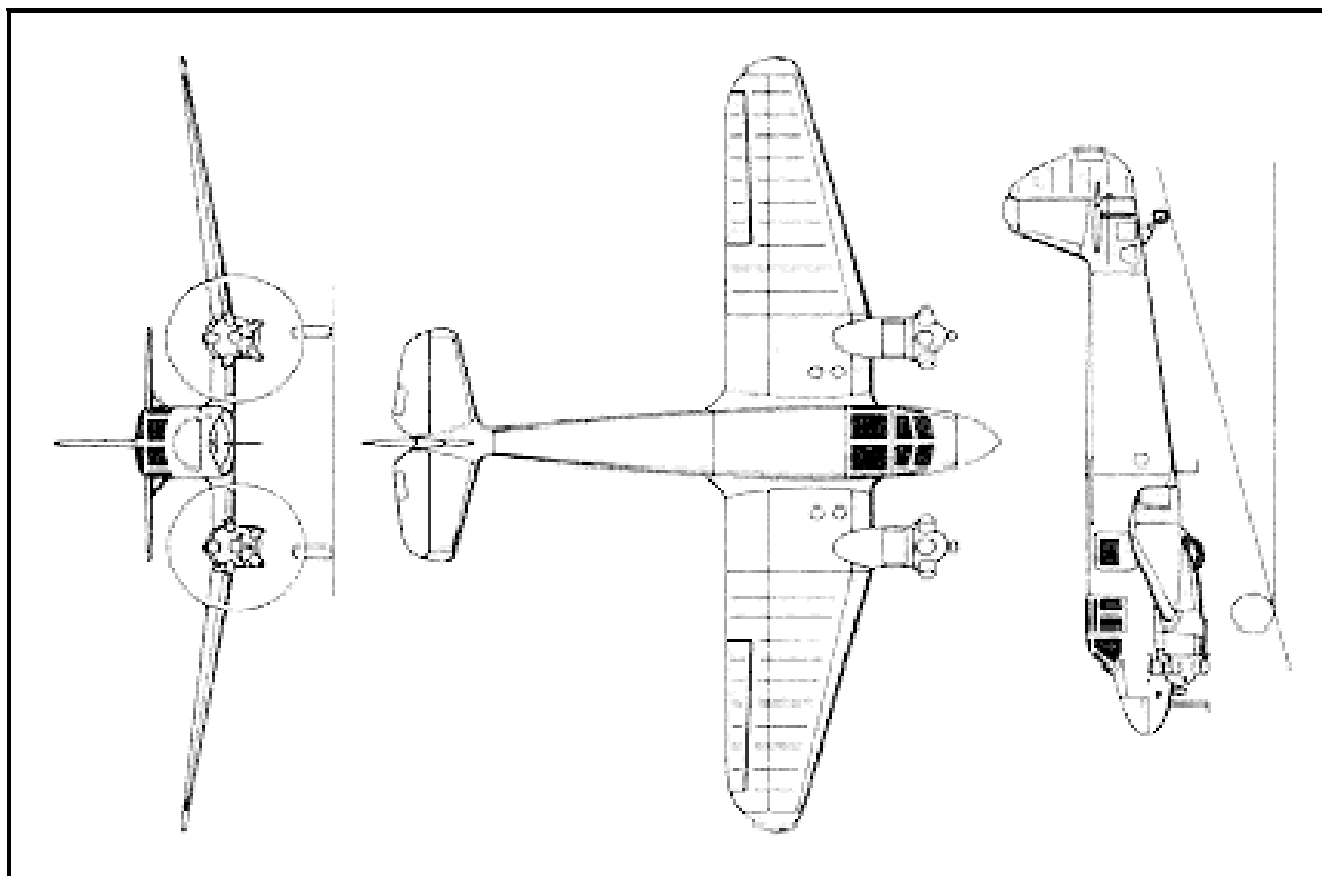
### SALES

F- Correspondence Received  
 A- Check It Out!  
 A- Ray Marble's Airplane sale

### OTHERS

J- The Prez Sez  
 J- Notes from the Planning Board  
 J- Illnesses  
 F- Travelling with Lithium Batteries  
 J- STARS Membership Listing  
 J- Another Side of Ed Flicker  
 S- Don't They Look Terrific!

Obviously, each month also contained Jamie's excellent recorded minutes of the regular meetings.



## LOOKING BACK – 11

**Good-Bye Line Material field.** We flew R/C planes there for about five years before the crap hit the fan. Nearby residents didn't approve of the noise that went with these planes, and mufflers for model engines hadn't been invented yet. Several Letters to the Editor appeared in the Olean Times Herald, all complaining about the noise. Following is one letter that I retained in my scrapbook:

*"We residents of the Haskell, Dugan, Happy Hollow, and East State Road are just plain fed up. We have put up with this "buzz saw" noise all summer, and still we listen to it. It goes from early dawn until dark without any relief. Not one weekend or evening last summer, were we able to sit on our patios or porches and relax in peace after a week of working.*

*Airplane fliers – take heed! You are not flying your planes in the country. You are disturbing the peace of owners of private homes who are entitled to the little relaxation they have on weekends and evenings. We realize that flying these model planes is a form of relaxation to you. However, out of respect for other people, we are sure you can find a more suitable place to fly them.*

*I for one, am for entering a plea to Line Material to deny the use of its grounds to persons guilty of disturbing our peace! If this does not work, I am sure there are other methods to be used to insure our privacy and our right to peace and quiet the rest of this year and next year. A very disgusted resident of Haskell Road".*

**Portville – Here we come!** With those letters, the hand-writing was on the wall. The search for a new field far out in the country was mandatory. Easy Evans knew a guy in Portville that ran the gravel-pits on the road to Eldred. He bargained with the man to let us use a piece of land between the ponds, and there we carved out a runway for our models. If a model crashed hard into a pond, the engine would usually sink to the bottom, where it was un-retrievable. The nearest building was a bar across the road, and they gave us the go-ahead to fly all we wanted. We were there from the late 60's and into the 70's, when finally they needed to dig up the runway to get to the gravel beneath it. So, once again the search was on for another field. Where would we go this time?

**Allegheny – Clapp Field was next:** We scoured the countryside looking for a field, up and down every back road you could think of. Bob Dunn and I found a spot off the Smith Hollow road that we thought would work. It belonged to a guy named Woody Clapp, a dentist in Olean. Upon approaching Woody about the use of the land, he came up with an idea that worked for both of us. Woody owned two planes that he kept at the Olean airport. He said that if we would help in constructing a full size runway, he could move his planes there, and we could fly until the end of time. We agreed. For about six months we worked out tails off, moving dirt, picking up rocks, and prepared the land for rolling into a nice 100 ft. wide x 2000 ft. long runway. We were in seventh heaven; that is until 1983, when Woody was killed in a plane crash, forcing us to move once again.

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Next Regular Meeting @ JCC - Olean Campus:  
*Tuesday, March 11th @ 7:00pm*

Next Planning Meeting: TBA

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