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## \*\*\*What is it... about August?!?\*\*\*

Last year... on the 23rd of August, Ida and Walt Hibbard celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary... and their picture was featured on the front page of this sublime publication.

This year, Vi and Bob Bush celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary on the 22nd of August; and (yes, you guessed it...)



**Bob and Vi Bush, and fellow members of the STARS "Senior Couples Dinner Group": Dick and Sylvia Say, Clark and Ramona Follett, Tom and Rosemarie Orcutt and Ida and Walt Hibbard, pose outside the Allegany American Legion, after the "50th Wedding Anniversary Festivities".** *Editor's note: Dave and Laura Pratt and Ruth and Tad Manske also made it... but missed the photo opportunity.*

### **This Month's Club Bio**



Our interview travels take us to one of our past presidents, Mr. Dick Say of Olean.

JK: So, Dick, do you work, are you retired, did you ever work?

DS: I retired from a laboratory, Quest Diagnostics, which was a medical diagnostics lab. I was a courier and I called on hospitals and doctors. I took them supplies and papers. My region included traveling from Olean throughout the Finger Lakes region every day, which amounted to about 420 miles. I had 35 to 40 clients and stops and did that for about 15 years. All in all, I drove about 1.5 million miles! Prior to that I was in auto sales and a manager for VW/Porsche/Audi for Olean and was their #1 sales rep.

JK: That's a lot of miles each day!

DS: Yes, but I found it better than being inside, even in the winter.

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*MODEL AVIATION PRINCIPLES 101- Any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwind.*

*President Walt says we need a work party at the field! Please, be prepared (and be eager) to help if he calls on you!*

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JK: Now you've been married to Sylvia for a while...

DS: Yes, we were married back in 1972. It will be 37 years in Oct. I have four children...three girls and a boy: Laura lives in Michigan; Ellen lives in Portville, Jason lives in Olean, and Pamela lives Portville, but they all live in my heart.

JK: Do you have memberships in other clubs/associations?

***"Some of my plans have been published, and I've sold some"***

DS: No, I don't, just a member of AMA and STARS.

JK: Dick, do you have other interests or hobbies?

DS: I've enjoyed a passing interest in others, but have always been involved in planes in one form or another for as long as I can remember. My interest in aircraft leads to other things such as the study of history (air wars, etc.) I've accumulated many books on the subject. I also acquired an interest in designing aircraft. "It's like the branches of a tree." Flying

is the trunk. The designing, building, and research are the branches.

JK: What/who got you interested in flying?

DS: When I was just a small child, maybe 5 years old, my mother was in real estate. She was talking to the owner of an airport on the East River Road at one time. I believe it was the Giermek Airport. I was just walking around and looking and saw some free flight models hanging on a wall, and I could relate to the models. The large planes just seemed to shrink. I remember this as clearly as it was yesterday even though it was a good 62 years ago. From then on, I've always had the interest.

JK: Do you have a favorite plane to fly?

DS: No, I can't say that I do. In all these years I've preferred planes that look and fly like airplanes. I like realistic flights. And I've designed and built a good many scale planes. Some of my plans have been published and I've sold some. I had a good response from those who have used my plans, but I just couldn't make any money at it!



**A pretty good shot of our resident warplane expert. On that subject, if Dick doesn't know it, it probably isn't worth knowing. Just behind him is the love of his life... his wife Sylvia**

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JK: How about one of your best flying experiences?

DS: I would have to say there was one plane and the experience I had with it: I had designed and constructed a scale model of a home built aircraft Druine (Turbulent). It was the only plane in my stable for four or five years and I flew it three or four times a week from May to November.



**“Keep it simple, stupid...”**

JK: And now the dreaded questions: Your worst flying experience?

**Yes, it happened on August’s meeting night. Dick will tell any and all of you... “it happens to the best of us!”**

DS: I’ve had plenty of those! The one that the guys have known me for, and teased me the most, is the time I put a plane into a spin and forgot to pull it out. It was spinning so nicely, I was mesmerized.

JK: I’m sure you have an opinion on glow verses electric flying.

DS: Absolutely...I’ve gone all electric. Electric is in its infancy, and it gets better exponentially both with equipment and performance. We are in the pioneering phase for electric...aircraft, auto, etc. To make something popular requires a technological breakthrough, and with this it is the battery. In the future we will have batteries that are safer, smaller,

less expensive, and more powerful. Everything stays cleaner with electric meaning less stress and maintenance on the plane.

JK: Dick, what’s your opinion on 3D flying?

DS: Well, it won’t make me very popular, but after I saw it a couple times it became boring. There are a lot of aspects with model aircraft flying that appeal to various people, and we can express ourselves in different ways. 3D flying is just one of those examples.

JK: I’m thinking one of your areas of expertise would be the designing of which we spoke earlier.

DS: I guess that would have to be the researching of aircraft and the designing of model aircraft.

JK: Your advice for the rookie/newbie pilot?

DS: “Keep it simple, Stupid”. Don’t start your participation in the hobby with a four-engine bomber or a pylon racer. Allow yourself the space to relax and enjoy.

Until next month then, *Jim Keough*



**No, Dick was not the only unlucky one that night. Catch this rogue’s gallery of “The Three Mistakers”; Dick, Gary Fitch and Walt Hibbard.**

**HAVE YOU EVER... Spent ten minutes trying to start your engine before someone finally suggested that you hook up your glow plug battery?**

**STARS General Meeting- August 12, 2009 7:35- called to order**

Present were Walt Hibbard, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Tad Manske, Jim Goodemote, Gary Baker, Ed Flicker, Kip Karn, Bill Burkett, Brad Davis, Dick Say, Jim Keough, Bob Bush, Jay Wade, Dan Stubbs, Dave Pratt, Dennis DenBleyker, Don Wehlage, Mike Zias, Bill Messer, Gary Fitch, Tom Orcutt; 22 in total. Guests- Sylvia Say and Maynard Burrow.

**Treasurer's Report**

Read and accepted. Motion by Gary F., second by Jay W. Approved by all.

**Membership**

Application for three prospective members were received. Dan Lai, Fred Rubin and Dan Razey were all voted in. Motion in favor by Gary F., second by Dick S. Approved.

**Web Site**

Thanks to Dick S., Jim K. and Jamie B.

for the pictures.

**Club Project**

Dick S. stated the project is progressing well. He also explained the project to our new members.



Due in no small measure to this man, Contest Director Jim Goodemote, here seen with his wife Linda, the 2009 Rally and District II Fun Fly was a great success!

**Pilot Training**

Dave P. explained our club training program to the new members. Dave also requested help in training our new members. The need for more available flight instructors was brought up and discussed. A motion was made by Dick S., seconded by Jay W., to have an Instructor Certification Program

for those pilots who would like to help train new member pilots. Jim G. will evaluate and certify those who would like to become flight instructors. Voted on and passed.

**President's Corner**

Ways to promote a membership drive were discussed. The RC track was also

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discussed and Walt will continue looking into this option.

## Open House

Sylvia S. along with Ramona F. will coordinate the Open House on Aug 30th. Mike Z. will get the food permit. Gary F. suggested we advertise the event, and that we have a flight simulator available for our guests.

## Old Business

The Rally was reviewed and discussed by all. It was a great event this year. Thanks were given to Jim G. (our CD), Randy B. (flight line director), and Trans Am Ambulance- great job all!

The Pilot shed roof was discussed for

repair. Walt H. and Clark F. will get quotes. Wal-Mart show and tell was brought up and 5 to 6 members could do it. It was tabled.

## New Business

A discussion was held on possibly installing a floor and enclosing our pavilion. Dick S. and Jim K. will get quotes on a 24' by 32' concrete pad. It was suggested that we should place a sign at our field entrance that says "Learn to Fly RC Planes - call ????"

## Show and Tell

Nothing at this time.

## Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Dick S., second of Mike Z.

### FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S DESK...

For those of you who get this newsletter over the internet- tomorrow is the open house! There, you've been reminded!

Thanks this month go out to Dick Say for the pictures on pages one, three and four; to Jim Keough for his great job on Dick's bio; to Clark Foltlett for again doing a superb job of filling in for Jamie as secretary; and to all of the members who attended July and August's meeting. As most of you know by now, those are the only two regular meetings of the year that I make... and I appreciated seeing you all!

There is still plenty of great flying weather left (and let's hope it's better than most of what we've experienced in May, June, July and August!) Until Later... *Tad*



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Next Regular Meeting @ the field  
in Cuba, Wednesday, September  
9th at 7:30pm

Next Planning Meeting: TBA

Open House August 30th

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