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WE'RE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

Much has been said in the past year about "increasing our membership".

If you look at the past few months (since the year began) you'll see we have really picked up steam. We only took in one new member (Jay Wade) in the first six months of the year... but since then we've taken in six additional- in a period of only three months! In July Dennis DenBleyker and Daniel Stubbs became STARS; in August we were joined by Dan Lai, Fred Rubin and Dan Razey; and last month Lee Pirdy became a member.

We welcome all of you, and sincerely hope that you find in our hobby and our club, the fun, satisfaction and camaraderie that the rest of us have felt and enjoyed since becoming members.

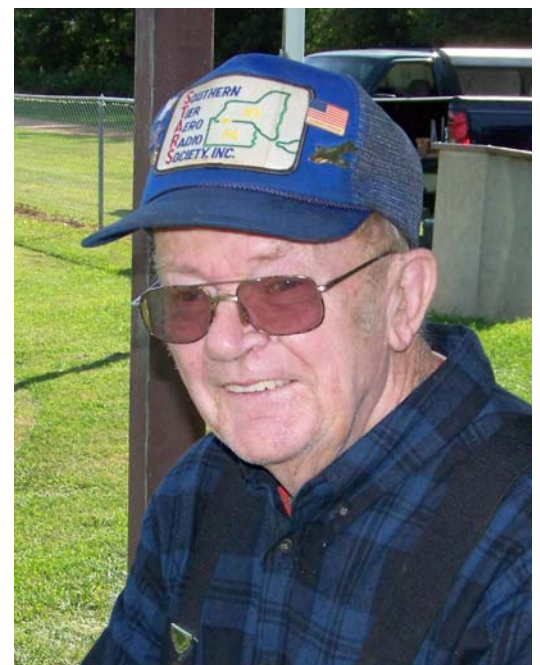
This club, you'll find, is just like any other organization you join... "you get out of it what you put into it". Try to make as many of the regular meetings as you can. You are also always welcome at any planning meeting. And soon... we'll all begin thinking about both the indoor flying season, and the Winter Party!

CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH

Our monthly member spotlight will turn to one of the Sr. members of our club, Bill Burkett.

Bill retired about two years ago from working in the oil fields in the Bradford/Warren

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MODEL AVIATION PRINCIPLES 101: There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing; unfortunately, no one knows what they are

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area since he was nine years old! Given his age, my fourth grade math tells me that's a total of 69 years! Bill says he didn't do that much at the age of nine, but was still there.

"...listen to your instructor!..."

Bill has two daughters who both live locally. Barb lives in Limestone and Deb lives in Bradford and works in the school cafeteria.

When asked about membership in other clubs/associations Bill told me he is a life member in the Limestone Fire Department.

Hunting and fishing occupied Bill leisure time for a number of years. Now he does a little trout fishing. He could be seen this past summer over at the Redhouse Area in Allegany State Park, but didn't catch much.

I was certainly interested in what or who got this senior interested in flying. "I did more or less myself. When I was nine or ten

years old I'd go over to Harri Emery Airport in Bradford and get a few rides in planes. I had to have a letter from my mom to fly, but she didn't want me to. So a friend and I made up a letter and my friend signed it. My friend was afraid to fly but I loved the planes."

The Astrohog is Bill's favorite plane to fly.

I asked Bill about his best flying experience, and he relayed this story to me: "Don't know that I have any best ones. The funniest one was the time me and Kip were flying the same color and style plane and we got mixed up for a while, but we got it figured out before we had to land."

His worst flying experience would be the time he had a WWII trainer, a DeHavilland Chipmunk. It had only about 3 or 4 flights on it, but the battery went down on it during its last flight. It came down through the trees toward Acme Elec. and was "pulverized".

Bill prefers the glow to electric flying, but "...to each his own."

"I like to watch guys do it," says Bill referring to 3D flying. "They do a good job, but it would get old after a little bit."

I asked Bill about any areas of expertise. "I like to build my own airplanes, although the ARFs are nice. I've done both,

but you know more about your airplane if you build it yourself."

His advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: "Just listen to your instructor and get in a lot of flying time."

'til next month, *Jim Keough*



***Bill seems to be saying...
"Relaxing is what I do best!"***

STARS

Minutes of the General Meeting
of: 09/09/09

Attendance:

Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona F, Jim Goodemote, Walt Hibbard, Kip Karn, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Mike Zias, Dan Razey, Ed Flicker, Kip Karn, Bill Messer, Jay Wade, Brad Davis, Dewey Barron, Dave Pratt, Dan Lai, Dennis Ven Bleyker, Rubin Frederick

Motion to accept the meeting minutes by Dave P. and seconded by Kip K. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Tom O. gave the monthly report. Motion to accept by Kip K. and seconded by Romona F. All were in favor.

Membership:

Motion by Gary B. to have Lee Piridy elected as a new STARS member and was seconded by Kip K. All were in favor. Welcome Lee.

Pilot Training:

Dave Pratt said Dan L. donated a radio to the club and suggested we pay Dan \$22 for the radio. Motion to pay Dan L. \$22 by Walt H. and seconded by Kip K. all were in favor.

President's Corner:

Pilot roof is in need of repair and should be replaced before winter starts. Pilot Cages will also require replaced with new PCV.



Received this interesting picture from John Tucker of the WASPS the other day. I can't really tell you much about it... but I do have some questions...

- 1. Are those four Jet Cat model turbines under the wings?**
- 2. Is this Dick Say's new design for the club's winter project?!?**
- 3. Is that Gary Baker traveling incognito?**
- 4. Will Kip let this guy land if he flies over our field (or just bulldoze him over)?**
- 5. Is this guy from "outer space", or is he just mentally "spaced out"?**

HAVE YOU EVER... Bought something you really needed while at the hobby shop, and then come home and found out that you already owned three of them?!?

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PICTURES TAKEN THE "NEXT-TO-LAST" DAY BEFORE SUMMER'S END

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Rally:

Walt H. suggested we move the pilot's canopies to a better location so spectators can more easily see planes take off and land. Dick S. suggested we could separate the pilot's canopies. Dan R. suggested we open the whole main area and have the pilot's canopies at each end of the field. Walt suggested a smaller tent be used for the pilot's registration and radio impound. Walt also suggested the Rally would no longer be a Scale Rally event. Jim G. stated for health reasons can no longer be the CD. For those interested in becoming a CD an open book test would be required from AMA. Dick S. congratulated Jim G. on his dedication of 23 years as Rally CD and a great job in doing so.

Planning Committee:

Pavilion concrete floor:
Walt asked if members had received contractor quotes for the concrete floor. Kip K. contacted a person who could supply the concrete but couldn't pour the floor. Jim K. also provided a quote. Ed F. submitted a quote



Hey- get your nomenclature right... it's the "Stick" that's "Ugly" not Walt!



"Gary, where did the summer go??? I don't know Tom, but it took all the food with it!"



"Well Vi, 'looks like no more "outdoor cookin" for awhile now... You're right Sylvia, but I'll miss the girls of the Skunk Works. 'Won't see most of them now until the Winter Party.'"

from Ray Rybicki and Joe Kwiatkowski. Ed F. stated we should have all written bids concealed until all bids are in and then review the bids. Clark and Ramona F. suggested a written specification of the requirements should also be submitted to the contractors so they are all bidding to the same requirements. Tom O. has a 12-year-old pour consisting of two inches of pea gravel for a base. Then wire mesh was applied. A concrete/fiberglass mix was then poured with no known cracks to date. Planning board members: Jim G. has resigned as a planning board member for health reasons. On this basis Dave Pratt has volunteered as a fill-in for Jim.

Club House:

Hot water heater - Clark F. thinks it would cost around \$250 for a hot water on demand unit. Motion by Ramona F. to have the pavilion enclosed and seconded by Dick S. Main benefit would be for meetings and plane storage. Dick S. stated we have a lot on the table and may need to prioritize our projects. Walt

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AND EVEN SOME "MORE OF THE SAME"... (PICTURES, THAT IS)

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H. said we would begin project prioritizing next year.

Open House:

Ramona F. reported the open house turned a profit. Thanks to Lee Pirdy for the meat donation. Dick S. also thanked Ramona F. and Sylvia S.

New business:

Dick S. spoke with Amy White at JCC and is working on the winter meeting schedule. Next general meeting will be at JCC starting at 7PM with the same room as last year.

Club Project:

Russian Yak-6 twin electric
Dick S. reported he should



'Nice looking warbird you've got there, Dave!



Now, there's a happy looking fella, if I ever saw one!

have the wing drawing by next meeting.

Auction:

West Seneca Sept 26th Work Party
Scheduled for Sept 19th starting at 10AM to clean up from open house and winterize.

Meetings:

Next Planning board Meeting will be at Clark and Ramona F. Sept 28th @ 7:00PM
Next regular STARS general meeting will be at JCC, Oct 14th, starting @ 7:00PM
Motion to adjourn was made by Dave P., seconded by Jay W.; all were in favor.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR...

I sincerely echo what Dick Say said about Jim Goodemote, our "CD Extraordinaire". To add to it... "you don't replace someone like Jim- that can't be done... you put someone in his place, and hope that he can come close to Jim's parameters." With Jim's help, and the encouragement of all of the rest of us- I think someone new can do the job. Thanks again Jim, for so many years of selfless service.



I hope all of you (especially the ladies) don't mind me "putting words in your mouths", but I always feel that a picture without a caption is like a "day without sunshine" (or some other trivial statement... something like that...).

Until next month then... **Tad**

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Next Regular Meeting @ JCC,
Wednesday, October 14th at
7:00PM

Next Planning Meeting: TBA

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