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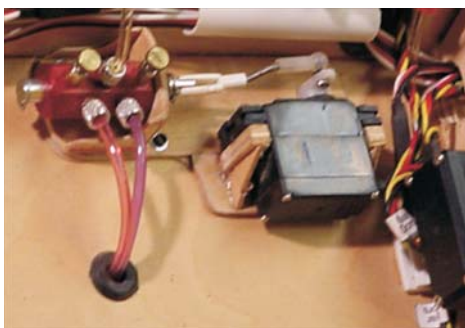
## A MASTER BUILDER IS HE...



**Wing Fold hinges**



**Wings in folded position**



**Retract Servo and Valve**

Good news for all of us! Jim Goodemote saw my "hint, hint, hint" in last months' "From the Newsletter Editor's desk..." column and has agreed to continue sending me pictures of his latest creation, the gorgeous Vought Corsair.

The first time Jim has a "public showing" of this aircraft, I'll try to get him to announce it in the newsletter. (Hey, us editors need all the help we can get!)

In our first excerpt, we saw some of the wiring, then hatches in last month's rendition. This month takes a look at both wing folding and some fuselage center section information.

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## CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH



Gene Hickey is no stranger to our indoor flying activities at Cuba Elementary School on Sunday afternoons. We will therefore turn our attention to this talented, somewhat out-of-the-box, pilot.

Gene is owner operator of Overhead Door of Olean, and has been doing that for 31 years. He started working for his father back in '79, and this is the only job he's ever had. He got married when he was 24, and then subsequently divorced at 30. He's been single ever since. He does have two

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MODEL AVIATION PRINCIPLES 101: Real airplanes have two wings and round engines. Real RC pilots have good eye-hand coordination, a functioning brain, and a practically unbelievable amount of luck.

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daughters aged 22 and 23. His oldest graduated from Edenboro and is in Philadelphia managing a restaurant. His youngest is a senior at Pitt-Bradford.

Water skiing and boating are other interests Gene enjoys in the warm weather months. He used to snow ski years ago. He lives on Cuba Lake full time where he mans his 19' Bayliner and Jet Ski. When it comes to water skiing, slalom is his forte. Gene likes skiing almost as much as flying.

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to make it a life-long  
hobby”***

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I asked Gene how he got started in flying. “I started in 1980 back at the field in



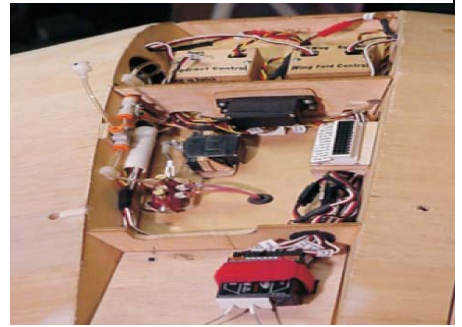
Allegany”, he remembers. “Lou Stedman got me hooked back then...they said, ‘You have to try it’. Now that the girls are grown, I have more time for it”.

When it comes to favorite planes to fly, Gene remarked, “I like the indoor foamies more than the glow powered... planes I can fly in the backyard. I fly a Seawind electric I can fly right off the water. The best time for that is later at night right before sunset....after it’s calmed down. I like to try different things with the foamies...some work, some don’t”.

Gene’s best flying experience was learning to fly helicopters without crashing. His first one was a MFA Sport 500 put out by Hobby Lobby in early 80’s. “It was a piece of junk”, he said. “It was a fixed pitched a l u m i n u m frame with an airplane motor. It could break itself without even flying, but I could get it to fly and have the pictures to

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More pictures...



**overall view of Center Section**



**Fuselage Center Section with all servos, wiring not completed**

That’s it for the Corsair, until next month...

prove it”. Regarding his worst flying experience: “I crashed the first plane I ever built myself on its maiden flight. It was a SIG Cougar. It was a kit, a pretty fast sport plane. I thought I was a hot shot and could fly it. I crashed it right before family and friends”.

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design things...”***

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I could guess Gene's answer to his opinion on glow vs. electric: "I still like to fly the glow, but the electrics are so much handier."

Gene says he's not very good at 3D flying, but has a lot of fun trying. "I have an unusual flying style, not sure if I'd call it 3D".

Gene wasn't sure he had any areas of expertise. "I'd say I like to design things. I have a lot of fun trying". If you go to the Sunday indoor flying, you can examine some of Gene's creations, and I think you will be impressed.

His advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: "Be patient", he says. "Many folks come and go, and they don't give it a chance. You have to do it all...building, soloing, practicing, everything to make it a life long hobby".

see you later...

*Jim Keough*



*It's still "not - too - late" to get in on the club project... this electric Yak 6, drawn by Dick Say.  
Contact Staples for information on same.*

## STARS

### Minutes of the General Meeting of: 03/10/10

#### Attendance:

Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Ramona Follett, Clark Follett, Dick Say, Ed Flicker, Brad Davis, Dave Pratt, Gary Fitch, Jim Goodemote, Keith Miller, Dan Razey, Randy Bittinger, Tom Orcutt, Kip Karn, Don Wehlage, Tad Manske, Chris Powers, Mike Zias, Dan Lai

Motion to accept February meeting minutes by Randy B. seconded by Ramona F. All were in favor.

#### Treasurers Report:

Motion to accept the trea-

surer's report by Gary F. and seconded by Walt H. All were in favor.

Reviewed 2009 income and proposed 2010 budget.

#### Membership:

Ed F. reported no new members.

Dues are due no later than April 1st.

#### Website:

Bob B. is in the hospital until Friday and is doing fine.

#### Rally:

Dave P. asked Mike Z. to supply a list of food for Lee P. so Lee can obtain pricing. Keith Miller said we may need to check into transportation to ensure we have

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**HAVE YOU EVER... Bought a new kit, ARF or RTF (or even a set of plans), the very day before it went on sale for 25% off?!?**

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proper refrigeration of perishable items. Ida H. volunteered to be the Rally RN. Ed F. reported the Olean fire chief could supply an ambulance at no cost. Ed F. reported ASG would once again have their open house breakfast and BBQ during the Rally event. Dave P. said the club tents would need the end covers repaired including some of the tent steel poles. Dan S. has a sewing machine that can mend them. Jim Goodemote stated last year's Rally was only a fun fly because STARS hosted AMA district II fun fly event during the Rally. Dave P. suggested the event be a sport scale rally rather than a scale rally.

Randy B. said he didn't see much difference from the past. Jamie B. suggested a survey could be conducted from the spectators and pilots on what they would like to see and do at future club events.

**Maintenance:**

Building will need to be stained again. Gary F. sug-



*Gary Fitch sent me these two photos of a Tom Hunt modeled Yak-6 he saw at the WRAM show in February.*



gested we get a good quality paint and not a stain to have good coverage.

Dave P. reported Lee P. has volunteered to repair the clubs mowing deck and lawnmower.

**Cards:**

Get well cards will be sent to Bob B. and Lee P.

**Club Project:**

Russian Yak-6 twin electric Plan copies can be obtained from Staples, as the CD's will not work because of Staples' printer program. However, Staples does have a hardcopy of the plans to make additional copies when requested. Gary F. reported Tom Hunt has a YAK 6 electric on skis.

**President's Corner:**

Dave P. reported Batavia's fun fly has been scheduled for June 5th and 6th. Ron Grizwall will have more details. Rally posters have been sent to pilots. Gary F. suggested we e-mail rather than send out by mail.

**New Business:**

Tom O. reported the electric has been turned off during the winter season and plans to restore power sometime in April.

Ed F. reported ASG will host the Buffalo chapter of the international aerobatics club (IAC) on June 4,5 and

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6th. It will be a 3-day event with 5 categories of aircraft participating. 22 aircraft are already registered and more expected. ASG is asking for STARS support for this. Breakfast will be served all 3 days including hotdogs and Hamburgers. Unsure if spectators are welcome or not.

Gary F. addressed the group as AMA District II president. Contest calendar will no longer be published in AMA monthly magazine but rather published on AMA's

website as a cost cutting measure. AMA has just launched AMA insider sent to AMA members via Email. FAA wants AMA to give but don't know what they want for rules and regulation. FAA has talked about the possibility of a medical exam being required of all pilots and a flying ceiling limit of 400ft. All members should read Dave M. April column. Cradle of Aviation in Long Island Museum and RIT's indoor fly-in has been scheduled for this weekend.

Don W. sent the gold leader-

ship application in.

**Show and tell:**

None at this time.

**Meetings:**

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be at JCC, April 14th starting at 7:00pm.

Next planning meeting will be at Jamie's house, March 29th @ 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Walt H. and seconded by Gary F. All were in favor.

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



'Would you believe it...

you're getting this newsletter at the same time as our last indoor flying date at Cuba Central?!? March 28th is our very last day of this year's indoor season. I can't believe how fast it's gone. It's been wonderful seeing so many of you; Gene H., Kip & Audrey K., Gary B., Gary F., Jim G., Dan L., Charlie S., Dave P., Brad D., Clark F., Jamie B., Bob B., Ed F., Walt & Ida H., and I know I've forgotten some (my apologies for a forgetful mind). As I'm not able to make many of the non-summer meetings, it's a great treat for me to see so many of you there- thanks for your comraderie!

My usual (and heartfelt) thank-yous go out to Jim K., Jamie, and Jim G. You guys certainly make things much easier for me. If any of the rest of you would like to contribute... send me an e-mail anytime. I know some are worried about their writing skills- well, that's what an editor is for! I'll be happy for anything you send, believe me!

Until next month then, *Tad*

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Next Regular Meeting @ JCC  
Olean, Wednesday, April 14th,  
7:00pm

Next Planning Meeting: @ Jamie  
Bowen's house, Monday, March  
29th, 7:00pm

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