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FROM OUR TRAVELING VP...

Gary Fitch went to this year's Joe Nall in South Carolina, and sent me some great pictures from the venue.

The top and middle pictures are of a huge Super Bee that captivated Kip.

The third is an overall view of some of the main flightline.

The following is the content of the e-mail which accompanied Gary's photos.

Hi Tad,

I promised you some photos. Kip Karn and I made the trip and the 2010 version of Joe Nall was outstanding with over 1000 pilots regis-

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CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH



This month's interview will take us to Bradford, PA where we'll meet up with our District III Vice President, Mr. Bob Brown. I have been looking forward to this interview for quite some time, knowing how much Mr. Brown has given to the hobby. I was excited to get his opinions on many of my questions.

Although Bob is retired, he still works for the Academy as Dist. III Vice President. With the academy he represents Ohio, West Virginia, and

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MODEL AVIATION PRINCIPLES 101: Radio Control Flying
isn't as much a hobby as it is a disease.

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tered. The temps were 90 humid degrees both days. There are 3 major flight lines. The primary one is Show Center that you see in the magazines. One mile to the south is the 3D flight line. Across the road and west of Show Center is a large pond and float flying all day long.

On Friday morning, Bob Brown, Dave Mathewson and I got to the Pond before 8:00am and I got the first flight off the water that day. The Polaris' fly great and get off the water in a jiffy (sorry, no photos as we were having too much fun flying!), and the landings are a thing of beauty.

The main Show Center flight line has to be seen to be believed. Just outstanding aircraft from WWI to the current jet age. I have at-



Here is that beautiful B-36 that Gary was talking about...



The Fairchild C-119 ("Flying Box-car")

tached photos of some of this. There was a very large B-29 that had four DA-100's & four blade props. There was an outstanding B-36 with six G-26s. There was even a giant "Flying Box-car". Kip Karn found the super giant Super Bee interesting as it is about 10 times larger than the one he had.

Joe Nall is a 12 hour drive to Woodruff, SC. Once you are there, you realize that in our little corner of the world, we don't see and can't appreciate what is really happening in model aviation. You have to get outside of our area to expand your mind. This is the Mecca of R/C Model meets. Ya gotta go!

Gary



I wonder which is bigger... this B-29, or the Peacemaker above??

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Pennsylvania. He is in charge of the property in Muncie, and also serves on the FAI - Federation Aeronautique Internationale which is in charge of all international contests and world championship competitions.

Bob has been married to JoAnne for 16 years. JoAnne used to be director of competition for the Academy. Bob has a daughter who lives in Geneva, NY and works for the University of Rochester in genetic engineering.

I asked Bob about other interests and hobbies, and he relates that he is into different forms of modeling like model trains. He presently has a G scale garden railway.

When asked, "What/who got you interested in flying?" Bob remarked, "I'd like to say I got myself interested. I started with control

line, went to free flight, then got into R/C back in 1960, and been in it ever since. I got my first R/C from Bob Dart." Bob doesn't really have a favorite plane. He likes everything from helicopters to planes. He loves it



all.

Bob's best and most memorable flying experience was probably slope soaring a glider out over the Pacific...flying it into the set-

ting sun. "The beauty of it was memorable," he said. Also, having a free flight model fly away only to never see it again was memorable. "Watch the Graces of God get it into a thermal and take it away."

"Every time I crash." That's what Bob calls his worst flying experience. "I crash all the time. I used to be decent at single stick, but they don't make them anymore." I told Bob it's encouraging for us novices to hear the experts say they still crash once in a while.

As regards his opinion on glow vs. electric: "Everything I fly is electric, and going to fly is electric. Mostly due to the fuss and no noise involved. There's nothing wrong with the gas.

That's where my strength is. But it's so neat to plug a motor in and away you go."

"I give anyone who can do it a great deal of

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HAVE YOU EVER... wondered if hand starting an engine was some diabolical initiation rite foisted on beginners by the old timers ?!? ("Naw, you don't really need an electric starter, too expensive at this stage of your life in the hobby.")

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credit,” is what Bob says about 3D flying. “It has created a new breed of flying for the young people. It has introduced a great deal of young gentlemen to the hobby.”

At this point in the interview, I realized Bob has many areas of expertise. He’s won quite a few national awards, and awards at various shows. He’ll answer any question anyone has, and help anyone who asks.

As far as building, he’s built several nationally known planes and has won awards for them. Harold DeBolt, a national champ and he worked together racing, and Bob built racing prototypes for Harold’s business. Bob has never been so proud to be into model aviation and highly recommends it to all.

His advice for all pilots new and old: “I highly urge all the STARS to get off their butt and go out and see what the rest of the world is doing with aeromodeling.”

Until next month,

Jim Keough

STARS

Minutes of the General Meeting of: 05/12/10

Attendance:

Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Clark Follett, Ed Flicker, Dave Pratt, Walt Hibbard, Tom Orcutt, Jim Keough, Don Wehlage, Dan Stubbs, Mike Pilon, Keith Miller, Dennis VenBlyker, Bill Messer, Jim Keough.

Motion to accept April meeting minutes by Tom O. seconded by Bill M. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Don W. and seconded by Walt H. All were in favor.

Sick:

Jim G. wife was in the hospital but has returned home.

Membership:

Ed F. nothing to report.

Website:

Nothing to report.

Rally:

Summer Summit will still do the port-a-johns
Clark F. reported cost are \$15 for water storage tanks.
Jim K. asked if we still

wanted to do the radio ad. Walt H. didn't think it helped much.

Motion to not spend \$300 on radio ad by Walt H. and seconded by Ed F. All were in favor.

Tee Shirts - Typically rally dates are not printed on the shirts so they can be sold again in the future. Dave P. asked members present what we would like to have printed on the shirts. Suggestions were Jim's Corsair or clubs Yak 6 project. Motion to have clubs Yak 6 project printed on the shirts by Walt H. seconded by Jim K. all in favor.

Ed F. will get the qty and report to Ramona F.

Flight Instructors:

Dave P. no instructions

Maintenance:

Concrete pour costs \$114/yr delivered. Pavilion and garage floor pour will require 14 yards. If club were to pour pad outside rather than garage floor would be less yards required. Walt H. would like the garage floor poured. Don W. reported if club pours a pad outside the garage then our taxes will go up. Motion to pour garage floor by Jim K. and sec-

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ended by Clark F. Two opposed and the rest in favor. Ed F. asked Dave P. to call Dewey B. and ask his opinion.

Garage Staining:

Randy B. informed Dave P. that opaque color stains range in cost from \$250 - \$300 and can last from 6 to 8 years. 6 gallons of Semi transparent stain cost \$225-\$260 and includes a sprayer and last 6 to 8 years. 6 gallons of spray on staining cost \$175-\$200 and includes a sprayer and last 3-5 years. Jim K. reported this should be easy to apply with a sprayer. Motion to spend \$250 for semi transparent stain by

Bill M. seconded by Ed F. All were in favor.

Club Project:



At Joe Nall, a nice-looking Sukhoi next to a nice-looking STARS member who shall remain nameless.

Russian Yak-6 twin electric
Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Wal-Mart:

Date: June 19th
Clark F. is working on the

food permit and can do on line. We need to do the same for the Rally.

Ed F. reported STARS can have a display at the IAC event. SHARKS also plan to have a display.

New Business:

Don W. will update the memorial plaque to include Bill Thomas.

Meetings:

Next regular STARS general meeting will be at the field, June 9th starting @ 7:30PM.

Next planning meeting will be at the field, May 24th @ 7:00PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Walt H. and seconded by Don W. All were in favor.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR...

Once again... thanks be to Jamie and Jim- and a special thanks to Gary Fitch for the great pictures he took at Joe Nall. It sure sounds like he and Kip had a great time.



I'd appreciate it if all of you would check your personal information on Ed Flicker's latest membership listing. 'Give him a call if anything is missing or inaccurate. I'd like to be able to print a copy in next month's newsletter- especially for those members who aren't on the internet.

Yes, that's right. Rally time will be here before you know it...
Until next month then, *Tad*

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Next Regular Meeting @ the field
in Cuba, Wednesday, June 9th

Next Planning Meeting: at the field,
June 28th

STARS Rally: July 17th & 18th

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