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## ***FROM PRESIDENT DAVE PRATT...***

***The Rally is done for another year. I believe it was a good one. The flyers and the spectators had a great time.***

***This was one of our best years. The weather and the temps were for the most part outstanding.***

***The food tent was a success, and the ice cream tent sold out both days.***

***The parking, the raffle tent, the tee shirt sales all went very well.***

***The announcer, what can I say, he is the best. Several people commented that they had no trouble understanding what was going on.***

***I personally want to thank all who participated in the success of this year's Rally. We couldn't have done it without your help.***

***Those in the registration tent, the transmitter impound, you fellas who spend so many hours on that hot flight line, the parking crew, our skunk works' partners, the young ladies of the Hinsdale Color Guard who helped out on the serving line... I hope I haven't left anyone out. If I have, please forgive an old forgetful guy.***

***We had sixty-seven pilots, and one hundred thirty-two planes registered, an excellent turn out. We had a few crashes, but you learn to live with them.***

***I want to single out and especially thank Jim and Linda Goodemote for all their help on "CD stuff".***

***I hope a "good time was had by all", I know I had one. For those who couldn't make it this year... you missed one heck of a show!***

***Dave Pratt***



**Two of the three beautiful 1/3rd scale Stearman PT-17s we saw fly in formation both days of the Rally. Belonging to our Canadian friends, they are breathtaking to behold in the sky!**

*From the monthly newsletter of the Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association*

### **Landings: Touch-and-Go or Bounce-and-Go**

By Glynn Mount, from the *Cam Journal*, Central Arizona Modelers, Inc.

“Touch-and-go” is a great way to practice landings. It’s a sure way to rapidly improve your technique. Even the best of us, however, will bring one down a little too hard once in a while, and the inevitable result will be a bounce.

The size of said bounce will be in direct proportion to how enthusiastically your airplane meets the runway. If unattended, of course, the first bounce will be followed by a second, and if the second bounce doesn’t break your propeller, you might be lucky enough to dribble to a stop before running off of the runway.

This type of landing often will bring an enthusiastic response from the critics sitting on the sidelines.

There are however, a couple of ways you could recover from a bad bounce and keep your dignity intact. One is to maintain “full back pressure” on the stick (i.e. full up elevator) in the hopes that there is enough flying speed to cushion the second bounce. If the bounce is more of a high-speed skip, this method works well.

The second method is to immediately apply power and return to level flight.

I’ve tried both methods, and a “bounce-and-go” with quick application of power will usually result in a more positive recovery from a bad bounce. If performed with finesse, you might even make it look as though you did it on purpose.

The best landing procedure is to hold the aircraft off the deck a foot high with idle power and try “not to land.” The airplane will slow and “sink in” in spite of you, giving you a smooth transition from air to ground. →



**A gorgeous and very fast MiG 15, as seen at the 2010 STARS Rally. Another “Half-time Show” presenter, this plane really wowed” the crowd!**

## **STARS General Meeting**

**July 14, 2010**

**7:05, called to order**

### **21 Members Present**

Walt Hibbard, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Tad Manske, Jim Goodemote, Gary Baker, Ed Flicker, Kip Karn, Brad Davis, Dick Say, Bob

Bush, Dan Stubbs, Dave Pratt, Dennis DenBleyker, Gary Fitch, Tom Orcutt, Dewey Barron, Dan Razey, Mike Karnuth, Dan Lai, Mike Pilon.  
Guests: Sylvia Say and Linda Goodemote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Read and accepted.  
Motion made by Jim G., second of Walt H. approved by all.

### **Membership**

Nothing at this time

### **Web Site**

Thanks to Jim G. for the pictures. Dan Razey said he'll also send pictures.

### **Club Project**

Dick S. stated the Yak project is on hold until this Fall.

### **Pilot Training**

Dave P. announced that we have three pilots in training; Mike P., Mike K. and Paul Gawlak.

### **The President's Corner**

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Pavilion Project- Gene H. has been very busy with no time available to do the work. We need to look at contracting this job out. Dave P. will check on this, and if a price of about \$2200.00 can be had, then an e-mail vote among the members can be taken ... to proceed with the work or to table it.

Thanks to all the members who did the prep work at the airport to prepare for the rally.

We are invited to the SHARKS field the 2nd Saturday in August (the 14th); 10-12 members said they'd be going.

Others events coming up are the WASPS funfly in Wellsville on August 1st (a Sunday), and the Flying Knights Scale Rally in Hamburg the weekend of August 7th and 8th.

**2010 Rally**

Dan Lai has 10 planes to raffle off.

Walt H. has the STARS promo papers.

The Food tent is ready to go and we have our



Here's a view of the Cockpit of that beautiful MiG... almost looks real, doesn't it?

Dave P. and Dan R. will bring coolers for the ice cream.

Sylvia S. will bring the price sign for the Skunk Works, and Dick S. will set the ice cream prices.

Bags of cookies are being provided by members' wives. Chips were donated this year.

Gary F. will provide a turbine pilot list for registration.

Kyle Stacy will be at the Rally flying his helo.

health department permit.

The impound will be run by Dan S.

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**Old Business**

The proposed change to our constitution was presented to the club membership. A motion to discuss this change was made by Brad D. and seconded by Ramona F. After much discussion, a vote was taken by the members

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This brightly colored and easy-to-see Canadair was another Canadian visitor to this year's Rally.

**HAVE YOU EVER... dropped a small part in the grass at your feet, and then spent the remainder of the daylight hours trying to find it?**



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present; eight were in favor, seven were opposed and three abstained. The change was approved.

**New Business**

A discussion was held concerning the borrowing of club property by club members. Tom O. proposed a sign-out / sign-in sheet be posted in the pavilion, with the stipulation that a request to borrow an item must first be presented to and approved by an officer of the club. Randy B. felt we need to limit what items may be borrowed.



Okay, I admit it. I love Stearmans. But then again, I ask you... doesn't that look like a full scale up there!?

After discussion among the members present, it was agreed to allow members to borrow only tables and chairs. Before the items may be borrowed, a request must be made to a club officer, then the items need to be properly signed out, and then signed back in within a reasonable time period.

**Show & Tell**

Dick S. showed off a DC-3 electric foamie, manufactured by "Dynam".

**Meeting Adjourned**

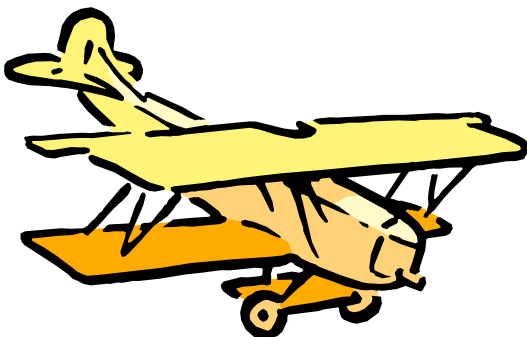
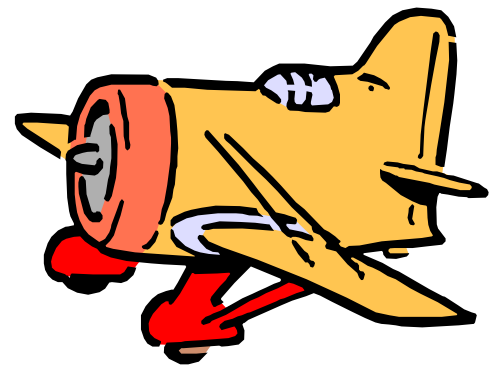
Motion made by Brad D., second by Dick S., - all in favor.

**Clark Follett**  
Acting Secretary

**TIPS & TRICKS**

**Don't cut that wire!**

When your cell count gets too high for your speed control's BEC and you want to disable it, cut the positive (red) wire that runs from the speed control to the receiver. If you cringe at the thought of cutting the wire on your expensive speed control, here is a simple solution: buy a short servo extension and cut its positive wire. Plug the servo extension between the speed control and the receiver; now, if you want to use the BEC in another installation, just omit the extension!



**Plugged CA Applicators**

The long, thin CA applicator tips work great, except when they're clogged or gummed up with dried glue. After you've finished using them, soak them in acetone; they will be clean and will last forever. This will even work for tips that have dried CA on them, and it works great on spray-can nozzles too.



*A trio of photos, courtesy of Dick Say, showing a few of the participants in this year's 33rd Annual STARS Scale Rally*

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

I'd personally like to thank John Tucker of the Wellsville club for sending me the first five photos which appear in this newsletter- John is an excellent photographer.

Clark F.- once again- you did a super job on the minutes- thanks for your efforts!



You may have noticed, there was no "Club Bio of the Month" in this issue. Jim K. says he's now down to about eight more members to go... and when he tried to contact them this past month, they either weren't home, or it "wasn't convenient" to have a telephone interview. I'm hoping Jim will be able to continue this project through to a successful conclusion over the course of the next year or so.

The "Tricks and Tips" found on page four came from our national newsletter. I hope you enjoyed them. I'll be using them in the future when the opportunity presents itself. The two tips this month came from the newsletter of the Rogue Eagles RC Club of Medford, Oregon. The article on page two also came from the National Newsletter (entitled *AMA Insider*, by the way).

As President Dave has said... "it's over for another year..." but I feel he forgot to thank one very important person. I feel we all owe him a vote of thanks for a terrific job as "Boss of the whole affair". I know- we have to thank Mother Nature for good weather, and most members put in a good solid work-filled weekend as well, but let's not allow those factors to overshadow the hours and efforts Dave put in on this project (not only this past week, but over the past year as well). As I heard Gary Fitch say, "Dave's idea for spectator seating was an excellent addition this year". I'm sure that will "go forward" next year- and may even be expanded. Your ideas were important Dave, but your general attitude and work ethic were even more so. On behalf of the whole club, Mr. President- "Great Job!"

'til next month then, *Tad*

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Next Regular Meeting @ the field  
in Cuba, Wednesday, August 11th

Next Planning Meeting @ the field  
in Cuba, Monday, August 30th

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