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ESPECIALLY FOR...

THOSE MEMBERS WHO DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER "INTERNET"; I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ENJOY SEEING LOTS OF PICTURES FROM THIS YEAR'S RALLY. I'VE SPACED THEM THROUGHOUT THE NEWSLETTER. I HOPE YOU ENJOY!

Tad



This beautiful Canadian Gypsy Moth seems to make the Rally every year



Diane Fitch brings her gorgeous embroidery work every year too!

CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH



Our interview adventures bring us to the longest serving member of STARS, Bill Messer. Others have passed on or moved away.

Bill was an accountant by trade. He started at Dresser in Bradford in 1955, and retired from Dresser Rand in Olean in 1992. He has been married to his wife, Dorothy, since 1957. Together they have five children. Patty is a CPA, Donald retired from the USAF and now works in Carthage, NY as a Yamaha mechanic. Joan is a lab technician in Horseheads, NY and Marcia works in

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MODEL AVIATION PRINCIPLES 101- "Altitude is a matter of attitude, not aptitude" (quoted from National Soaring Museum, Harris Hill)

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Syracuse in the University hospital as a childcare specialist. And finally, Tom works at Dresser Rand in Olean in the blueprint department.

Bill has no memberships in other clubs or associations...just the STARS for now. He did belong to the accounting management organization but has since retired from that.

Regarding other interests and hobbies, Bill remarks, "Actually, what I do most is boating. I try to water ski at least once a year. We go to Lake Brantangham, NY, and Lake Bonaparte, NY. Donald lives on the latter lake. We have two boats: A

Penn Yan, which is 54 years old with a 30 h.p. Johnson. The second is a 22 foot Century in-board which is a professional water skiing boat".

I asked Bill what or who got him interested in flying. "Well, Denny Koepfel was one of the original charter members.



from all of them".

One of Bill's most memorable flights was one in Ketchner, Ont. "When I was flying", Bill says, "Brother Jim was flying a Woody Clapp Triplane and I cut the tail off from it with my Bristol Scout. I was having trouble, and after his plane crashed on the runway, I retrieved mine from a cornfield. I then found the motor

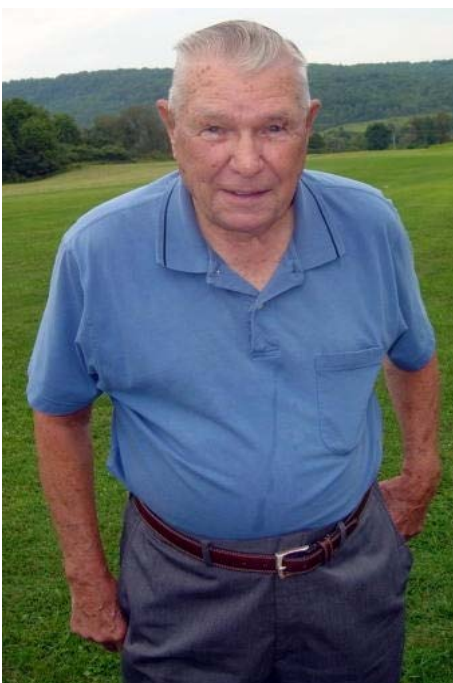


Between selling ice cream and 50-50 raffles, the Says did their usual fine job at the Rally

He lived ¼ mi. from me. My two older brothers got in first, then I joined a year later in 1942".

"I've had lots of favorites", Bill says of his planes. "The most fun was a Cobra P39. I had another which was a ¼ scale Tomahawk which was a fun plane. They were both scratch built. I've built and had lots of airplanes, and I've crashed a lot of them, and walked away

bolts had come loose and came out of the plane. We got a lot of "mileage" out of that crash. I've traveled from Bethpage, LI to Chicago, Ill., and from Ketchner, Ont. all the way to Florida to fly every weekend. One of my worst experiences was when I built a ¼ scale Tomahawk and crashed it on its maiden flight. It was out of trim, and it was going left, when I thought it was going right. To correct, I gave it



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more right...the wrong command, and didn't have time to recover. I've had a lot of crashes. To stay in the business you have to accept it".

Regarding glow vs. electric: "I personally like both because I do both. I prefer the gas to electric, but with my age I do more electric than gas. My planes are getting bigger than I can handle. I do not like 3D at all. I think planes are meant to be flown...it just does not interest me".

I asked Bill if he felt he had any areas of expertise. "Most people don't build anymore. Everything comes in a box. I like the building. People who don't build don't acquire the knowledge to build an airplane."

Bill's advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: "The new pilot should get an airplane that is controllable and pretty much a glider plane, slow so you can get right and left very easily. Electric or gas is immaterial, they both work".



The registration tent always attracts lots of people



A truly gorgeous Messerschmidt 262!



What beautiful weather we had this year!

'til next month,
Jim Keough

STARS

Minutes of the General Meeting of: 08/11/10

Attendance:

Brad Davis, Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Kip Karn, Ed Flicker, Walt Hibbard, Dave Pratt, Tom Orcutt, Mike Pilon, Bill Messer, Dennis Denbleyker, Gary Boher (Spelling), Randy Bittinger, Dewey Barron, Jim Goode-mote, Mike Karnuth, Dick Say, Dan Razey, Bob Bush, Don Wehlage, Terry Blackmon, Jim Keough

Motion to accept July meeting minutes by Dick S. seconded by Dewey B. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Motion to accept the treasure report by Walt H. and seconded by Ramona F. All were in favor.

Membership:

Terry Blackmon was a STARS member in the early 80s and wants to be back in the club again. Motion to accept Terry as new member by Walt H. and seconded by Kip K. All were in

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HAVE YOU EVER... stopped to think how much you've spent in this hobby over the years?!? Don't (...unless your heart is a lot stronger than mine is!)

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favor.

Website:

Bob B. reported more pictures have been posted and noted no new pilot projects have been posted.

Rally:

Dave P. reported we had our second best Rally ever with 67 pilots and 132 aircraft but felt parking and flight line coverage could have been better. The new fence line for the spectators was well received. Dave gave a special thanks to our new members. Ramona F. wanted to thank the folks who worked in the food tent. Motion to give \$100 to the Hinsdale color guard by Ramona F. and seconded by Walt H. All were in favor. Dave noted club members are expected to attend

the Rally and help out. We need members to participate. Dave reported on behalf of Dan Lai that we still have planes and helicopters from the raffle leftover for the open house. Several club members stated this wasn't what the members had agreed too, but rather any remain-



A very nice Decathlon at the Rally.



A look at some of the "guts" of that MiG15 turbine jet we had at the Rally.

tion by a non-member on how to obtain more participation in the Rally by raising our annual dues to \$100 per year. In doing so, members would be reimbursed \$30 for working the Rally and \$25 for working open house. Jim K. liked the idea but Dave requested members think about this. It can be further discussed in the coming months. Dave reported he would not be able to

der models were to be returned to the supplier. Dave P. stated he made a mistake in keeping the models at the time of the Rally. Several discussions took place and later it was determined the raffle money that was raised during the Rally did cover the costs of the models. Dave P. had a sugges-

act as the contest director for next year's Rally, however Dan R. plans to take the contest director test. Dave informed Dan that the Club will pay the fee for the test.

Flight Instructors:

Dave P. has been working with Mike K. and Jim from Belmont. Dave also reported the club now has a trainer aircraft to



It's difficult to surpass a Waco for all-around good looks.

train new pilots.

Club Project:

Russian Yak-6 twin electric

Dick S. will once again get back on the project in the fall.

SHARKS Open

House:

Just bring a dish to pass.

STARS open

house:

After several discussions it was determined folks just need to bring a dish to pass as no one will be required to head the event. Plans are to eat at 1:00PM.

Old Business:

Randy B. reported Jim G., Gary B. and Gary F. and he went to Phelps. Randy also reported both Jim G. and he attended the Hamburg

Rally.

Jamie B. reported Dan R., Mike P., Tad M. and he attended the WASPS open house.

Ed F. reported the brush hog was sitting outside as we have no room in the garage. He also noted the last one to fly needs to

ensure the pin box is locked.

Dan S. suggested we use insulin freeze packs rather than purchasing ice as a way to reduce Rally expenses.

Meetings:

Next Regular STARS general meeting will be at field, Sept 8th starting @ 7:00PM.

The next Planning Meeting will be at the field, Aug 30th @ 7:00PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Walt H. and seconded by Kip K. All were in favor.



Another morning pilots' meeting goes into history...

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S DESK....

A big thank you to Dick Say for the great Rally pictures I've included (all ten of them!).

Jamie and Jim- "couldn't do it without you" was never truer than now. (Jim, I really missed the monthly bio last month!)

We certainly can look backwards at some great memories from this Rally- once again... great job Dave! As members we can all be proud of the efforts we put into this one.

I'll be seeing most of you at the open house this weekend. Let's make this one another "affair to remember!"

until next month then... *Tad*



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