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Reach Out to Curious Observers

By Dave Mathewson, AMA President

We've all heard the saying "You only get one chance to make a good first impression." That holds true no matter if you're meeting someone in a causal setting for the first time, in a job interview, or maybe even when you're at the field getting in a couple of flights and a spectator or two stop by to watch.

Most all of us want our clubs to be active, viable, and thriving organizations. We want that new blood—and the enthusiasm that comes with it—found in new members. It's that enthusiasm that supplements and compliments what the more longtime members of the club bring to the table. For a club to reach its potential it takes the guidance of its experienced members coupled with the zeal and passion found in its newer members.

Many spectators who stop by the field already have an interest in model aviation. After all, they've taken the time to stop by to see what's going on. Sometimes all it takes to turn that spectator from an interested observer into a new modeler and member of your club is to simply take a few minutes to walk over and say hello. Chances are the spectator will have some questions about model aviation. And, since we all like to talk about our hobby, my bet is that you will enjoy the conversation.

Many of us have been in the hobby for so long it's hard to remember what it was like when we first decided we were interested in modeling. But I'll bet for many of us we got

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Club Bio of the Month



I caught up with Dan Razey after our meeting Wednesday night, and was able to have our long awaited interview.

Dan has worked at Razey Auto Service across from Portville Drive-In since 1972. He's there every day, five days a week from 8-5. He has been married to his wife, Patty, for 25 years and counting.... They have two boys and one girl. Preston works at the garage, and Jake and Melissa work at Cuba Cheese.

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MODEL AVIATION PRINCIPLES 101: A Model airplane may disappoint a good experienced pilot, but it won't surprise him.

involved after visiting a local hobby shop and then taking a trip to the local field. And I'll also bet, for many of us, when we visited that field, we were befriended by one of the club's members and that's what really sparked our interest in becoming modelers. For many it was that first contact that

resulted in a lifetime of enjoyment as modelers, and the friendships and camaraderie that resulted from belonging to a club.

The next time someone stops by your field to watch the action, why not take a moment to greet them? That one simple act may result in gaining a new member of the model aviation community, a new member of your club, and quite possibly a new friend. All of this is possible with just one simple act of outreach. You only get one chance to make a good first impression.

See you next time...➔



Another HAPPY RALLY HELPER! (must be the good weather back then that had everyone so happy!)

up to go fishing with my brother-in-law and I was telling him I think I'll get a model airplane," he said. "That day it clicked. Then I hooked up with Paul Parker with the SHARKS. He and I have flown together ever since.

Dan has been a member of the SHARKS since 1996.

I asked Dan if he had any other interests and he said he used to do a lot of fishing and hunting, but now mostly flying all the time.

"What or who got you interested in flying?" I asked of Dan.

"Well, I got up to go fishing with my brother-in-law and I was telling him I think I'll get a model airplane," he said. "That day it clicked. Then I hooked up with Paul Parker with the SHARKS. He and I have flown together ever since.



Can you believe that it was only 3 MONTHS AGO (at the Rally), that the sky was THIS BLUE, and everyone was walking around in shorts!

My grandfather and his brother built their own full-scale plane. Unfortunately, my grandfather died before I had an interest in planes".

Dan's favorite plane to fly is his 1930 Fleet.

Like most pilots, Dan has a "best flying experience". He made this 1/4 scale home made plane and



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put three different motors on it to get enough power. Finally, Jamie, Paul, and he flew it last winter off skis and it flew great. You can see it on YouTube at Razeycustom.

His worst flying experience happened right here at our field. His brother-in-law and wife came to see him fly about ten years ago. He had a Decathlon and it snapped on takeoff and cartwheeled several times. "I'll never forget that," he remembers.

Dan has many glow and electric planes. "The gas beats it", he says. He's also been training on a simulator to gain more

experience with 3D flying. He had an Extra 260 that crashed this spring because the throttle came unhooked in the fuselage. The plane came to the ground and broke in half. Dan likes it but doesn't have a 3D plane right now.

Any areas of expertise? "I build a lot of planes. I cover them all with different types of covering. They're all scratch built from plans.

Dan's advice for the rookie/newbie pilot:

"Work on the simulator a lot. I use Real Flight G 4.5."

'til next month, *Jim*

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Minutes of the General Meeting of: 09/08/10

Attendance:

Brad Davis, Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Kip Karn, Dave Pratt, Tom Orcutt, Randy Bittinger, Jim Goode-mote, Mike Karnuth, Don Wehlage, Derek Clement, Tad Manske

Omissions and Corrections:

Jim and Linda G. and Ed F. attended Hamburg Rally. Kip K attended Phelps.

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

Treasurers Report:

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

Membership:

Nothing to report.

Website:

Nothing to report.

Open House:

Randy B. thanked Mike K.

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HAVE YOU EVER... been called up to the transmitter impound at at Rally or Fun Fly, only to learn that they've dropped your transmitter?

for helping with this event. Randy B. suggested we have both sides of the food tables open as a way to get folks thru the line more quickly. Dave P. requested members to be on the lookout for additional chairs for the club. Randy B. reported we have leftover meat and rolls from the open house. Dave P. said club members can help themselves to the leftover food while flying.

Flight Instructors:

Dave P. reported he has continued to work with Mike K., and Mike is almost ready to solo.

Club Project:

Russian Yak-6 twin electric

Dave P. reported on behalf Dick S. who said that he will once again get back on the project in the fall.

President's Corner:

Dave P. suggested the club give Gene H.'s helper a \$50 check for his helping to pour the concrete. Motion by Ramona F. to have the club give a \$50 check to Gene H.'s helper and seconded by Clark F. All were in favor.

Life Time Member:

Dave P. suggested the club consider Bill Messer as a life time member. Motion by Jim G. to have Jim Messer as a life time member and seconded Clark F. All in favor.

Old Business:

Hot Water:

Clark F. reported a hot water on demand system would cost about \$350. This should be able to supply enough hot

Derek C. about the AMA Intro Pilot program and Dave P. reported you have 60 days to do this.

Pavilion Enclosure:

Dave P. suggested a man door on the front and a garage door in the back. Kip K. asked what it would cost for overhead doors rather than siding. Dave stated the posts supporting the roof



are not a standard width for overhead doors. Randy B. suggested half size windows with panels that swing inward. Jim G. suggested double hung doors. Tad M. suggested two of the front bays have barn doors that slide open in the center. Several additional discussions

water for both the bathroom and kitchen sink. Don W. requested Clark F. further investigate costs and unit sizes.

Electrical Outlets:

Randy B. suggested additional electrical outlets be added outside the garage for Open House guests to use.

AMA Intro Pilot Program:

Jim G. asked on behalf of

have taken place and it was suggested that we continue to think about additional possibilities for discussion at a later date.

Winter Party:

Ramona F. said the Winter Party has been rather expensive lately and asked members present if we should rent the community center. The idea would be to have the club purchase beef

on wick and have members bring a dish to pass. Brad D. said he would rather have dinner supplied. Randy B. suggested we have the party at Moon

Winks. Tad M. also said MW has a couple of ways to have food (i.e. either entree choice or buffet line). Ramona will bring more ideas to the next meeting.

Rally:

Jim G. reported he will begin working on next year's Rally.



Yes, it's that time again... time to begin thinking about the Winter Project. If any of you will send me some e-mail photos of your efforts- I'd love to put them in the newsletter!

Show and Tell:
Randy B. displayed his AeroWorks Yak 54 model. This is a 6.5 lbs electric plane and flies very well.

Meetings:
Next Regular STARS General Meeting will be

at JCC, Oct 13th starting @ 7:00PM.

The Next Planning Meeting will be at Jamie's house, September 27th @ 7:00P

Motion to adjourn by Tad M., seconded by Ramona F. All were in favor.M.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S DESK...

Is it starting to get cold outside, or is it just me?

I've spent the last week or so getting my shop cleaned up "just enough so I can work in it!" 'Still got some planes I need to finish up (and lot's more I want to build).

I had a very pleasant experience last weekend. The RC Gypies and Hornell Balsa Busters asked my to be the "announcer" for their two-day Fun-Fly at Jolamtra Airport in Bath. The weather wasn't really the greatest on Saturday, but Sunday was terrific. It's needless to say, but... "as I so enjoy *talking* - I had a good time!"

I hope you got something out of the article by President Dave Mathewson. It's something we don't often think about... but he's "right on". I took the article from September's *AMA Insider Newsletter*.

Thanks go out to Jamie and Jim as usual. For the rest of you... I'd love to have some input in the way of articles, "how-to's", photos- you name it.



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Olean, Wednesday, October 13th

Next Planning Meeting: Monday,
October 25th, location TBA

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