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OKAY, SO IT ISN'T REALLY THE "SECOND FLYING DAY" ...

But it just might be the "Second Day of Flying off Snow at the STARS Field".

I received these e-mailed photos from Jim Keough. He and our president went flying on the 26th and "had a good time".

Yes, it looks like fun, but I think I prefer green runways, don't you?

P.S. Some people will do anything to get "their picture in the paper" won't they? haha



CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH



This month we travel to Friendship, NY to speak with one of our newer members, Paul Gawlak. Paul has worked for Oakley Sortore for about three years doing a little bit of everything... electrical, tree work, landscaping, installing lawns. They help out other contractors, too. He finally got his foot in the township as a part-time employee, as well.

Paul has been with his partner, Michelle, since 1994. Michelle has one older son, and he has one older son, but they have two sons together, Jace and Jaylynn, ages 14 and 13 respectively.

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MODEL AIRPLANE PRINCIPLES 101: You start with a full bag of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill up the latter before you run out of the former.

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I asked Paul about any memberships in other clubs/associations. “Just in the STARS club and as a member of the fire department,” he told me. This has been an interesting year for him and the department since he’ll be taking over as president in the very near future. Paul is also a member of the Cuba Driftbusters snowmobile club.

In addition to his new found hobby of flying, Paul also likes snowmobiling and hunting with his sons

As with all of us, somewhere along the line some-

thing or someone got us interested in flying, so I asked Paul about that. “Well, I’ve been watching this for years,” he remarked. “We’d go by the club, and would pull in every now and then. One day I pulled in and happened to talk to Dave Pratt. Dave told me about the club and hooked me up with my first plane.”

What’s Paul’s favorite plane to fly? “Well, I don’t know yet,” he said. “So far, I like the Cherokee I flew last year. I’ve bought a couple more from Gary Baker that I’ll be trying out. I’ve been practicing a lot on the computer with Real Flight G.5. Ask me again in the middle of the summer.”

Although Paul’s only been into flying for about a year, he would have to say the ex-

citement he felt with his first take-off and landing, even with the buddy box, was his most memorable and favorite flying experience to date. “Cool, I did it!” he exclaimed.

His worst flying experience? Had one? “Oh yeah,” he remembers. “I’d have to say when the two planes crashed. I’d flown the Cherokee a couple of times, but the last time I flew it she went hard right, came around and crashed.” The other was with his

first trainer, an Alpha 40. That plane just came straight down and buried the motor.

Paul relayed his opinion on glow vs. electric flying to me as follows. “I’ve been to the gym a few times. It’s hard to

say. I like being able to hear the motor on the glow engines. I have an electric helicopter that I try to fly around the house.”

“I haven’t done that yet,” Paul says of 3D flying. “I have it on the simulation, but haven’t flown it as yet. I’ve tried it on the computer. It’s kind of neat”.

I asked Paul about any areas of expertise. “Being new to the sport, I didn’t want to try a kit so I went with the trainer ARF,” he told me. “At some point I’d like to build my own plane.”

Paul’s advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: “Be patient and listen to your instructor. Good luck, and I hope they enjoy it.”



STARS

Minutes of the General Meeting of: 09/09/11

Attendance:

Brad Davis, Dewey Barron, Randy Bittinger, Bob Brown, Jamie Bowen, Derek Clement, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Dave Pratt, Tom Orcutt, Gary Fitch, Jim Goodemote, Bill Messer, Ed Flicker, Paul Gawler, Pat Kennedy, Walt Hibbard, Don Wehlage, Jim Keough, Mike Karnuth, Dan Stubbs, Matt Kloss

Corrections:

Clark F. reported on behalf of Mike P. that Wayne Paving has and uses 15ft wide x 1500ft long.

Motion to accept February meeting minutes by Ramona F. seconded by Tom O. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the treasure report by Brad D. and seconded by Ramona F. All

were in favor.

Website:

Nothing to report.

Rally:



A couple more shots of Dan Raisey's Club Project progress



Rally is scheduled for July 16 and 17th.

Dave P. reported on behalf of Jim K. that the Cattaraugus county department of

economic development planning and tourism may provide some advertising funding for the Rally.

Jim G. reported the Tee shirts will now have a Bristol Scout printed on them rather than the P38.

Flight Instructors:

Nothing to report.

President's Corner:

Kip K. proposed Bill B. as a lifetime member. Motion to have Bill B. as a lifetime member by Ed F. and seconded by Gary F.

Old Business:

Runway:

Committee recommended aerating and spraying the field for dandelions. Later, Dewey B. could then roll the field. Matt K. volunteered to provide the equipment to aerate the field. Estimated cost would be \$340. Dewey B. asked if the grass would

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HAVE YOU EVER... realized that the shiny sparkles in your eyes as you enter a hobby shop are actually shaped more like dollar signs than bright stars?

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grow faster after the application of the fertilizer and this was confirmed by Matt K. Randy B. said we would not want to incur additional for mowing. Dewey reported if the grass is too thick the mower can cause clumping and at one time we spread lime to kill dandelions. Dewey B. stated the lawn roller is hard to turn and doesn't want to have this become an issue. Dave P. said you can mow and roll right away. Gary F. and Bob B. reported they were at a club's field that recently installed Geotex. Bob B. plans to revisit in May to see how the Geotex performed after the winter. Maybe Blades asphalt company may have some of the Geotex material to give it a try. Bob would like a 15ft square helicopter pad made from Geotex. Several more discussions also took place. Jim G. said why not pave the

field rather than continue to pay the annual cost for fer-



Especially for you guys who don't have access to the internet... here are some more pics from Jim G.'s work on Dewey's Vought Corsair. These are views of the custom made ("Jim-made") radial engine- a true work of "Goodemote-art"!



tilizing the field. Bob B. stated he helped with the paving design for Muncie and it takes a great deal of effort. Muncie spent more than \$225,000 on this. Dan

Lai and Gary F. would be willing to donate to help with paving the runway. Gary F. suggested this be a stepped project and start with seeding first. Motion for seeding the runway with not to exceed budget of \$400 by Gary F. and seconded by Ramona F. All were in favor.

New Business:

Gold Leadership: Don W. reported we still have gold leadership status.

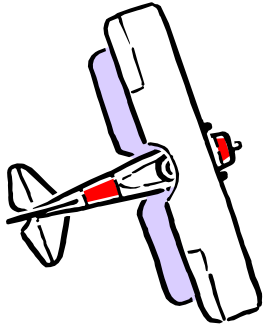
Flight Line: Bob B. said several STARS members are now flying helicopters and the current flight stations do not accommodate this. Last year during the open house Bob took Matt K. down the field beyond the flight stations to see how Matt

did with his helicopter and was requested to fly his helicopter from behind the flight line station barriers. Bob reported the reason for

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flight line station barriers was to minimize radio interference between pilots. Bob



also reported when Muncie sponsors the URCHA event they have no flight line station barriers. Flight line station barriers will not protect you and for helicopters you need to be able to run. Motion for flight line stations be used but not mandated by Bob B. and second

by Brad D. All were in favor. Don W. asked if everyone knows where the flight line is. The flight line is in front of the flight line stations running parallel to the runway. Jim G. said as the Rally CD flight line station barriers will be required. Jim G. said the flight line is important and not the flight station barriers.

Show and Tell:

Gary F. presented his 1/5th scale Nick Zirolini plans for a DBS Dauntless.

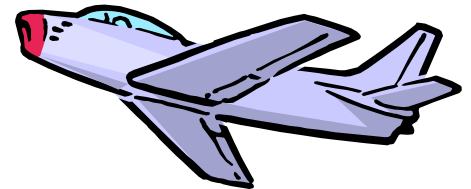
Jamie B. presented the Dev-Fus program for designing aircraft fuselages. This program was used in building

the club's project.

Meetings:

Next regular STARS general meeting will be at JCC April 13th, starting @ 7:00PM. Next Planning meeting will be at Kip's house, February 28th @ 7:00PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dewey B. and seconded by Brad D. All in favor.



FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S DESK...

I know, the weather doesn't really look too good-but Spring is "right around the corner"! I'm sure that's correct, because Cuba Middle School indoor flying is now over (as of March 27th) and WE ALL WANT TO GET OUTDOORS!!!



I missed indoor flying on the 20th because it was so gorgeous I just went straight to the field, and found some flyers there! 'Just soaking up some rare sunshine was good enough for me, but a few of the guys got some flying in.

As usual, Jim and Jamie- I couldn't do it without you! Thanks, as always. For the rest of you, I hope you're enjoying the photos every month (and 'hope the newsletter isn't getting too stale for you).

Until next month then... *Tad*

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

Next Planning Meeting: TBA

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