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# Another Successful STARS Rally (#34) Is Now History...

... and once again, lots of effort from club members went into it. Some of those workers are shown below during the beautiful weather of a great weekend.



Randy, Goody and others look over Jim's gorgeous Corsair during a break.



Walt greeted dozens of curious, enthusiastic spectators during the weekend.



Kip and Tad tried to keep everyone informed.



Smilin' Dave manned the transmitter impound.

## CLUB BIO OF THE MONTH



We had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Dick Hawkins this month. Unfortunately, what follows is a greatly reduced version of the immense knowledge and experiences that Dick relayed to me.

Dick has been retired for 15 years from American Locker in Elliptonville where he worked for 18 years. Lorraine is Dick's second wife. He lost his first wife, Marjorie. Dick has two children, Brian and Brenda. Brian

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MODEL AIRPLANE PRINCIPLES 101: First and foremost, when everything else is said, when you get to the crux of it all... HAVE FUN!

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has some back problems right now and is dealing with that. Brenda lives in Olean and has a boy and a girl.

I asked Dick if he had membership in other clubs/associations. "None, just AMA," he replied. "I've been in and out of STARS. I started out in the Olean Model Airplane Club around 1960. I've also belonged to the ACES out of Jamestown. I'm also a former member of the Flying Rebels of Falconer. I finally moved up with the STARS to our present field. I helped build the present clubhouse and field."

How about other interests and hobbies? "Not really," he answered. I do a lot of model engine repair work for Dave Evans. It consists of mostly clean-up work, but I have built some engines for him. I also have a wood working shop and I spend a certain amount of time with that."

My next question posed to Dick concerned what/who got him interested in flying? "Long time ago I started building rubber band planes...when I was about 6 years old," he remembers. "From free flight I progressed into control

line. When I went into the air force, they had hobby shops and you could fly on the bases. When I came back from Korea in 1956, I saw these guys running R/C boats. I then got hooked up with the local hobby shop and started with the R/C boats. We used the boats to check out the radios, then used them in the planes. After all, if they didn't work in the boats, the boats would just come back to shore or to the bank."



Dick's favorite plane to fly goes back in the day to the DeBolt Rebel...a single channel plane as most were back then. His best flying experience was a time when he won a contest down in St. Marys, PA. It was a fun fly, and he won the spot landing, but that was many years ago.

As is with the good times, there are worst flying experiences. Dick says he really hasn't had one. He did have a fly away once when he first started. "I've been fortunate," he says. "I've had crashes, one about two years ago at our field. It was a DeBolt Cruiser Bipe...that one hurt the most. The battery pack went flat...still have the pieces."

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As with most of our pilots, Dick does have an opinion on glow vs. electric flying: "I'm a glow engine man....engines are my sideline. I have an HO train layout so have done a lot with electricity. I always said if they came around with a good electric engine for a plane I'd get into it. However, with all the ESC and battery packs, it just all passed me by. The price of fuel has gone out of sight so that will be good for the electrics."

How about the 3D flying? "It's impressive," was Dick's response. "My own feeling is I'd like to have a plane so I could do it. Standing on tail, etc. is impressive, but I like to see the old style stunts."

As mentioned above, engines are Dick's forte. He's built several and has been fascinated with the changes over the years. The workmanship



Look like Dick is "keepin' em all cool" over at the Ice Cream stand.

is phenomenal. The machining on such a small scale is impressive.

And Dick does have advice for the rookie/newbie pilot: "Practice, practice makes perfect".

In closing, it may be worth mentioning that we are nearing the end of our roster for interviews save one, or two new members. If I have missed anyone, please send an email, and I'll get in touch with you.

Until next month,  
Jim Keough

## STARS

July 13, 2011 general meeting minutes.

### Attendance:

Tom Orcutt, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Jamie Bowen, Brad Davis, Jim Keough, Walt Hibbard, Ed Flicker, Gary Baker, Jim Goodemote, Derek Clement, Kip Karn, Jay Wade, Dave Pratt, Don Wehlage, Dewey Barron, Tad Manske, Dick Say, Bob Bush, Pat Kennedy, Chris Powers

### Corrections:

Dick and Sylvia will do the ice cream. Lee Piridy will not be doing the food tent.

Motion to accept May meeting minutes by Tad M. seconded by Don W. All were in favor.

### Treasurers report:

Motion to accept treasurer report by Dewey B. seconded by Walt H. All were favor.

### Membership:

Nothing to report.

### Website:

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***HAVE YOU EVER... imagined a STARS Rally with TWO DAYS of beautiful weather?!? (Well,... "stranger things have happened".)***



**On this and the following page, you'll see some of the great scale models that "graced our Rally" this year.**

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Bob B. reported more photos of Jim G. Corsair have been posted on the website.

**Old Business:**

**RC Race Track:**

Derek C. plans to have another meeting.

Kip K. volunteered to be on the committee.

Track has been yorck raked but very dusty. Clay will arrive after the Rally. Currently at the forming stage but once we rake the track then help will be needed.

Plans are to work on the track after the Rally. Ramona F. suggested we provide information about the track at the Rally. Dave P. volunteered his car for Walt H. to have at the information booth.

**Rally:**

Clark F. and Jim G. said this Rally is a main source of income. Thanks to the work crew this past Thursday.

Tad M. will have a pen and clipboard at the announcer booth. So if you have an announcement for Tad then please write it down on the clipboard.

Tom O. said last year we



spent \$40 on ice and asked members to bring ice at the Rally.

Announcers - Tad M. and Kip K.

Flight Line - Randy B.



Registration - Don W. and Linda G.

If you do not have an assignment, then go to the registration tent for assignment.

Anyone who has a trailer please bring on Thursday, July 14th to take equipment to the airport.



Items to be taken from the field to the airport is scheduled to take place on July 14th at 1 PM.

Headsets - Don W. has them. Tom O. will get more batteries.

Parking - Clark F.

Kip K. volunteered his camper for the announcers' booth but doesn't have a hitch to haul up to the airport. Randy B. may be able to help.

PA System - Tom O. and Clark F.

Generator - Don W. volunteered his.

Raffle Tickets - Don W. has them.

50/50 - Sylvia S. and Ramona F.

Static Display - Doesn't have to be scale but any member can display.

Port-A-Johns - Tom O.

Wine & Cheese - Don W.

**Club project:**

Dick Say had nothing to report.

**President's corner:**

**Vice President:**

Planning committee voted Dick S. as the Vice President till 2011.

**Mower:**

Planning committee sug-

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gested the club purchase a 3 pt mower. Jim G. said the one in Chaffee is the one we should use. Deck is 6ft with rear discharge and will cut from 1 to 3-4 inches for \$1,900. Coyote is the manufacture. Dewey B. suggested we purchase after the Rally. Motion by Walt H. to purchase a new 3pt power and seconded by Ramona F. after the Rally. All were in favor.

**Members:**

Members who drop out and then rejoin can they still count the sum as the total years in the club. More STARS members should be present at the funeral when a member passes



away.

**Open Positions:**

Currently we have Head flight instructor and historian as open positions. Jay W. volunteered as club



historian.

**Show and Tell:**

Jim G. displayed his highly detailed Corsair. For complete information visit the pilot's page on the clubs web-site.

**Meetings:**

Next regular stars meeting will be at the field August 10th starting at 7:30 PM. Next planning meeting will be July 25th at the field starting at 7:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Walt H. and seconded by Brad D. All were in favor.

## FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S DESK...

I think we all owe Clark a vote of thanks for taking over the presidency so close to Rally time. Clark- I know I speak for the whole club when I say- "nice job!"

CD Jim Goodemote, great job (as usual)- experience shows! To everyone who had a part in this successful Rally (including "Mother Nature") thank you thank you, thank you!

Doubling the spectator seating this year was a great idea- it seemed very well received and almost always full.

Let's not forget we still have the Open House coming up... the 28th will be here before we know it! 'til next month then, *Tad*



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Next Regular Meeting @ the field  
in Cuba, Wednesday, August 10th,  
7:30pm

Next Planning Meeting @ the field  
Monday, August 29th, 7:30pm

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