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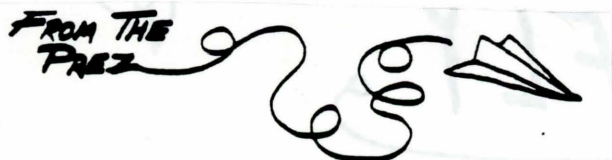
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STARS MEMBERS

STARS MEETING
AUGUST 18, 1984

Time: 8pm Site: at the club field
weather permitting; otherwise, see
you at the Oneida River Tavern



Our prayers were answered for the Fun Fly. We had two beautiful warm and sunny days. I wish to thank all the members and non-members who participated. I would like to give **Gary Brown** special thanks for putting it all together. I know he had a few problems at the last minute, but everything ran smoothly. Everybody had a great time and I congratulate everyone who won a prize. We had some great ones. Our next event at the field is the all day session of the pylon races on August 11th. Hope everyone will come out and have a little fun. That is what this hobby is about. To have fun and fly our little airplanes. Remember always think safety. Good and safe flying to everyone.

Gary Eckert

THE PLANE PROP WASH IS THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STARS CLUB; & AS SUCH, ALL PROCEEDS FROM ADVERTISEMENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC. GO TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE TREASURY OF THE STARS CLUB. THE PURPOSE OF THE PLANE PROP WASH IS TO KEEP THE MODELERS OF THE STARS CLUB & SUBSCRIBERS AWARE OF HAPPENINGS WHICH INFLUENCE OUR HOBBY. THERE IS NO INTENT TO SHOW FAVORITISM TOWARD ANY CLUB, HOBBY SHOP OR INDIVIDUAL. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR NEWSLETTER.

July 21st was the day that Al "Lucky" Mortensen test flew his recently acquired green and white Atlas (formerly hangared at Sauter International) pattern ship....Al's first comment was, "this is a little different than a high wing plane".

The Valley R/C club (Sayre, PA) held their Fun Fly July 21st & 22nd, at which we were one of the 38 contestants who attended. We had a great time during the weekend (motel was a little "iffy"), a fantastic meal at the field Saturday night (other clubs could use this as the prefect example of what to have to eat), and we were educated on the difference between pattern contests and fun flies....or what happens when a Master's flyer goes to a Fun Fly! When Lon had to call a maneuver, he gave the heading 1st...judge said "this isn't a Pattern Contest". When Lon had to do 2 loops in opposite directions, Lon did two nice consecutive concentric loops...judge said "this isn't a Pattern Contest". It was a fun weekend!

EXTRA!

CONGRATULATIONS TO **CHUCK LETTERMAN!**
CHUCK SOLOED SATURDAY JULY 21, 1984
AT THE STARS FIELD. WATCH OUT NOW!



CENTRAL NEW YORK MODEL AIRCRAFT ASSOC.

Unofficial meeting (not enough delegates to constitute an official meeting) 7-19-84. Called to order at 8:12. Pres. \$4139.13

Clubs Present: OVM, Guy Cusenzy; STARS, Lon Sauter; Eagles, Ed Zobel & Roy Catholdi; AFL, Larry Abraham; ARCS, Walt Throne & CAMS, Ron Leopardi.

Clubs Not Present: OMAC, 1000 Islands, MVC, Grenediers, & Midstate.

Old Business: A. Talk about buying a new generator as the old one is not working.

B. CNYMAA Patches stored at Walt's Hobby & Craft.

- C. 1984-85 events
1. Poll clubs at next meeting to set the dates for the 1985 symposium.
 2. August meeting to set the time and place for the annual Assoc. picnic.
 3. Bus trip to Wash. DC and AMA (Walt to check prices).

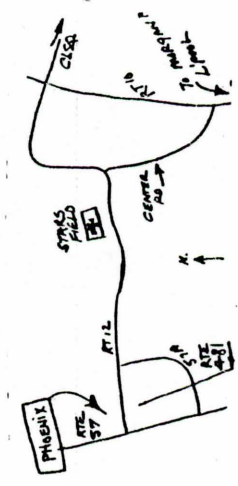
New Business: A. EAA looking for static and flying demos Aug. 18, 1984 at Whitford's in Weedsport; the Eagles will be setting it up.
B. Town of Van Buren annual air festival needs static show Sun. 8-12-84 9AM to 7PM; no clubs involved, to date.
C. IMAA Chapter set up suggested by Ron Leopardi.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Next Meeting to be held on Thurs. 8-16-84 at the STARS field, 7:30PM
See Map.

Respectively Submitted,
Walt Throne

Walt Throne



The July meeting was called to order by President Gary Eckert at 8:05pm. Roll call showed 14 sr. & 1 jr. member present. Secretary's report was read and accepted. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. There was no Association report. The final pylon race will be on August 11th for an all day session. Final preparation was made for the Fun Fly. The members of the club voted to give Doug & Phil Holland \$100 for mowing the field. Work detail was set up for Friday night July 27, 1984. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Carol Eckert

PSST!

New modeler BOB ELDER made his first takeoffs August 4th...this is one calm flyer...it won't be long before he's soloing.

A little birdy told us that Gus Harms' newest plane (a flying boat designed by our own George Clapp) had a slight mishap on it's first landing...anybody have any hot stuff?

Question: How do I keep my cyanoacrylate applicator spout from gluing shut?

Answer: Super glue nozzles are sealed at the tip with a plastic plug when you buy them. If you do not puncture this seal with a pin, the applicator will never clog.

(from the July issue of Model Builder)



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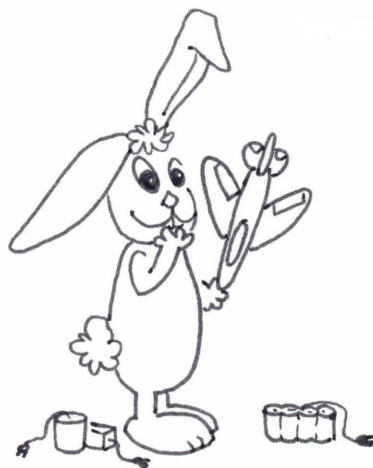
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MARGE'S HOURS

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LON'S HOURS

mon, wed, thurs 6pm - 9pm
saturday 9am - 5pm



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 18 - STARS meeting

August 18 & 19 - Massena Fun Fly

August 18 & 19 - AGS Pattern Meet
Site: Blue Swan Airport, Sayre, PA

August 25 & 26 - Auburn Fly for Fun

Sept 1 & 2 - Mohawk Valley Firebirds
Pattern Contest at Rome NY

Sept 8 - Open House Griffiss AFB
featuring the Thunderbirds

Sept 8 & 9 - Rhinebeck, NY WW I
Jamboree

Sept 17 - 22 - Control Line World
Championships site: Westover AFB in
Chicopee, MA

ANY **MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB** WISHING TO
ADVERTISE A FORTHCOMING CONTEST OR
EVENT CAN ACQUIRE A FULL PAGE AD FOR
THE TRIFLING FEE OF \$2.

THROUGH RAIN, SNOW, SLEET OR HAIL,
THE MAILMAN GOES ON HIS APPOINTED
ROUNDS; BUT HE CAN'T DELIVER IF THE
ADDRESS IS WRONG. IF YOU MOVE,
PLEASE ADVISE US OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS.

STARS 10TH ANNUAL FUN FLY

by Gary Brown C.D.

This year marked the STARS 10th Annual Fun Fly. While attendance was not all that I had hoped for, those that did come and participate had a good time. Our Saturday format was similar to those of past years, the only exception being a slight change in timed flying. That evening we held our usual picnic for the flyers and families. Prizes for the Fun Fly events were also awarded as well as our first "Hard Luck Award" for the best Worst Performance deservedly captured by none other than our own Al Mortensen.

For Sunday, we again held a scale contest, but with a slightly different twist. This year I elected to have only two simple categories: Military and non-military to be judged per AMA static rules. As for the flying part, in a concession to the purported thousands of modelers who build and admire their "Hangar Queen" scale jobs, but are a bit timid at the transmitter, I asked that their model make only one flight with no maneuvers required to qualify for an award. Even this radical rule bending failed to draw entries. Perhaps next year, if we are to continue with scale, we should hold a symposium type static display at the field for scale models that don't have engines, fuel tanks, radios, etc. and silver Italian fighters that do nothing but sit on ugly wood pedestals. If that doesn't work, maybe we should consider a Postal type event.

Anyway, Sunday drew a grand total of three entrants and four models. The most spectacular performance, by far, was by Fred Edmunds with his Byron F-16 ducted fan. Few times have we witnessed such a terrific performance with such a difficult aircraft to fly. Fred again put on another outstanding performance at our air show with the F-16. At the end of the scale event we had a bit of open flying and then at 2 proceeded with our air show featuring eight excellent demonstrations. At the end of the air show, Mike Graham donated his time and efforts for a "try R/C" free to anyone.

I will conclude by thanking everyone who donated their time and/or products which contributed so much to our Fun Fly. Special thanks to Dan Williams who bravely volunteered to run the food stand when we lost our cook two weeks before the Fun Fly. I also have Fran Worth to thank for the great bunch of prizes he assembled for the Fun Fly. They included two engines and two kits. Fran also hand made the beautiful plaques for the scale contest. Thanks also to Bob Rowe for his much appreciated administrative duties. Three jobs all well done. Once more, thank you to everyone who lent their time and talents to the successful completion of our Fun Fly and Air Show.

FUN FLY WINNERS

Balloon Bust	Mail Pick-Up	Guess Your Score	Timed Flying
1. Bob Severance	1. Dan Heinley	1. Bob Rowe	1. Fred Edmunds
2. Fran Worth	2. Gary Rizzo	2. Gary Eckert	2. Gary Rizzo
3. Gary Rizzo	3. Fran Worth	3. Bob Severance	3. Frank Knosp
4. Dan Heinley	4. Fred Edmunds	4. Gary Rizzo	4. B. Severance
5. Frank Knosp	5. Frank Knosp	5. Fran Worth	5. Fran Worth

Bomb Drop

1. Fred Edmunds
2. Frank Knosp
3. Fran Worth
4. Bob Severance
5. Dan Heinley

Scale Winners

Fred Edmunds	1st Military: F-16
Fred Edmunds	2nd Military: P-51
Frank Knosp	1st Non-Military: Aircoupe
Gary Brown	2nd Non-Military: 1930 Fleet

FLY FOR FUN

AUGUST 25 + 26, 1984
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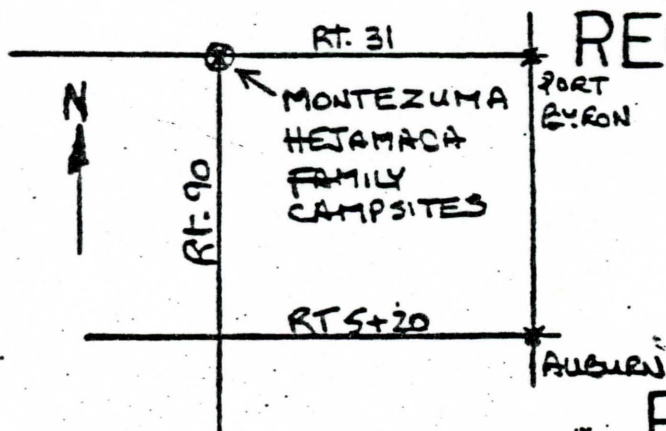
FINGER LAKES RADIO CONTROL



CLUB

JOIN OUR RELAXING FLY FOR FUN AT
HEJAMADA FAMILY CAMPSITES BRING
THE FAMILY AND CAMP FOR THE WEEK-
END-NO CHARGE FOR FLYING-AMA-FCC
REQUIRED MUFFLERS ALSO
REQUIRED - CONTACT

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PUBLIC WELCOME

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Remember 1975? Things sure have changed

VOL. 2

THE S.T.A.R.S. CLUB MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADOPT THE PLANE PROP WASH AS THE CLUB'S NEWSLETTER, AT THE JULY 5TH MEETING. IT WILL BE THE INTENT OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO INFORM ITS READERS CONCERNING RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS IN THE CENTRAL NEW YORK AREA.

AS OF THIS DATE THE SYRACUSE THUNDERBIRDS AERO RADIO SOCIETY CLUB HAS 32 SENIOR MEMBERS AND 8 JUNIOR MEMBERS. OF THE SENIOR PILOTS, 22 HAVE SOLOED THROUGH AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE FLIGHT. (A COMPLETE FLIGHT CONSISTS OF TAKE-OFF, FLIGHT, AND LANDING ON THE FIELD WITH NO DAMAGE TO THE PLANE.) FIVE JUNIOR MEMBERS HAVE HAD SUCCESSFUL SOLO FLIGHTS.

RUSSELL HAS RETURNED WITH ANOTHER HB 61, THIS TIME PERCHED ON THE NOSE OF AN RCM TRAINER. BOB'S ONLY PROBLEM NOW IS KEEPING HIS FLIGHT BOX FROM BURNING. THE RCM TRAINER IS FLYING BEAUTIFULLY UNDER BOB'S CONTROL.

IT WAS JULY 27TH, A HOT SUNDAY AFTERNOON; THE RCM 15-500 WAS GASED AND READY. LON STARTED THE ENGINE AND STARTLED DANNY JUMPED FROM THE NOISE; THEN THE PLANE WAS IN THE AIR. ONE LAP AROUND THE FIELD AND LARRY DOOLITTLE, JR. TOOK REFUGE BEHIND THE ROLL OF SNOW FENCE, TWO LAPS AND BARNEY WAS BESIDE LARRY, ON THE THIRD LAP DANNY WAS BETWEEN BARNEY AND LARRY. IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT EVERYONE RELAXED. THE WING WAS STILL IN ONE PIECE, AND EVERYTHING ELSE SEEMED TO BE HOLDING TOGETHER. FOR AWHILE THERE THOUGH, EVERYONE WAS GRATEFUL LARRY HAD DROPPED OFF THE SNOW FENCE TO THE FIELD. IT MADE A GREAT BARRIER FOR THE NERVOUS.

JULY 31ST - ON IT'S 5367 FLIGHT THE SENIOR FALCON, BELONGING TO CHARLIE ORCUTT WAS FLYING INVERTED WHEN THE PILOT EXPERIENCED A PERIOD OF TOTAL CONCENTRATION ON THE MODEL (LET'S CALL IT MODEL FIXATION). NOT REALIZING HE WAS ONLY 20 FEET OFF THE GROUND, CHARLIE ROLLED HIS PLANE, BUT WAS SO LOW THAT THE SENIOR FALCON WENT INTO THE WEEDS, WITH ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. GETTING SO INVOLVED IN THE MODEL THAT YOU LOSE AWARENESS OF IT'S SURROUNDINGS IS POSSIBLE AND HAPPENS TO THE BEST. MODEL FIXATION IS SOMETHING TO WATCH OUT FOR, ESPECIALLY WHEN FLYING WITH A LARGE GROUP.

FREQUENCY PIN

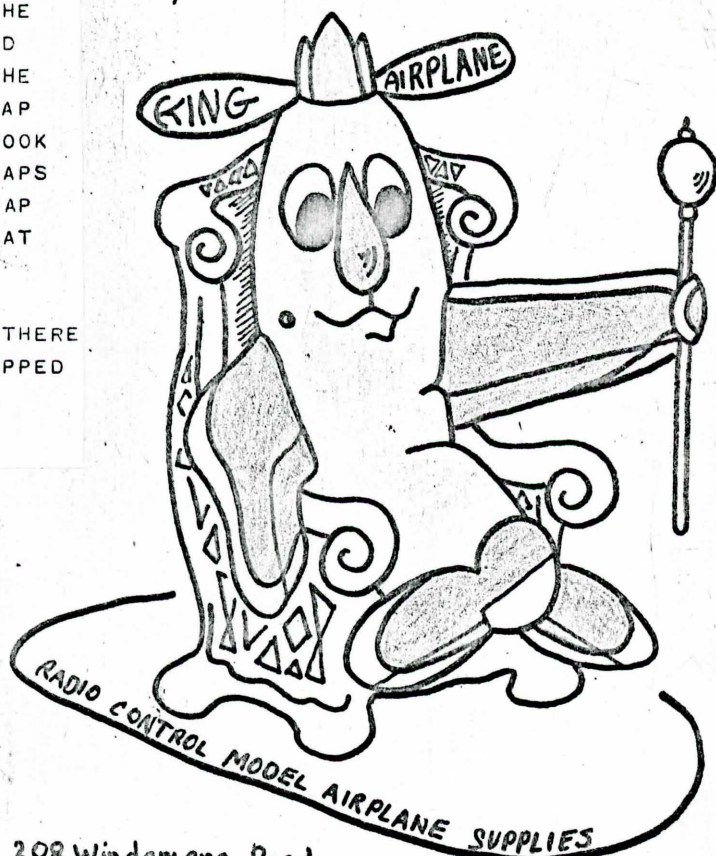
BY THE S'

YOUR CLOTHESPIN LOVES YOUR AIRPLANE;
SO LET IT HAVE A FLING.
MAKE SURE IT'S ON YOUR ANTENNA
WHEN YOUR AIRPLANE'S DOING ITS THING.
YOUR FELLOW FLIER WILL BE UPSET
WHEN HIS AIRPLANE DOES A SPIN
BECAUSE YOU TURNED ON YOUR TRANSMITTER
WITHOUT THAT LITTLE PIN.
SO WHEN YOU GO OUT FLYING
ON A DAY THAT'S FULL OF SUN,
LET YOUR LITTLE CLOTHESPIN
HAVE LOTS AND LOTS OF FUN.

BOB RUSSELL'S P-39 HAD IT'S FIRST FLIGHT ON AUGUST 2, 1975.

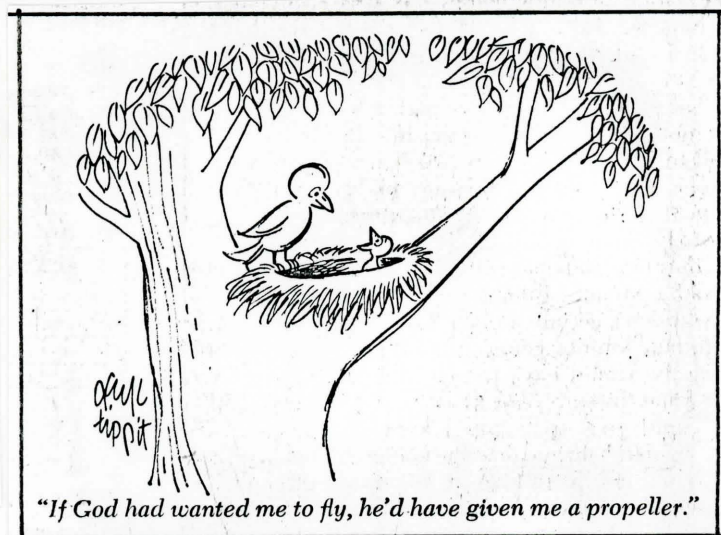
IT SEEMS THAT LON SAUTER COULDN'T COPE WITH THE COMPLEXITY OF AN ACE HIGH GLIDER. ON JULY 5TH HE CRASHED; HOWEVER, AFTER HOT STUFFING IT BACK TOGETHER, IT FLEW ON JULY 6TH.

WALT THRONE



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IT SEEMS THE OLD PLANES NEVER DIE, AS WAS PROVEN BY SAL BORREGINE WHO TOOK THE VERY FIRST R/C AIRPLANE HE BUILT, TO THE FIELD ON A RECENT VERY WINDY SATURDAY MORNING. SAL'S EIGHT YEAR OLD MAMBO GAVE HIM FIVE FABULOUS FLIGHTS THAT TURBULANT DAY, WITH ONLY TEN CRACKUPS. BUT THE MAMBO WAS BACK THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY ONLY TO BE MISSING THE CLIP & WIRE FROM IT'S STARTING BATTERY. SAL IS A RESOURCEFUL GENTLEMAN THOUGH, AND MANAGED TO MAKE A HOOK UP WITH PART OF THE WIRE FROM THE EXTENSION CORD AND LIGHT, (THAT IS NEVER USED AS THERE IS NO ELECTRICITY) FOUND IN THE ONE HOLER. IT ONLY GOES TO PROVE THAT FLIERS NEVER SAY DIE.



AT THE AUGUST 9TH MEETING OF THE S.T.A.R.S., THERE WILL BE BEER, CLAMS AND SPIEDI'S FOR THE CLUB MEMBERS FOR A SMALL FEE OF \$2.00 PER ADULT AND \$1.00 PER CHILD. HOPE TO SEE A BIG TURNOUT OF CLUB MEMBERS. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE CLUB POST CARDS.

AL MORTENSEN HAS INFORMED US THAT THE MODEL RAILROAD AND HOBBIE SHOP HAD A SALE ON THUMBS, GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU FLY BETTER, BUT THEY WERE SOLD OUT WHEN HE GOT THERE.

..... or have they changed ?

STARS SPORT PYLON RACING RESULTS

<u>Flyer</u>	<u>Best Time</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Place</u>
Novice Class		6-9	7-7	8-11
				Season
Lloyd Beaubien	3:06	3		6
Gary Brown	2:38	3		12
George Clapp	3:21.66		5	
Kevin Enders	2:18	3	7	13
Kevin Jones	3:18.23		1	
Phil Morgan	3:19.76		4	
Gary Rizzo	2:33.14	9	8	10
Dan Williams	2:39	7	9	13
Expert Class				
Don Belfort	2:10	7	9	12
Dan Heinley	2:20.56	6	4	11
Frank Knosp	2:21	6	7	6
Lon Sauter	2:01.5	9	6	15

Most Improved Flyer
Kevin Enders