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STARS MEMBERS

STARS MEETING
MARCH 23, 1985

Time: 7:30pm (before Auction/Swap Shop) Place: Northminster Presbyterian Church

Program: discussion on possible constitutional change...Amendment to Article 3 - Membership, Section IV A to say...member leaving club will be paid his one share of the club by a new member coming into the club...or...money paid out to members leaving club shall not deplete treasury to less than \$750.



EXTRA!

AUCTION AND SWAP SHOP

Time: 8pm Place: Northminster Presbyterian Church EVERYONE INVITED!



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Classifieds

FOR SALE: 1982 16.8 cu. ft. capacity X-Cargo Carrier made by Sears. Specs: color-beige, dimensions-51"lx38"wx21"h, wt-39 lbs. Used only once!...\$30 Beige 1981 Toyota SR-5, long bed, 2WD track with 60,000 miles. Has power steering, P/A brakes, A/C, speed control, stereo, full instrumentation, bucket seats, custom built camper shell with carpeted interior to match exterior of truck. Clean, used only for hauling airplanes. Contact Michael Graham 6-9pm at 635-6840.

FOR SALE: Schuller helibaby with OS 45FSR engine. \$150 Call Mike Goldsworthy at 695-5178

congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGE CLAPP ON HIS "WINS" AT THE WRAM SHOW...George's Fairchild took a 1st in Post WW II category, and his Navy Flying Boat won a 3rd place in Sport. Well done George!



The February meeting was called to order by President **Phil Morgan** at 8:02pm. Roll call showed 16 sr. and 1 jr. member present. Secretary's report was read and accepted. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Association report was given by John Sadler. The attendance was down at the Symposium. There was a discussion on how to improve the Symposium, with many suggestions mentioned, like more advertising and changing the date. **Bob Rowe** will be the auctioneer for the March Auction. We have to apply for a tax exempt number before we can get a checking account. John Sadler sent out letters to all the club presidents to join in the fun at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Work detail next weekend for the Snow Fly-In. A plaque was awarded to our club and the ARCS club from the AMA for our participation in the Association. The club bought patches depicting this award to give to the members. **Bob Rowe** will be the chairman of the Field Committee. They will have a meeting before the flying season. There was talk of making an amendment to the constitution on keeping a token amount in the treasury. Will have a meeting to discuss it and put an announcement in the Prop Wash. The April program will be flight trimming and radio installation. There will also be a discussion on having a Pancake Breakfast Fly-In, Pylon Racing and the Fun Fly at the April meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Carol Eckert

Ask BOB ELDER why they call him "STICKY FINGERS"!

FREQUENCY INFORMATION

THE FOLLOWING LIST MAY ASSIST YOU IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON A CHANGE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT OR JUST A CHANGE IN FREQUENCY. THE LIST IS FREQUENCIES USED BY STARS MEMBERS, AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE SAME:

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GOOD NEWS!

WILL HAVE PRICES ON STARS JACKETS, FOR THOSE INTERESTED, AT THE MARCH MEETING.

Jim "BIG FOOT" Thompson decided to try his luck at some flying at the field Feb. 2nd. The field looked good...a nice snow covered field...but after all it was winter. Anyway, in taking a dainty step over his plane, his foot went through the snow crust, causing an imbalance in Jim's body, causing a quick little dance step that caused a little crunch to the plane's rudder....thus causing very little flying that day!

GARY ECKERT's newest creation, a snappy white and blue **Tiger Moth** (trim work compliments of Carol Eckert) is ready to take it's maiden flight.

A NEWLY BUILD MODEL TECH CAP 21, BELONGING TO ART EZZO, IS ALMOST READY FOR IT'S FIRST FCF....IT WON'T BE LONG!

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.

“The Big Event”



2ND ANNUAL AUCTION AND SWAP SHOP
SPONSORED BY THE S.T.A.R.S. CLUB
MARCH 23, 1985

TIME: 8pm

PLACE: Northminster Presbyterian Church
Buckley Road, North Syracuse

AUCTION FEE: 10% of selling price (not to exceed \$1)
proceeds go to enhance the club treasury

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

NOW'S THE TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR BASEMENT OR WORKSHOP,
AND MAKE ROOM FOR MORE RC GOODIES.

WHAT YOUR TIRED OF JUST MIGHT BE THAT ITEM
DESIRED BY SOMEONE ELSE.

COME EARLY FOR SWAPPING AND TRADING BEFORE THE AUCTION!

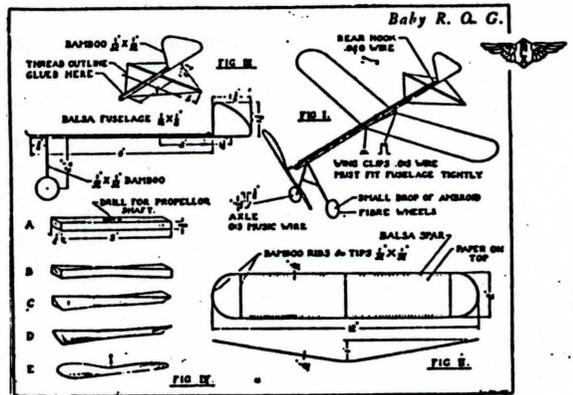


PART II

To further point out the need for better civil aviation regulatory laws after the Lindbergh flight and the resulting expansion in aviation; one morning during the summer school vacation my brother and I were awakened by the sudden roar of three Wright Whirlwind engines very low over the house. It was a Ford tri-motor with loudspeakers in the belly and advertising Old Gold cigarettes. It would throttle back, into a glide and at the same time spout a ditty, set to music, and ending each time with - "Smoking Old cigarettes". I can still remember the tune. At about 500 ft it would open the engines to climb and start the cycle all over again. It was great fun for a kid but likely to scare the wits out of Mom or Dad.

Late in 1927 the AMLA (Airplane Model League of America) was formed and in no time the membership had swelled to about 450,000 - a sure sign-of-the-times. The American Boy magazine had articles written by Merrill Hamburg who was the secretary of the AMLA. The Syracuse Herald, in co-operation with the AMLA, republished these model airplane articles. Both the magazine and the newspapers through-out the country sold kits for these published models.

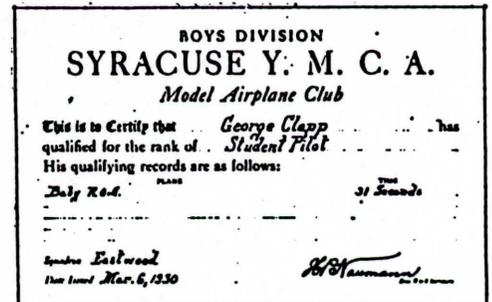
The first of these kits was of the famous Baby R.O.G. (Rise Off Ground). It was sold for 65¢ which was not a paltry sum in those days. I soon found myself walking to the Herald bldg from our home in Eastwood to get one. It was my first encounter with Balsa wood and as luck would have it, the motor stick was of punky stock. I soon found a shingle and fashioned one from it. Somehow, I was able to carve the prop, there weren't any plastic props to fall back on in that era. I'm sure many a boy turned out a glider because of a ruined prop blank.



About this time an enterprising fellow by the name of Ed Guth started selling model supplies from his folks cellar there in Eastwood. He later opened a store across from the old comfort station near the State Tower bldg. It was there that I later purchased my first model gas engine, a Baby Cyclone, model "C" which powered my first gas job design in '36 - Torc.

To get back to the late '20s, the next model article published in the magazine and sold by the newspaper in kit form was the AMLA Indoor Tractor. This was simply an over-grown Baby R.O.G. without landing gear and a span of 19". I won my first indoor contest with one of these. It was a balloon bust contest and with a needle cemented into the center of the prop of the Tractor, it would stay up much longer than the competition Baby R.O.G.s, and float around to pick off one balloon after another - sort of sneaky - eh!

About '28 or '29 the Boys Division of the Y.M.C.A. formed a model airplane club and met each Saturday morning at the bldg on Montgomery St. Another up-and-coming young modeler named Hal deBolt was in attendance, he hitch-hiked from someplace west of the city. We reminisced about it all at the first symposium held at the Hilton. This club was divided up into squadrons and each of these would fly in a local high school gymnasium one night a week. At these get-to-gathers a certificate could be won (such as the one shown) for qualifying over a set flight time.



Next month; More on this era, contests held at the Jefferson St. Armory and the first scale model published in the American Boy.

George Clapp



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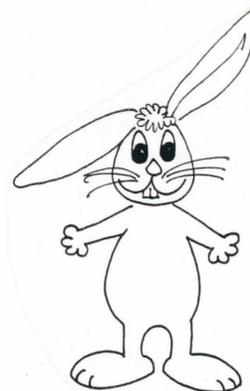
MARGE'S HOURS
MON, WED, THURS 12NOON - 9PM
SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM

LON'S HOURS
MON, WED, THURS 6PM - 9PM
SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM

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The Midstate Modelers 1st Annual Ice-Fly at Murray Miron's camp was a huge success...lots of fun, free "eats, and lots of cold weather and ice - just what you need for an Ice-Fly. Mike Vincent's Kavalier rolled over for the last time, into the ground; rumor has it that it just might return as something else...must believe in reincarnation. Danny White is having second thoughts about letting someone else fly his plane - right "Mr. Flutter"? - death spiraling into the ground is hard on an airplane. Gary Rizzo tried jumping snow drifts with his 15-500 - it didn't work! All in all though it was a great time for all who came. See you there next year.

PSST!

JOHN PEARSON (new modeler) WATCHED AS HIS NEW MAROON AND BLACK KADET TOOK TO THE AIR FOR IT'S FIRST FCF (functional check flight) MARCH 10, 1985. EVERYTHING WAS GREAT...AND IT ALL LOOKED SOOOO EASY (under the thumbs of Lon Sauter)...LATER IN THE DAY JOHN DECIDED TO TRY SOME TAXIING, WITH HIS KADET, ALL BY HIMSELF AT A FIELD BY HIS HOME...OOPS...THOSE PLANES TAKE OFF WHEN THEY GET GOING...OOPS...ONE BROKEN PROP AND ONE BROKEN COWL.

1985 SNOW FLY
(NO SNOW!) by Dan Williams

This year we had over 30 people who signed up and many more spectators who came and watched. The weather was more than cooperative, with clear skies, a slight breeze, and cold temperatures, but not much snow (none). However, the skis worked great even on the grass! All the local clubs were represented, along with the Pennsylvania gang and the Kingston crew.

The gas grill worked great, at least it kept the cooks warm all day. We sold 120 hotdogs (we had to run for some more when we ran out). Terry Graham (Mike's wife) and Amanda were so interested in flying that they ate 2 or 3 hotdogs apiece and then left.

Danny Luchaco took snapshots with a camera on his plane, and Ron Leopardi had a movie camera in his CAP 21. Dave and Sue Seiffert came up from Schenectady, and Dave had a nice combination of a Trainer 40 with an HP 49 4-stroke. We had only one mishap; Don Belfort lost his 15-500 to the fringes of the swamp, but he got it ok. Phil Morgan landed his Q-Tee in the hedgerow, and Dan Williams put his Fastball in a puddle. Larry Abraham had a rat on his hat; must have just finished building in his basement. Bob Elder didn't come to the Snow Fly because he thought that it would be cancelled when there wasn't any snow. Gwynn Skelton didn't fly because he didn't have any new planes. At the end, two guys left transmitters; one was from Pa., and the other one, well, good going Val!

Anybody who didn't show up really missed a good time, some good flying, and some hot food and drink. You gotta make it next year!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23 - STARS 2nd Annual Auction Swap Shop 8pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church EVERYONE INVITED!

March 29 thru 31 - 31st Annual Weak Signals RC Exposition at Toledo, Ohio

April 20 - STARS meeting Program: Flight trimming & radio installation. Bring an airplane that needs the radio installed, or just checked!

May 18 - STARS meeting Program: 1st Annual Meeting at the Oneida River Tavern "Get Together"

May 25 & 26 - Thundervolts RC Pattern Contest at Schenectady, NY

June 15 & 16 - Four-Stroke Fly-In to be held at the Midstate Modelers Field, Cicero, NY

June 15 & 16 - Kingston, Ontario RC Club Fun Fly

June 29 & 30 - AGS Pattern Contest - Blue Swan Airport

June 29 & 30 - Auburn Fun Fly at Farnsworth Airport, N. Rose, NY

July 13 & 14 - Valley RC Fun Fly at the Blue Swan Airport, Sayre, PA

July 20 - ARCS Pattern Contest at Tully, NY 9am CD: Bill Fitzgerald

July 27 - August 4 - 59th National Model Airplane Championships site: Chicopee, Mass.

August 17 & 18 - Massena, NY Fun Fly

August 24 & 25 - Auburn Fly for Fun

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



FROM THE PREZ

From: Phil Morgan, President

To: All STARS Members

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the exact wording for a proposed Constitution change. I hope that you will read the options carefully and vote for the Amendment that you prefer at the April meeting. The reasons for the proposed change is to protect the Club from having to liquidate assets in the event that the Club was caught with a short bank balance. This could easily happen when several people are withdrawing membership shares at the same time. The Amendment would make it somewhat inconvenient for departing members, but would protect the rest of the membership.

Congratulations are in order for Gary Eckert. He has completed seven years of year-round flying which qualifies him for a Walter Windchill Award with seven oakleaf clusters. CONGRATULATIONS, GARY!! - Try to make it for eight years!

The Winter Fun Fly (Snow Fly??) was excellent. Approximately 35 contestants were in attendance with 3 (or more) aircraft flying at a time. Everyone had a good time and the weather was cooperative - cold, clear, and slightly windy. I want to thank the Eckerts, Staniszewski's, and Dan Williams for setting up the pavillion (in the wind and rain), and Marge and Carol for cooking all day long - or were they just keeping warm?? I only wish we could get such good attendance at some of our other events.

I must apologize for not being able to chair the March meeting as I will be on deployment with the Air Guard. Bob Rowe will step in and I'm sure he will do an outstanding job with the meeting and the auction. Dan Williams has the key and will be there early to open up (7:15) to set up and start receiving items for the auction. It should be a good evening, please plan to attend.

See you in April,
Phil

new

"Sauter International" was the sight of Bob Elder's red (WW I type finish) Elder's (powered by an HP 21 FS engine) first trip to the wild blue yonder on March 10th....it was a quiet little dream putt putt putting around...enough to make you want to build one yourself.

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