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NEXT G.V.A.M. MEETING

Thursday 10/10/19 6:30pm at the Honeoye Public Library
(8708 Main St. Honeoye)

2019 Mowing Schedule

Date	Name
9/7	Dave Beckwith
9/14	Stuf Alger
9/21	Pete Donk
9/28	Jim McBride
10/5	Tom Sharp
10/12	Nick Trezza

Did You Know?

By Nick Trezza

Alright my comrades of the clouds, it's time for Did You Know --- This month's article will be a bunch of "fast facts" I've come across in the last few weeks...

First, a pilot named Roscoe Turner who did a lot of airplane racing back in the 20s and 30s always flew with a live lion cub in the cockpit with him (I hope he had a lot of those pine tree air fresheners with him).

Next, when you think of aircraft that the Goodyear Company manufactured, the first things that probably come to mind of course are the world-famous Goodyear Blimp and other blimps like the Macon or the Akron or maybe even that goofy Inflatoplane. But did you know (good name for the article) that during WW2 they were contracted by Vought to make Corsairs for the Navy?

Next, I recently read an article in one of the aviation magazines that one of the most feared aircraft in late WW2 and the Korean War was (no not the P-51 Mustang, no not the B-17) the old (and one of my favorites) Piper J-3

Cub. I know you're probably scratching your head saying, "How could that be? It had no armament!" Well, the article stated that the Cub had different designations like L-4, NE-1 or NE-2 and many more and went by different names like Birdog, Grasshopper, etc. The plane was such a threat to the enemy because it would fly low and slow and radio enemy tank locations and fortifications to US tank commanders who could then zero in on the enemy and let them have it. The fighters and bombers at the time had an airspeed too fast to get good enemy locations. Plus, they were busy with missions of their own. The bad news about the old Cub was that flying low and slow it could be shot down by the enemy with a pistol so the Cub pilots had to be a little maneuverable.

Also during WW2, the Army took a barge, made a plywood runway down the middle and had 5 Cubs on each side of the runway (next to each other facing out). The crew would lift them onto the runway and they would take off but they could not return to the barge.

Stinson, Taylorcraft and a few other manufacturers made aircraft to enter the military. The L in their designation stood for Liaison.

Well gang, as the sun slowly sets in the North, that's it for me this month. Remember what Winston Churchill said, "Never have so many paid so much for so little and flew RC." *Nick T. V.P.*

Photos from the Field



John heading out with that sharp looking Mustang



Jeremy making ready with a big glider



I think this was the last day out for the Super Cub. An aborted landing with full flaps went bad and she is no more



Glenn fueling up the RV-4



A little rain at the field isn't always a bad thing



Nick giving the new machine a good workout



The agony of defeat ☹️



Me about to fire up the mighty Moose



Tom Kennedy's squadron one day at the Windy Ridge Field



Some favorites I took on a visit to the Windy Ridge field



John firing up a control liner



A worm's eye view on July 27th



The float plane line-up with some serious discussion going on



Max's home-built retrieval boat going for a successful rescue of Bill's plane



The brain trust trying to figure out a range problem



Trevor getting things in order. If you notice in the background his anti-wind switch is working perfectly



Doug ready for takeoff



The whole motley crew on the shoreline



I was the early bird on picnic day



It turned out to be a pretty nice day



Good flying + good folks = good times



I, for one, look forward to this gathering all year



The master chef at work



It's always good to see younger folks taking an interest

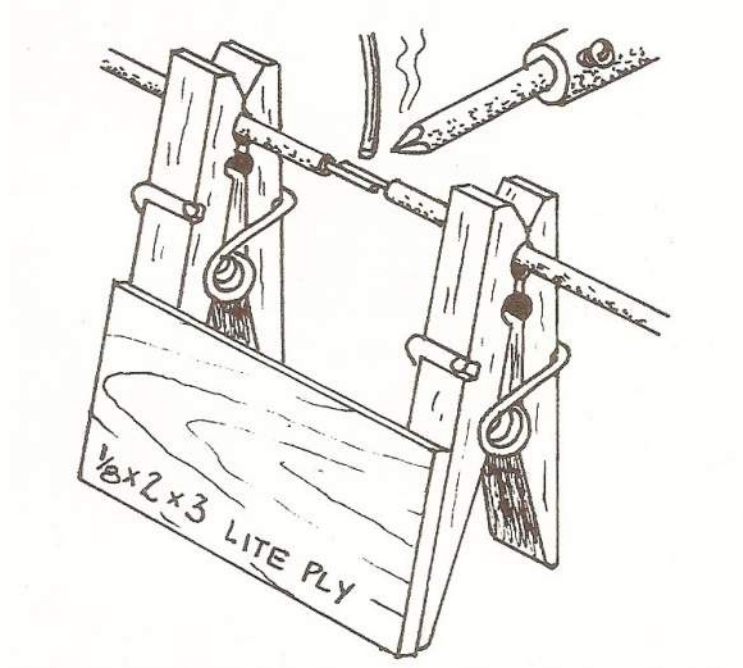
Projects

I just got word yesterday that Glenn has his Mosquito twin all ready to fly. The latest setup includes two brand new O.S. 55AX engines with onboard glow drivers. The engine run in and taxi testing are all done and he's just waiting for a nice day with a bit of a southerly breeze to make the first flights. Should be a great flier with that setup for power.

No one has sent any info along on any other projects in the works but this time of year it's quite likely any RC time is spent flying rather than building whenever possible. Unfortunately Mother Nature will probably be giving us all lots of reasons to remain indoors in the not-too-distant future so I'm sure there'll be some neat projects hitting the work benches before too long.

Tips and Tricks

John Ward gave me a whole pile of saved magazine pages with "how to" articles and all kinds of neat little tidbits that those of us who like to build/create model flying machines might find very interesting. This little clamping device jumped right out at me immediately. It could be made in just a few minutes and although its intended purpose was as a soldering aide, I can imagine this little beauty being modified to use for many things.



On the Calendar

Friday – Sunday, September 6th-8th

Windy Ridge Camp & Fly

Windy Ridge RC Flyers Flying Field, 8989 Alderman Rd, Hammondsport, NY 14840

Full-scale turf strip, camping available (no hookups)

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Windy.com (wind/weather forecasting) - <https://www.windy.com/42.737/-77.542?41.810,-77.542,7>

Weather Underground - <https://www.wunderground.com>

Academy of Model Aeronautics - <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

AMA District II - <http://rcpilot.wixsite.com/amadistrictii>

AMA YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBnIE7hx2BxjKsWmCpA-uDA>

Rochester Aero-Modeling Society - <https://www.ramsrc.org>

Windy Ridge RC Flyers (Hammondsport) - <https://www.rcflightdeck.com/club.cfm?id=1283>

Canandaigua Sky Chiefs - <http://www.canandaiguaskychiefs.org>

Southern Tier Aero Radio Society ("STARS" - Cuba) - <http://www.rcstars.org>

Sky Rovers RC Flying Club (Phelps) - <http://www.skyrovers.org>

Finger Lakes Air Pirates (Seneca Falls) - <http://www.flapsrc.com>

Radio Control Club of Rochester - <http://www.rccr1957.com>

AeroFred (free model airplane plans) - <https://aerofred.com>



"Some of those former control line fans are real die-hards!"

If anyone has any projects or experiences or anything at all RC related you'd like to share here please feel free to send it to me and I'll include it in a future edition... Pete peterdonk@aol.com