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## INTRA-CLUB CONTEST: - Lou Francavillo

Saturday, October 2nd, marked another fantastic Club event, the 1971 Intra-Club Pattern Contest.

I know I speak for all of us who were lucky enough to be there, when I say it was a day one dreams of when we think of Fall Flying weather. It was perfect in every way.

Flying skill was at an all time high in all classes - Art Riegall decided to give Ralph Jackson some competition when he flew in the expert class and performed maneuvers he had never tried before - and did them well.

Then there was Bill Sebesta who began flying R/C this year and finished with a first place in the novice class. (Congratulations Bill)!

(Personally, I think I should have received extra points for doing four consecutive rolls instead of three).

Special thanks to Ralph Jackson for providing coffee and doughnuts and for the excellent field conditions.

Results are as follows:

Novice:	1st. Bill Sebesta	Intermediate:	1st. Bill Johnson
	2nd. Stan Bogaczyk		2nd. Lou Francavillo
	3rd. Tom Mehl		3rd. Bob Jennings
			4th. Jerry Greuel
Expert:	1st. Ralph Jackson		
	2nd. Art Riegall		

P.S. It has been suggested to me by several members that we have more than one contest a year.

It has also been suggested we have more fun fly events thru the year. I personally am in favor of both suggestions and any other events that involve group participation.

I would like to remind the membership that this is your club. If you would like to see something done that is not now being done - get involved - speak up at the meetings. Let your feelings be known to other members. If you want an active club - be active.

## ST R/C A BANQUET:

The 5th Annual ST R/C A Banquet will be held on Sat., November 13 at the Keystone Inn in Sayre, Pa. Each year many members and wives of the AGS along with the Sayre and Ithaca clubs gather for a fun evening and hash over the summers activities. Besides good food and drink, there is always some lively entertainment and later in the evening there is live music for dancing. Call for a baby sitter now and tell your wife you are taking her out;

November 13, 1971

Keystone Inn, Sayre, Pa. (only 45 minutes  
from Endicott)

Menu: Steak or Chicken with all the trimmings

Time: Cocktails 6 - 7 P.M.

Dinner 7 - 8 P.M.

Entertainment 8 - 9 P.M.

Dancing 9 - ?

The season trophies will also be awarded.

For reservations contact:

Bob Jennings: 754-3128 or Art Riegal: 785-2055

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Two new members joined the club at the October 8 meeting. They are:

Jerry Greuel - Wife Nancy

3 French Court

Binghamton, N. Y.

Phone 772-8149 Freq. 72.24 MHz

Dick Moebus - Wife Rose

3608 Beatrice Lane

Endwell, N.Y.

Phone 748-8590 Freq. 27.197 MHz

Jerry was a member of the AGS until June, 1970, when he moved to Medfore, Minnesota where he taught high school Chem, math and physics and coached wrestling. He claims that the wind blows too much in Minnesota for good R/C flying although this might not be the reason for his return to the Triple Cities. He is now teaching physical science at Broome Tech. Welcome back Jerry!

Dick has been doing well with his first plane, an H-Ray with a Webra .20. He just started in R/C a few months ago and is having such a ball that he wishes he had jumped into this hobby years ago. Welcome aboard Dick!

Our club roster now numbers 52 members paid up for 1971. I just counted 40 members on the roster published in April, so you can see that we have continued to attract new comers as usual. There were 14 guests at the October 8 meeting so the upward trend should continue.

## THE RC/WC SUCCESS STORY:

Next month more specific details will be provided but already it is obvious that the RC World Championships was an outstanding success -- several guests from overseas said it was the best they had attended. So, from the operational viewpoint we can be satisfied that we did a good job. Beyond that it also looks like we did well financially.

There are still many odds and ends of bills to be paid and some cleanup expenses that are not yet fully determined but it seems safe to report that we have at least come out even or very close to it. We may even have come out ahead although we hesitate to say that outright until all the costs are settled. With more of a break from the weather we could easily have made a substantial profit.

Parking and general admissions collected at the site totalled about \$11,700; in addition to many hundreds of booster packages sold by mail in advance of the event. An additional amount of about \$4,000 was collected at the site from sales of souvenirs, AMA supplies and membership. These amounts added to sponsor and exhibitor fees, plus contributions from AMA members and clubs, plus airfare and accommodations fees from contestants and overseas supporters. All these income items together came to well over \$75,000!

Expenses, however, have been considerable. They include almost \$34,000 for the charter jet, close to \$20,000 in motel fees, many more thousands for rental of buses, tents, tables, and purchase of many supplies, plus considerable printing. At no time however were we in deeper than the \$20,000 authorized for the RC/WC project by the AMA Executive Council.

Assuming that we finally end up close to or even better than breaking even the project must be regarded as an outstanding success. In terms of prestige alone the United States has gained tremendous respect from all over the world. Beyond that we have proved that AMA is capable of organizing and managing an event of tremendous scope in a financially sound manner. The implications point to a future in which bigger and better projects for membership benefit may be pursued with confidence.

## YOUR COMMENTS CONCERNING RC/WC:

Although this first time effort is receiving worldwide praise as a spectacularly successful event all was not perfect, due largely to the sheer magnitude of the event and its happening so soon after the Nats effort. AMA officers are currently critiquing the operation with a view towards guidance for any such future events. Comments from the AMA membership, pro or con, are therefore desired. Send to HQ, addressed to the RC/WC Committee.

## RC/WC FILM PROJECT:

This special effort is to produce PR benefits long after the event. AMA members who are involved in professional motion picture work volunteered to produce a first-class film of the event, for eventual TV viewing. As a byproduct it is expected that a special non-sound version will be produced for dlubs. Eleven thousand feet of 16 mm color film was shot, along with much sound footage. Many hundreds of feet of 8 mm film were also shot as an additional club viewing benefit. We will be hearing more of these efforts as they progress -- right now they are in the basic processing and editing stages.

## AMA PRESIDENT JOHNNY CLEMENS REPORTS TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

AMA's PROUDEST MOMENT -- The Radio Control Aerobatic World Championships just held at Doylestown, Pa. must be the greatest triumph of AMA's long history of worthwhile projects! And this triumph was not accomplished in an easy way. Every possible sort of problem reared its ugly head, all compounded by days and days of drenching rain at the flying site. But our fairy tale has a happy ending, because the Princess of Good Luck finally kissed the Ugly Frog of Bad Weather and turned him into a Handsome Prince just long enough to complete the full program of competition flying, the impressive Awards Ceremonies, and all but a few minutes of the Airshow. Be proud, AMA'ers, because you belong to a tremendous "Can-Do" organization!

SUMMARY, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS -- The first RC World Championships held in the United States. The biggest world championships ever held in U.S. modeling. The first airlift ever provided for contestants from overseas. The first meet of this national or international magnitude ever planned or managed; financed independently by AMA with no co-sponsoring group or organization. And TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL!

Yet, some second thoughts! One of the very kind South African Team Supporters said to me, "Compared to what you Americans have shown us, all future meets held abroad will be small!" This was meant as a high compliment, but it instantly made me hope that our friends from the other countries will not feel that we have "overpowered" them with our size, power, and wealth. I sincerely hope that they will see our gigantic effort as an expression of genuine welcome, and a desire on our part to show a love and respect for our aeromodeling friends from all over the world.

PRIDE -- I am a proud and privileged man, to have represented' you of the AMA Membership in this wonderful venture. I also take great pride in the fine new friends I made from among the aeromodeling leaders of the world. I am, indeed, a lucky fellow!

### FORMULA FALCON INTEREST:

I just spoke with Art Riegal, one of our ST R/C A representatives, and he reported that the interest in Formula Falcons is growing rapidly outside our club. Art and Bob Jennings attended an ST R/C A planning meeting recently and found out that both Ithaca and Sayre club members have become very excited about the Falcons after they saw how well the little racers performed at the ST R/C A races. Bob Jennings and I flew our Falcons in the Class I racing category and were faster than any other plane in that class which included planes with engines up to .30 cu.in.

Five members of the Ithaca club are already building Formula Falcons and at least 3 more are planning to do so. Sayre expects about 5 members to join in.

So, get started now and join in the Falcon Fun for 1972. Those of us who raced this year will be there for sure.

### NATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM NEEDED:

AMA leaders met Oct. 7 in New York City with government representatives in response to news stories concerning a reported near collision between a model plane and a jet airliner within the landing approach zone to JFK International Airport on Sunday, Oct. 3. The meeting was requested by AMA members who were disturbed over the nature of the reporting and its potential harm to model aviation activities. In attendance were representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Naval Air Station, the U.S. Coast Guard, the New York City Police Department, AMA national and local club officers.

Following considerable discussion concerning the report which led to the news stories it was agreed that although model aviation activities have had an excellent safety record to date additional steps should be taken to help prevent a recurrence of such incidents. Specific proposals resulted from the discussion, with reference to model flying in a FAA Terminal Control Area (TCA) near large commercial airfields.

The N.Y. meeting ended without specific action being taken in any direction but it was obvious that the AMA leadership is expected to pursue the proposal for eventual (as soon as possible) adoption of more effective safety practices for model flying.

## MEETING PROGRAMS:

Nov. 5 - Annual Auction - Once again Don Harrington, AGS Chief Auctioneer, will take over after the business meeting and "operate" the annual club auction. This is a great time to sell the R/C items you haven't used over the past year instead of letting them set on the shelf and collect dust. Of course, in order to sell, there must be some buyers. For those who never attended this annual affair, it goes something like this. Bring your goodies and put a tag on them specifying your minimum selling price, if you have one. No tag means no minimum. Keep track of your own sales and purchases during the auction so you can settle up with each other when it is over. Don will control the bidding and you do the buying, its that simple. Don't miss it, you may find a real bargain and I'll guarantee you that you'll have a good time.

Nov. 19- The APOLLO 15 film. Don't miss this one! The late notice on this film caused the advancement of the club auction date.

Coming up- Paint spraying by Art Riegal. Better pick up these techniques for the winter building.

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