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THE PREZ SEZ: - Dick Allen

It sure was great to get back to a club meeting and also see such a fine turn out for our ever-popular auction. There were several comments that we should have a spring, as well as fall, auction. What do you think?

Our Field Chairman, Ralph Jackson, informs me that the benches and mowers have been stowed away for the winter. Also, please remember not to drive up the road to the field when it is so soft that deep ruts or other damage would result. This condition ordinarily prevails in the spring until the field is officially "opened", but sometimes also occurs in the winter. The field is never closed to flying or other legitimate use by members as long as no damage results. (Including road damage.) Please use discretion.

Enough preaching! Now for some good news: Bill Sebesta has agreed to take over the twice-vacated job of Historian. I'm sure he'll handle it with his usual enthusiasm. Please give him any materials (pictures, articles, records, etc.) which may help. Now if only "I Build Models" Corp. will refrain from transferring him, too!

NEW MEMBERS: -

October 22	John Denig - wife Marlene 2668 Camelot Road Endwell, New York Phone 754-6213	26,995 MHz
November 5	Tom Tomasky - wife Roe Pollard Hill Road R. D. #2 Box 243C Endicott, New York Phone 862-9598	27,145 MHz

HELPFUL HINTS: -

Here are some building tips I thought most everyone would like to know about. Many times its the little things we accept as routine which turn out to be most helpful to the other guy. Let me know your favorite gimmick or building trick.

- Polyester and epoxy resins don't mix. When gluing anything to a fiberglass fuselage don't use epoxy glue. Mostly all fiberglass fuselages are made with polyester resin and epoxy glue will not stick to it properly. Use polyester resin to attach motor mounts, firewalls and servo mounts.

- An easy way to cut wheel wells in foam wing cores is to find a tin can of proper size and remove flange around the top. Rotate can back and forth while applying pressure.

- Why not tint the canopy on your next plane. Use any clothing dye and adjust darkness of tint by controlling the time the canopy is in the dye solution. If the canopy has a salvage edge around the bottom, leave it on to retain the shape of the canopy when it is in the hot solution. Be sure to use a container with enough room to immerse the entire canopy without bending it since the bend will not come out.

- When cutting foam wings, be sure and angle the toothpicks used to hold the templates toward the center of the core. The reason is so that the hot wire will not snag a toothpick and ruin your core.

- To keep the fuel tubing in your clunk tank from folding over and restricting the fuel supply, replace some of the tubing with some copper tubing. Only enough flexible fuel tubing needs to be used to connect the copper to the outlet tube and to the clunk.

- Automotive lacquer putty is great for filling pin holes in fiberglass fuselages or cowels.

- Try some vinyl latex base spackling compound for filling nicks and gouges in balsa before covering. It can be purchased at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, sands extremely well and is water soluble.

- If you've got a lot of dirt and varnish build up on your engine, get some Sunbeam Metal Kleen. Available at Burt's appliance department in Endicott, it will really do a job and remove that dirty black crud.

More tips next month -

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Currently under consideration by the AMA executive Council is a name change for AMA. Nothing specific is likely to happen anytime soon as the subject is merely being explored for possible action at the Winter council meeting next year. Even if action did happen then it would have to be ratified by Leader membership vote later on.

Meanwhile the discussion has come up because of PR difficulties in getting our name recognized and remembered. We're actually better remembered outside of AMA as the American Model Association than we are the Academy of Model Aeronautics -- the former is simpler to say and is more descriptive. Yet nobody seems to like that version of our initials so other variations are being considered.

A name change has been recommended by most AMA officers who have had extensive experience trying to promote AMA outside of the model field. The idea has been proposed many times before but really came into focus as a result of many frustrated attempts to promote AMA in connection with the recent World Championships. News people seldom got the name right or remembered it after initial contact and many VIP types stumble over the name in after dinner speeches or introductions of our officials at formal occasions.

Council members are open to suggestion for a possible name change -- if you have any suggestions drop a note to HQ for circulation to the group. Food for thought: the words "National" or "U.S." or "American" or "Association" seem to be the most commonly suggested in connection with name proposals -- it might be helpful to try to incorporate one or more of these in any proposal. "Miniature Aircraft" has also been suggested to replace "Model Airplane" or "Model Aeronautics".

RC/WC FINANCES BETTER THAN EXPECTED

The final financial summary shows that the RC/WC project came out about \$2300 in the black, even after paying most of the cost for a professional film being produced in connection with the event. The total cost of the project is staggering -- over \$90,000^o. But even more amazing is the fact that the income exceeded the expenses.

Most of the expense -- about 2/3 -- was involved in the transportation, lodging, and feeding obligations. This came to just over \$59,000. But our visitors paid for 80% of these costs -- over \$48,000 -- so our subsidy was not as great as some people had feared it might be. As it turned out, contributions from AMA members and clubs, plus sponsorships, more than covered the deficit. We ended up with a significant profit and never were in deeper than the \$20,000 which had been authorized by the AMA Executive Council for this event.

ST R/C A: -

The Southern Tier R/C Association held another blast at its annual dinner on November 13. The activity was again held at the Keystone Inn in Sayre, Pa. and all three clubs were well represented. After a fine meal, door prizes were given out to some of the lucky gals and the annual trophies for individual effort were presented to the lucky guys.

The AGS only had two trophy winners in the top ten this year. Bob Jennings was the No. 1 man and Bill Johnson just made it in the No. 10 position. Congratulations Bob and Bill. And for the 5th year in a row, the AGS DIDN'T win the club trophy. This year it went to Sayre with Ithaca in second place. Sure wonder why a club of our experience and size can't get out of the cellar. How about it gang! Lets show them who we are next year.

FOR SALE: -

One World Engines S4-C servo - Stan Bogaczyk 748-7876

MEETING PROGRAMS: -

December 3 - Art Riegal will explain the Do's and Don'ts of spray painting. If you've never tried a spray finish or had trouble when you did try, you won't want to miss this program.

December 17 - Color films of the 1971 Rhinebeck World War I R/C Jamboree.

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