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Back Safely.

Well we are back: Ellie and I, that is...from Alaska. What spectacular raw country. It is truly a wilderness and full of folklore...Soapy Smith. Joe Juneau. Klondike Kate (Wow, now that's a name for a woman of persuasion!). The Three Sweeds. Robert W. Service. Jack London (they really lived in Dawson City, Yukon Territory). Yes, and the magical cities, famous for GOLD. Skagway. Dawson City. Fairbanks. Nome...on and on. Even today, if you travel through Alaska (and Yukon Territory, Canada), you will find folks mining gold for a living...looking for that mother load! In Nome, there is a public beach: you cannot stake a claim on public lands. This means anyone can set up shop and mine for gold on the beach (and they are there). Your "claim" is as far as your shovel can reach...literally, as long as you camp there...on that spot. Incredible!

Safety, Make It Not Happen.

For those of you that may have missed it, there is an article in the September issue of Model Airplane News: Safety Comes First by

Gary A. Shaw. It talks about PET-powered Retracts and the risk involved thereto. A good article for you retract buffs. There is also an excellent article on Liquids and Chemicals in the Workshop by Graham Hicks...my advice is for everyone to read it and heed it...(I couldn't

resist).

Full House At The Field.

On Labor Day I took some time to go to the field for a few flights. In the past, when I visited the field on a holiday it would usually be without life (I was planning to meet Tim Rogers there). When I got to the field I was surprised to see 13 planes and many more people! Folks were picnicking. This is terrific. It was great to see all those "new" pilots flying and enjoying the clubs facilities.

Halfway To Project Night.

With the days getting shorter and the weather a bit colder each day summer is over (regardless of what the pundits say...I encountered a school bus this morning!) Anyway, I am starting to think about my winter project(s) next years flying season, already! My hope is to complete two projects, each Giant Scale: a SIG J-3 Cub and a 26% Fairchild PT-19. Both projects are well underway, but still have a ways to go. My building season officially begins October 9th...and officially ends April 30th. Outside of those limits, I have been know to do some building, but mostly repairs and sundry other modeling things. Outside those limits I am busy doing house repairs, club business, honey-do's generally goofing off.

Annual Float Fly

By the way, be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming AGS Annual Greenwood Park Float Fly. It was on last months Calendar Of Events September 24-25th. Get those floats ready!

Back To Alaska For a Moment.

Talking about float-flying: Anchorage Alaska boasts the largest float-plane harbor in the world. More than 50% of

Alaskans own a pilots ticket, and 40% own their own planes. In Anchorage, there is a lake in town, not far from Cooks Inlet that has float planes anchored wing-tip to wing-tip completely around the perimeter of the lake. To obtain a spot to park your float plane, you need to get on a list and will wait up to 20 years to get a spot; we were told! For a flight enthusiast, Anchorage is heaven. Light planes of all types are everywhere. On the Juneau waterfront, I counted six DH-2 Beavers tied up at the dock, one in the air and one taking

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From The Editor ...



Nothing major to report this month, other than some mild controversy from one member resulting from my comment in last month's column regarding the possibility of abolishing summer meetings. Apparently, Bob Noll decided that it was a heinous idea indeed to even consider such an idea, and wrote me a letter saying so. I know he wanted it in this month's Connector, but he didn't E-mail it to me, so it couldn't go in. Probably next month, though.

As the season winds down, we get to that point when we need to think about electing new officers to the Board of Directors. Unfortunately, we're having a heck of a time finding qualified members that are willing to serve on the board. There's been so much crap in recent years that no one wants to be president! We have a lot of new members this year, many of which are fine future candidates, but probably not this year. We of the Nominating Committee promise, however, to do our best to make sure that there is a full slate of officers for consideration at the September meeting, though it is only one week away! At this point, the slate is:

President:	none
Vice-President:	none
Treasurer:	Bill Underkofler (re-up)
Secretary:	Steven Bard (re-up)
Board Member at Large:	Jaime Arnold

I had my first battery pack die on me this summer, and yes, it was caught by using an ESV and by cycling. I discovered that after leaving it set for one week after a full charge, it was nearly dead! This particular pack was a square 500mAh pack that came with a Futaba Conquest 4NBL, with a date code of 9011. I'm still using my very first battery pack from 1986 in a plane, and by relentlessly watching them. I can keep an eye on their progress and capacity. I know that Bill Underkofler has had THREE helicopter packs go out recently, all of the same type and capacity, and I'm hoping to get him to write up a little something on what he's been researching about capacity vs. weight. Interesting stuff.

Where did all the contributors go? What happened to Pylon racing? Where did the Contest Calendar go? What happened to the pursuit of the High Point Trophy? Why did the monthly birthdays quit coming in? Why is there no write-up on the Float Fly? It's going to be hard to find an Editor next year, when nobody is providing inputs! There's too much petty nonsense going on again this year, and it needs to stop before the club takes a further nose-dive.

Belly Aker

The next Connector publishing deadline is Oct. 4, 1994. Articles submitted for interest, advertisement or announcement should be addressed to the Editor, and will be considered on a space-available basis

off...it was unbelievable...

Slate of Officers For Election To Board Of Directors.

As a reminder, this coming meeting we should be presented with a list of candidates by the Nominating Committee to be voted on at the Clubs Annual meeting, which is the October meeting. At this coming meeting (September) nominations are open and will be accepted from the floor. At the conclusion of the September meeting nominations are closed and the slate(s) will be voted on for election at the October meeting.

Membership Dues.

The October (next months) meeting is the clubs Annual Meeting, at which time your (our) dues is due, so bring your money. You pay your monies to the treasurer who will then affix a sticker to your AMA Membership Card. Remember, you need to have a current AMA Card to be a member in good standing (and of course fly). If you wish, you can pay 1/2 of the dues at the October meeting and the balance at the April 1995 meeting. However, if you can handle paying the entire dues and pay in full by October 31st, you get a \$5.00 discount. Regular members ONLY get the discount (not associates, Social, Junior or any other class of member). Basta per ahora (spl?)...

Tony

Calendar Of Events

September 20

AGS Regular Meeting,
Vestal American Legion,
7:30p.m.

September 24,25

Annual Greenwood Float
Fly, Greenwood Park

October 18

AGS Regular Meeting,
Vestal American Legion,
7:30p.m. *Annual Meeting*
to elect Officers for the 1995
Fiscal Year

**All Monthly Regular Meetings Are Held On The Third
Tuesday Of The Month At The Vestal American Legion.**

Interesting Stuff

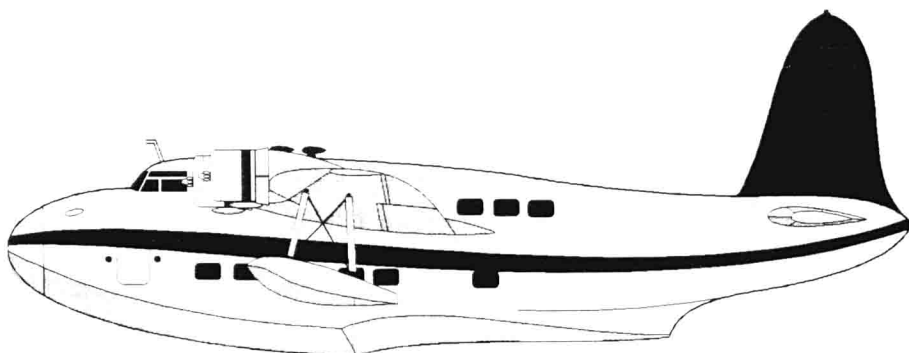
by Steven Bard

Dr. Paul MacCready presents a lecture in Elmira

September 24 Paul MacCready lectures on "Soaring: Catalyst for innovation" at 8:00 p.m. at the Clemens Center in Elmira. It's not a free lecture, it costs \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. For reservations call 607-734-3128.

Paul MacCready was the nut behind the wheel on the Gossamer Condor project, a pivotal engineering accomplishment in airplane history.

This lecture is only one of the events associated with the Community Soaring Day in Elmira on the 24th. Here are some other events: Kite Flying, flight of a 1902 Wright Brothers Glider Replica (built by Corning students), Aerogami (a paper airplane workshop) and a special museum open house.



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This Month's Program:

Mr. Franklin B. Ressiguie, author of "Feathers On The Wind," will give a talk about his experiences as a P-47 pilot during WW2.

Join us, as Mr. Ressiguie tells us of "...a journey of the spirit through brushes with death of an American P-47 Fighter Pilot, during World War Two."