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It's a bird - it's a plane - it's a skydiver!

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On Saturday, August 22nd, a group of aviation enthusiasts got together for a different kind of fun fly. No remote controls needed – simply a parachute and a strong sense of fearlessness. This event was sponsored by “Freefall Oz” in Ceres, New York.

Several WASPS members attended the event to watch people jump from airplanes and to perform r/c demonstrations for the crowd.

The weather was starting to feel like summer and people were out in large groups to celebrate.

Freefall OZ Skydiving Center is located at the Ceres Airport in Ceres

Township, PA. The airport had hosted sport parachuting and a skydiving school in years past and are happy to announce the reintroduction of skydiving to the Ceres Airport. They're a member of the United States Parachute Association (USPA) and dedicated to the promotion of safe sport parachuting activities.

Freefall OZ is owned & operated by Ash & Celeine Easdon-Smith. Ashley has been a professional skydiver for 25 years and is a highly qualified instructor who has instructed thousands of students throughout his career. He and their staff have thousand of jumps each and are certified by the

USPA.

Freefall OZ Skydiving Center is a small Drop Zone (DZ) and does not have a "Student Factory" mentality. They believe in training each student at the students pace and with a strong emphasis on safety. Whether you are a first time jumper, student, spectator or experienced skydiver, Freefall OZ offers FUN for all. For more information on Freefall Oz, visit their website at: www.freefalloskydiving.com.



*Skydiver at "Oz Freefall"
Picture courtesy of
John Tucker.*

Meet and Greet - Vyle Bundy and John Tucker

Vyle Bundy lives in Andover, New York and is married to Joan. Together, they have three children and five grandchildren. Vyle works as an inspection supervisor.

Vyle has been flying r/c airplanes since 1986 for an impressive 23 years!

Vyle became interested in flying after talking to Stan Swan and going to r/c airshows.

While Vyle has seen many changes throughout the years, the biggest one is the better equipment available today.

Stan Swan taught Vyle to fly. His favorite memories include opening up the current airfield and many other good memories with the fellows.

John Tucker lives in Belmont, New York and is

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Fun Fly Reminder

This Sunday, September 13th is the annual WASPS fun fly! Remember to bring a dish to pass and invite all of your friends and family to join us.

The fun fly is a great opportunity to show off your mad flying skills to the public. It's also a fun time to spend with family and friends doing your very favorite thing in the world—flying!

So plan now on making a day of it. The fun fly is scheduled to be an all day event so come as early as you'd like. We're planning on

lunch at 1:00 pm. If anyone has a sun shade, please bring that as well.

It's currently showing 72 and sunny so let's hope the weather cooperates and we have the best fun fly ever! See you at the field!

Also, please note (in case you missed it on the front page) that the next WASPS meeting will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wellsville, not at the air field.



Dave Pratt's "Telemaster and Space Shuttle Glider" getting ready for take off at the STARS Open House. Pictures courtesy of John Tucker.

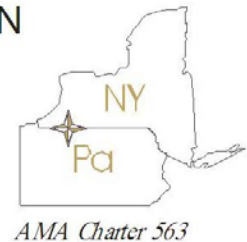
Fun Fly News ...

Each year on the last Sunday in August, the STARS hold an open house at the club's flying field. This year's event was held on Sunday, August 29, 2009 at their field in Cuba, New York.

All R/C pilots were welcome. There was no registration fee. Pilots with recreational vehicles were also welcome, however, space for RV's was limited.

Around noon, STARS members and their wives provided a meal for all guests. Several WASPS attended the fun fly and everyone had a great time!

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Gary Fitch (STARS) "Balsa USA Fly Baby Bipe" at the STARS Open House. Picture courtesy of Vo Decker.



Ben Kirk's "Big Stick" taking off at the STARS Open House. Picture courtesy of Vo Decker.

August's Meeting Minutes by Bill Wilson

Meeting - August 11, 2009

The meeting called to order by President Fitch at 7:03 PM.

The reading of the Secretary's minutes was deleted as they appeared in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer reported balance in the checking account of \$1592 and savings of \$62.

The report was accepted.

Safety officer and field marshall had no reports.

Old Business:

Funfly--other clubs to be contacted, Tad reported that the Stars are aware of the date/time.

Ross Lentz purchased a trainer cord for the Club trainer for \$11.99 it was moved by Bob Sanders

and seconded by John Tucker to pay this amount, it was approved.

John Tucker presented a bill for stain for the mower shack , it was moved by President Fitch and seconded by Tad Manske to pay the bill, it was approved.

New Business:

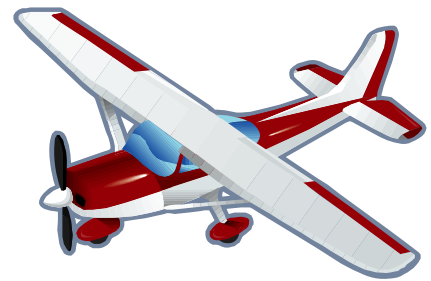
Thanks to Mrs. Decker for the "New" news letter--looks great. Bob Sanders reflected that the volume numbers for these needed to be updated to be consecutive with past newsletters for reference sake.

Vo is updating the club website, he showed what the page would/does look like--well done, a sheet was distributed to those present by Vo to get pertinent information on members--fill it out and return it to

him.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM on a motion by Tad Manske seconded by Mike Holinko.

Respectfully Submitted:
William C. Wilson,
Secretary



"The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who, in their grueling travels across trackless lands in prehistoric times, looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space, at full speed, above all obstacles, on the infinite highway of the air." ~Wilbur Wright

Meet and Greet - John Tucker (continued from page 1)

married to Ann. Together, they have two children, Nicholas and Emily. John currently works as the Allegany County Office of Emergency Services Director.

John has been flying "free flight" since 1965 - he started at a very young 15 years old.

John became interested in flying after watching a club in Stockton, California.

While John has seen many changes throughout the years, major

ones include technology in materials and electronics including radios, etc.

Vyle Bundy taught John to fly and as you can tell - he does still fly r/c planes.

John's favorite memory is the day he soloed!

Thanks gentleman for sharing some of your insight for this corner. Remember fellow WASPS, please complete these meet and greet forms and return to Vo Decker. We want to make sure all members are

highlited in the future.



**Some WASPS members at the "Oz Freefall Event".
Picture courtesy of John Tucker.**

Wellsville Area Small Plane Society

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A note from your favorite editing duet!

Sorry for the delay in getting this out. You know what it's like - you have the best intentions and then life happens. There are a few things we'd like to mention.

First of all, please send back those meet and greet forms and fill them to the brim with fun facts about you! It's a great opportunity to share a bit about yourself with other club members.

Secondly, there was discussion about the Volume and Issue numbers we are currently using. Vo tried to find out what the last newsletter left off at but some didn't have that added and it's hard to get a definitive answer. Please

recognize that the volume and issue number are from the point we took over the newsletter. If anyone does have a specific answer for when the last newsletter volume/edition was, please forward that information to Vo and we will make that revision on all future newsletters.

Thirdly, thanks for all the positive responses to this newsletter. It is greatly appreciated. Many of you have offered to write articles, etc. to be included - please do! I can fill these pages with things that probably don't matter much to you - be afraid!

And finally, just so you can all give my good-natured husband

a LOT of ribbing - ask him about deleting previous newsletter and having to recreate the template. Wouldn't you think the IT guy would have that stuff figured out? The joys of life - the joys of computers.

May you all enjoy the last lingering moments of summertime with fun flights and good times with pilot friends.

Warmly,
Rebecca

