

W.A.S.P.S. Buzzworthy News

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

AUGUST 2009

Wellsville Area Small Plane Society is now on the web:
www.wasp.amadistrictii.org

Wellsville Airport Pancake Fly-in

The Wellsville Municipal Airport is holding their Second Annual "Pancake Fly-in" on Sunday, August 2, 2009.

Members of the club are invited to bring their planes to showcase and (weather permitting) fly.

The event is scheduled to begin at 8:00 am on this Sunday and run until 1:00 pm. Last year's fly-in was well attended and a favorite of community members.

Tickets for the pancake breakfast are only \$6.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

The Wellsville

Meet and Greet - Vo Decker

(this section will allow you to get to know fellow club members better)

Vo Decker started flying as a young boy. At only 8 years old, he was one of the youngest pilots to take flight. He started R/C airplanes with his Dad. Together, they traveled to air shows as far away as Ontario.

Vo and his Dad started the hobby out of a love for aviation. At a local



Last year's "fly-in" saw an original "PT-17" with it's official mini-me owned by member Vo Decker.

Airport boasts a beautiful scenic view and the fly-in is a perfect opportunity to see it first hand.

Last year planes flew in from all over and it was a great opportunity for

pilots of all airplanes to mingle.

If you'd like more information on this year's Fly-in, please call the Wellsville Airport at (585) 593-3350.

when he was only 9 years old. After losing his Dad, he almost gave up the hobby but decided to keep up with it in his memory.

Club President, Rick Fitch, was one of the first instructors that taught Vo to fly.

Over the years, he's seen model airplanes come
(continued on page 3)



Inside this issue:

S.T.A.R.S. Rally	2
Fun Fly	2
Event Pictures	2
Meeting Minutes	3
Meet/Greet (cont.)	3
Newsletter Update	4

The S.T.A.R.S take flight on stormy weekend ...

Our neighboring AMA chapter, the S.T.A.R.S., hosted the Annual District II fun fly on July 18 and 19, 2009 at the Olean Airport. This was the first year the District II fun fly was held in Western New York.

Many W.A.S.P.S. members chanced the weather and enjoyed a busy day at the field. Ben Kirk flew his "P-47 Thunderbolt" and his "Super Chipmunk" to the crowd's pleasure. Vo Decker also took to the airfield with his "Ultimate 160" and "Raptor 30

Helicopter".

There were nearly 100 pilots registered to fly with over 100 non-scale and scale aircraft according to the S.T.A.R.S. website.

Over 20 AMA chapters were represented during this two-day event.

There was a lot of great flying going on including several demonstrations of turbo-powered jets and giant scale 3D.

"It was a great time to visit with fellow modelers from across the

continent," said WASPS member Vo Decker.

This was the club's 32nd Annual Rally. The dampened weather kept some spectators away but didn't stop the people there from having a great time!

Next year, we're hoping for even more participation from W.A.S.P.S. members as it's a great event to participate in. For more information on the S.T.A.R.S. club, visit their website at: www.rcstars.org.

Fun Fly Coming Soon!

This year, the W.A.S.P.S. are opening the field in their Annual Fun Fly to be held on Sunday, September 13th.

This is a great time to invite your friends and family up to the field to enjoy an afternoon show of pilots, planes, and skill!

Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the club. Neighboring clubs are being invited to participate as well.

What a fun opportunity for members to get reacquainted and enjoy an afternoon of flight. Hope you'll join us!

Right: Giant Scale "Spitfire MK-1" at the District II Fun Fly doing a strafing run. Picture courtesy of Vo Decker.



Left: Club Member Ben Kirk landing his world model's "Super Chipmunk" at the District II Fun Fly on Saturday, July 18th. Picture courtesy of Vo Decker.

W.A.S.P.S. - A Little Bit of History

Wellsville Area Small Plane Society (W.A.S.P.S.) is a group of aviation enthusiasts that bring model airplanes to flight. Almost 30 area community members belong to the club that was started in 1986.

Model airplanes have become a hobby for people of all ages. To most, it's the next best thing to piloting a real plane. Not for the weak at heart, there are many influences that can cause a plane's

demise. From wind gusts, to human error, it's all part of the thrill high upon a hill top in Wellsville, New York.

W.A.S.P.S. members have regularly enjoyed hosting "fun flies" at the club where the public is invited in to see some of their aircraft.

Several members are qualified R/C instructors and will gladly assist anyone interested in learning to fly R/C airplanes.

Construction advice is also always available from any member. You need not be an experienced builder to be a member.

All "flying" members must also belong to the national organization of which we are chartered under, the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Visitors are always welcome at our field during the flying season. See you at the field!

July's Meeting Minutes by Bill Wilson

Meeting - July 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Fitch at 7:02 pm with 14 members present.

On a motion by Bob Theroux, seconded by Tad Manske, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurer reported a checking balance of \$762.00, savings of \$62.00, and a contingency fund of \$3,617. We have 24 adult members and 6 junior members listed.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Field Marshall had nothing to report - field looks good.

AMA Liaison: A flyer was received on a Rochester club electric fly. See John Tucker for details.

There was also an ad from a company willing to do laser cutting of balsa and ply. For information,

see John Tucker.

Safety Officer: things seem to be okay.

Old business. Airport fly-in breakfast on August 2nd. Flying will be 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. John Tucker will attempt to mow the area we are to fly from. Where we fly from: the back side of the parking lot.

The S.T.A.R.S. Rally/District II meet will be this weekend at Olean Airport. You can fly anything. Not just scale.

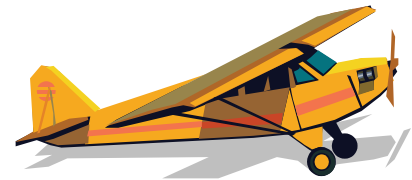
New business. Our fun fly will be held September 13, 2009. We plan to eat at approximately 1:00 pm. The club will supply meat (hamburgers/hot dogs) and drinks.

Assignments. John Tucker - plates, cups, silverware and condiments. Tad Manske - pick up drinks. Vick Whitney - will cook. Members are to bring a dish to pass and additional drinks if they desire.

The Sharks (Eldred) and the S.T.A.R.S. (Olean) are to be invited. Herb Vaughn brought some materials Jim Hand had put together on the history of the club. See him to borrow them. He will return them to Joan Hand after those who wish to see them have.

Nick Reitter has a slow-stick and a radio system for sale. \$125. See him if interested. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm. 50/50 won by Vick Whitney.

Respectfully submitted:
William C. Willson,
Secretary



"Never stop being a kid. Never stop feeling and seeing and being excited with great things like air and engines and sounds of sunlight within you. Wear your little mask if you must to protect you from the world but if you let that kid disappear you are grown up and you are dead." - Richard Bach

Meet and Greet - Vo Decker

(continued)

from what was predominately kits to the ARFs of today. The art of kit building is definitely losing ground to the convenience of ready built planes.

As a boy, Vo was sponsored by a local hobby shop and flew in AMA pattern competitions and fun fly competitions throughout Pennsylvania and New York.

Vo loves the challenge of flying, learning new things, new

stunts, etc. This year, he's enjoyed being at the field more and has a renewed passion for all things aviation.

Vo works in IT at a local non-profit. He's married with three daughters and lives in Wellsville, New York.

We're looking for a volunteer for the next newsletter's Meet and Greet. Please email Vo Decker if you'd be willing to be

profiled.



The Stafford Comanche Vo flew at his first STARS Rally

Wellsville Area Small Plane Society

Editor:

Vo/Rebecca Decker
204 Stevens Street
Wellsville, NY 14895

W.A.S.P.S. Member

Husband/Wife team takes over newsletter!

Let me introduce myself - my name is Rebecca Decker and I am the very lucky wife of club member Vo Decker. We have volunteered (or perhaps have been volunteered) to take over the W.A.S.P.S. newsletter.

This was our first attempt - so be kind. We are welcome to suggestions and or creative guidance as we move forward. We'd also love to get pictures/ideas for articles/or press-ready news that you've already written.

Vo is currently hard at work updating a new W.A.S.P.S.

website that can be found shortly at: www.wasp.amadistrictii.org. If you have a facebook account, you can also become a fan of the "Wellsville Area Small Plane Society" page. Vo is posting current pictures there as well as on the new website.

We will be adding the newsletters online and in attempt to go green and save money, please email Vo if you'd like to receive the newsletter via email instead of through the Post Office. We will be emailing the newsletter out as a .pdf file (which is also how it will appear online). If you do not have an email address or prefer to receive a hard copy - you do not need to respond, we will

continue to mail those out.

We will be working on sending these out following monthly meetings so that the most recent meeting minutes can be included.

Look for catchy new corners and great pictures in each newsletter. If you have anything you'd like included, please feel free to email Vo at vodecker@yahoo.com.

In between this summer's season of raindrops, here's wishing you safe and happy flights.

Warmly,

Rebecca

