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## Holiday Family Model Railroad Show and Model Airplane Display

By Bob Sanders

W.A.S.P.S. helped sponsor fun glider workshops for kids during the month of December at the Old Kubota Store. It was held in conjunction with a Model Train Show by Train Tier N-Trak six different dates throughout the month.

Over the six day period, sixteen members showed up for work duty or just moral support and nearly all brought family members along or they dropped in later for a visit.

Thirteen members supplied display items and/or acted as greeters, helpers, and instructors. Several demonstrated indoor electric flying and/or model train operations.

The six day show was well-staffed for each of the days with an average of 8.6 members per day.

A nice variety of displays were presented for each of the six days.

Individual contributors included:

Ken Dickerson - displayed a very pretty RC glow powered Sig. Rascal sport plane and an agile looking glow powered Shrike flying wing.

Vo Decker - supplied W.A.S.P.S. brochures, very popular with the visitors.

Rick Fitch - Electric Powered Fokker D VII and

WW II ish, twin engine/twin rudder, turret equipped, highly modified Telemaster 40, electric powered. He also presented several flights a day via a very active indoor elec. RC plane.

Ben Kirk - displayed his dazzling Turbo Powered sport jet and an impressive glow powered B-25 in olive drab point. He answered many QUESTIONS!

Ross Lentz - used his limited time visiting with guests and flying buddies, flying his indoor electric Viper, and helping out with the Railroad layout.

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**Make sure you attend the W.A.S.P.S. Annual Banquet on February 13th. Should be a great time!**

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## Meet and Greet - (your name here)

Seen the awesome W.A.S.P.S. newsletter and want to see yourself featured? Now's your chance. Several members still haven't returned their Meet and Greet sheets to Vo Decker. As you will see in this month's newsletter, it's a great opportunity to share

some of your history. Your fellow club members will enjoy reading about you and maybe learn something they didn't know! It's a fun addition and we'd really like everyone to have a turn. If you need a questionnaire, please contact Vo Decker and we will get one emailed

to you. So hurry up and get those sheets returned. What lucky club member will be spotlighted in our next issue? Stay tuned ...



## Photographs on this page - courtesy of John Tucker and accompany featured story.

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Nick Reitter - displayed 3 of his much loved rubber powered, stick and paper creations and helped with the Railroad layout.

Vince Rybicki - displayed this Easy Star RC electric and was a great help in assembling and keeping the Railroad running on a schedule.

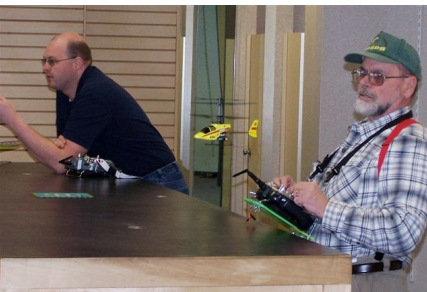
Steve Sanders - conceived and coordinated efforts to present the show. He displayed glow powered C/L and RC sport airplanes, model rockets, and railroad creations while enjoying train operations.

Jasmine Sanders - displayed her National Rocket Contest 3rd place winning rocket and trophy she earned at age 7 in 2002.

Bob Sanders and grandkids Matt Sanders and Merry Dunne operated the Build Your Own Airplane Workshop featuring The Egg Carton Flying Wing and also instructed visitors in the operation of Jim Hands RC Control System Training Mock-Up. All three answered questions and visited with guests.

Bob Theroux - displayed a 1/2A glow powered Ducted Fan model intended for tether flying he built from plans from June 1961 Popular Science. He also displayed an impressive RC scale model of a Piper Cub on floats.

John Tucker - displayed a large RC P-51 in the finishing stages



of construction along with the full sized plans. He explained procedures of construction and shared building tips with visitors.

In retrospect, the physical location was probably the finest we will ever have the chance to use. In it large, clean, well-lighted, warm, near free parking, and affords easy access in moving in and out. The performance of our crew was one to make a person proud. Every member was welcoming, friendly, polite, and eager to share our enthusiasm for the hobby. Our visitors were varied and I got the feeling we were reaching people and families a bit different than the types

we have seen at other shows and locations. Visitor traffic was usually light but, as one of our gang mentioned, during a short period with no visitors, it was even nice to have a little unhurried time to enjoy the company of each other.

The show was an ambitious undertaking for a club our size. Six days at 6 hours per day is a large commitment of any persons time, even when it is spread out over ten days. The results can, and I hope will be, evaluated and discussed at a regular meeting with many members present. It was fun!



## Meeting Minutes (for December 2009 and January 2010)

### WASP Meeting Minutes for 12-8-09

Present were: Bundy, V: Dickerson, K: Fitch, R: Kirk, B: Reitter, N: Sanders, R: Schmitt, N and T: Theroux, R: Tucker, J: Willson, W: Rybicki, V. : Holinko, M: Butts, D: 14 in all.

President Fitch called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

The reading of the Minutes was waived as they were published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer reported: Savings Acct: \$62.06, Checking Acct: \$1,634.34 and Contingency Fund: \$3,617.

We currently have 9 paid up adult members and 1 junior member. On a motion by Bundy, seconded by Butts, the report was accepted.

Field Marshall -- no report

Safety Officer--review the changes in the Safety Code before flying next year to be sure you understand them.

AMA Liaison: No report

Old Business: The annual Banquet which is to be held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Fassett Lane on Feb. 13 at 6PM was discussed. The Following people indicated they would attend and bring the following items (Dish to Pass) Rick: Shepherds Pie (if he can find any meat --road kill was rejected as a source). Vyle: Potato Casserole, Vince: chili, Dale: Lasagna, Bob: Tossed Salad, Nick and John: Desserts, Bill: Macaroni or Potato Salad, Ben: chips/dip. All were instructed to bring their own table service to minimize cleanup. The Club will provide coffee and soda as needed. The February Regular meeting will take place prior to eating, the president has determined we will beat the 7 minute record for a meeting, from earlier in the year. Bring models and things to discuss relating to what we are about--a model club! If anyone is so inclined any awards they would wish to present would also be welcome.

Bob Sanders will take the

food donated to the Salvation Army later this week, thanks Bob.

He also reported on the Train/ Model show to take place before Christmas at the Riverwalk plaza in the old Kubota buildings. We will have access to the building from approximately noon on 12-10, hoping to be set up by 5 pm, you can leave display items for the two week period if you wish--the Train people indicate that the mall ownership will provide security for this. The dates and times of this are: 12-10 5 pm to 9pm, 12-12: 11 am to 5 pm; 12-13: 12am to 5 pm, 12-17: 5 pm to 9 pm 12-19; 11 am to 5 pm, and 12-20; noon to 5 pm. All are encouraged to participate as they wish --should be a good opportunity to meet interested people.

Bob commented on the Genesee Library display and felt it was well received and that we again made contacts that we would have had no way to make otherwise. He needs egg crates to make gliders with, if you have any -- bring them on the 10th or any other time. He brought some old model plans (some r/c some c/l) that were Jim Hand's, take them if you wish.

New Business: Ben reported on flying at the Cuba Elementary School (Elm St) with the Stars on Sundays, time 1 to 4 pm --if you have multicell Li Poly batteries they must be charged outside the building as they have had fire problems in the past. Contact Tad Manske if you wish to know the dates for this as he has them.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 Pm on a motion by Bundy seconded by Sanders. The 50 / 50 was run--winner unknown. The membership then gathered around the plans which Bob had brought and many found new homes and members, new projects, we hope. Thanks to Joan Hand for providing these from Jim's collection.

Respectfully Submitted  
William C. Willson, Secretary

### Minutes WASPS Meeting 1-12-10

The Following were present: Bundy, V; Fitch, R; Kirk, B; Reitter, N; Tucker, J; Willson, W; Butts, D.

The Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Tucker seconded by Kirk.

The Treasurer reported \$62.06 in Savings, \$2,066.33 in Checking and \$3617.04 in the contingency fund.

He also reported on the membership as of tonight: 14 paid and 5 juniors. On a motion by Bundy, seconded by Tucker the report was approved.

AMA Liaison--there is an auction/ sales event in Lebanon, Pa; no one seemed willing to travel the distance, also AMA dues are due--John will need the current roster next month for the annual Charter submission.

Field Marshall--No report

Safety Officer-- No report

Old business: The acquisition of a shelter of at least 10 by 20 feet was brought up from the last meeting. Vyle will be chairman of the "Shelter Committee" see him if you have input. It was suggested that we encourage Herb Vaughn to attend the next meeting--which will be our annual banquet on Feb. 13 at Shepherd of the Valley on Fassett lane. The Banquet was discussed--all were reminded of the items they had volunteered to supply, Nick will not be present but will supply a dessert as he had indicated. There was discussion of beverages -- there will be de caf coffee and each person is encouraged to bring anything else they would desire to drink, John Tucker will bring a cooler with ice for drinks.

New Business: Nick asked if a 10 or 15 minute program could be included in the March meeting. Willson volunteered to do a short "crash course on Emergency Care as it relates to our flying activities".

President Fitch encouraged anyone who wishes to present an

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## Join the Fun!

*The Annual Banquet will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Fassett Lane on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 6:00 pm.*

*Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service to help minimize cleanup. The Club will provide Decaf Coffee.*

*The February regular meeting will take place prior to eating.*

*Everyone is invited to bring models and things to discuss relating what we are about—a model club!*

*If anyone is so inclined any awards they would wish to present would also be welcome.*

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award at the banquet to do so, he will recap the “flying days” for 2009 at the banquet. Dale Butts will cut the brush around the perimeter of the field this spring when we can find a trailer to move his equipment(tractor/ brush hog mower) to and from his residence. The president proposed a design contest to improve upon the egg carton glider.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Dale Butts who donated it back to the club.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. C. Willson, Secretary

*"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return." -- Leonardo da Vinci*



Pictures from Holiday Family Model Airplane Display. Photographs courtesy of John Tucker.

## Meet and Greet - Bob Sanders (as told by Bob Sanders)

Bob and Susie Sanders live in Wellsville. Our son Steve and daughter Shelly Dunne, each of which have a daughter and son, also have homes in Wellsville. Grandpa, Son, and all four grandkids are members of the W.A.S.P.S. and the A.M.A.

I started trying to build and fly model airplanes about 1939. My real interest and memories of aviation started with the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The rapid expansion of military flying, my discovery of Air Trails Magazine during WWII and knowing men from our little town who were actually involved in the building, maintaining, and flying the great variety of types of aircraft being developed kept my interest at a fever pitch.

The shortages and rationing of the war years limited modeling to cardboard and bass wood, if you could find glue for construction. We even tried egg whites for shrinking and sealing the tissue covering and cut rubber bands from the old tire inter tubes.

In 1943, I got my first A.M.A. license at a cost of \$2, it covered only rubber powered models. Muncie recently told me that was the first year the A.M.A. recognized control line flying.

The spring of 1946 was a wonderful time. The war was over, service men were returning, and after the privations of the war years, everyone was looking forward to resuming a happy life.

I was 14 and my brother Bill was 12. My mother and father decided we should have grown-up clothes for the coming Easter season. It was agreed that, since our Mother had always seen to outfitting us boys, it was time for Dad to introduce us to

a mans world of dress.

We were off on the two hour drive to the big city of Columbus to shop in the department stores. Brother Bill, who was certainly the nattier dresser of the two of us, was soon outfitted with a swell blue jacket and gray trousers.

On the way up in the elevator to look on the other floors, I suggested we stop a few minutes at the toy department. Dad allowed that we had time as the first purchase had gone so well.

As we walked in, the first thing I spotted was a brand new post-war model airplane; a Rocket 46 ignition engine with a rear rotary valve induction system. Just the sight of it made me light headed. I knew the \$22.50 price tag was out of the question, but kids will be kids, so I took a deep breath and explained what a great educational experience it would be for me to build models equipped with this engine and how I would need to learn all about wiring ignition systems and the mysteries of mixing the gasoline and oil for its fuel.

With a slight smile, he listened patiently to my urgent pitch. Then he re-explained why we were making this trip, and that the money we had was intended to spruce me up for Easter. He also reminded me Mom would be, at the least, unhappy.

My counter to that was that I could make a real effort to assure that I, and my old clothes would look super for Easter. After some consideration, to my amazement and utter joy, his reply was "o.k. but you will have to help me explain this to your Mother."

I was so excited with the new engine that the details of what hap-

pened when we arrived home that evening are a blur, or perhaps I have surpassed the initial uncomfortable reaction over all of these years. I do remember my Mom wasn't nearly as upset as I expected and my parents exchanged quiet smiles.

In later years, she often shared this tale with friends at our Church gatherings while Dad and I were present.

The gift was a pivotal event that started a lifetime of pleasure in my changing world of model airplane efforts as chronicled here.

1946 Gas powered free flight a/c, First Whip Powered control line a/c.

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1948 Glow Plug & Glow fuel use.

1949 Dyna-Jet powered C/L models.

1950 First attempts at Control line competition in stunt and speed.

1951 Mono-Line C/L model flying.

1953 Glow powered Free Flight Helicopter.

1953 Radio control, building the electronics, building RC aircraft, Flying RC a/c, rebuilding RC a/c.

1954 Control line combat & formation flying.

1956 C/L Three wire engine control.

1959 Use of epoxy for fuel proof a/c assemblies.

1960-65 Control Line exhibition flying for an Erie, Pa. Club Air shows.

During my Air Force years (1952-1956) and until our move to Wellsville in 1965, I had joined local clubs and flown with informal groups in Ohio, Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Missouri, Kansas, and Pennsylvania.

Who taught me to fly? In the early years, there were not many other modelers around so every one helped,

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# W.A.S.P.S. Member

## Meet and Greet

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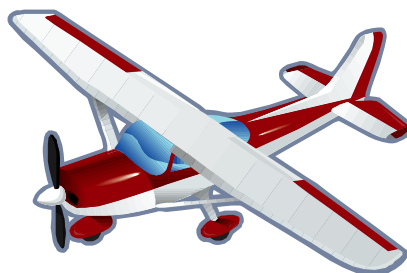
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shared, watched, and read model magazines to improve our chances for success. Organized instruction is better and certainly much less costly!

I was trained in electrical/electronics maintenance by the Air Force. I worked in that capacity for a number of years in the Electronics Manufacturing Industry. Upon moving to Wellsville, I became a Vocational Instructor in the same specialty. I retired in 1995. Since that time I have been so happily busy with interesting projects that I don't remember how I had the time to work for a living.

My favorite memories are

of the formation of the W.A.S.P.S., the construction of our field (one of the most beautiful I have ever seen), the many years of successful operation as a club, the interesting people and good friends I enjoy so much as fellow members, and thinking of those who have moved on.



## *Editors' Note*

*So sorry for the delay in getting this to you. Busy holidays ran over to the dreary January blues and other chaos. A big thank you to Bob Sanders for the articles he turned in for this newsletter including the Meet and Greet—I found it fascinating to read and am sure you all will as well. This is a combined newsletter for January and February and I assure you we'll be more prompt in the future. Please send articles and/or pictures you'd like included to Vo Decker. Hopefully you got to enjoy some of the unusually sunny January days before it turned cold and dreary again. Spring is right around the corner—honest! Wishing all of you a happy and healthy 2010.*

