

## Holiday 2012

# Thermal Journal

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**The Editor's Ramble:**

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday as much as we did here in the Rzdca household. Things have been a bit more hectic this fall than preferred, but not so bad that time cannot be set aside for pleasant get together with modeling friends. The chance to sit down with friends and be served a very nice dinner at the Annual Meeting early in November provided just such a change of pace. We had plenty of time before lunch to chat and catch up. The buffet lunch was every bit as good as in years past with everything being served hot and fresh. With a fresh cup of a hot beverage of your choice, the formal part of the meeting was soon underway. Brad kept the meeting going at a nice pace. We were all wrapped up and able to chat a bit more before heading out our separate ways with plenty of daylight left for the drive. See the meeting minutes elsewhere in this issue for an overview of what was discussed.

One of several very important announcements made at the meeting was for, get this, another meeting! Yes, our planning meeting will be held once again at the Bane's. You really should plan on participating in this session. At this get together you will have your greatest opportunity to steer next year's activities. Even though the purpose is to spell out the details of the upcoming flying meets, we still have plenty of time for aviation related talk and another fine meal together. Be sure and invite a friend and bring along a model to show off or a desert/beverage to share. All are welcome. Plan to arrive between 11AM and noon. The address is as shown for Brad and Ruth in the Masthead at left. Let them know you are coming so they can have rough head-count.

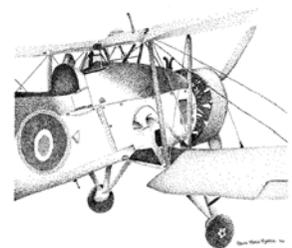
One topic of extended discussion at the meeting was the club's response to an inquiry from the FAC's CINC, Ross Mayo. Ross contacted me asking if the WNYFFS would be interested in hosting the 2013 non-Nationals competition. The ensuing discussion centered mostly on whether

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**Dates to keep in mind:**

Planning meeting for 2013 - January 5, 2013, at the Banes

The indoor flying dates published in the latest issue were incorrect for December. See the **CORRECTED** Indoor flying session dates on page 3



## **Annual meeting minutes**

The annual meeting was held at the Terry Hills Country Club in Batavia on Saturday November 10, 2012. Conversation and a very pleasant meal was the order of the day prior to beginning the formal portion of the meeting. Club president Brad Bane called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. As the first order of business, we covered the Old Business.

### **Old Business**

#### **Reports**

Club treasurer's report was made by club treasurer, Ruth Bane. Our finances were in good order with \$2973 on hand. Vet Thomas made a motion to forego reading the minutes from last year's meeting and instead accept the minutes as published in the Thermal Journal. This motion was approved and last year's minutes and the treasurer's report were unanimously approved by the members present.

#### **ESFFC advertising in NFFS:**

Lyle Wihtford raised the issue of our missing ad insertions in the NFFS publication, Free Flight. It appears that SAM 86 had difficulties with their ads as well. Don DeLoach, editor of Free Flight offered to provide larger ad space for next year's contest. We intend to take advantage of this offer.

#### **Policy on sport flyers at ESFFC**

Club president Brad Bane raised a question regarding our policy on charging sport flyers interested in flying at the HAG museum field during our contests. At the 2012 contest sport flyers were required to register with the CD but no fee was charged. Following a short discussion it a motion was made to charge sport flyers \$5. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

### **New Business**

#### **Empire State Free Flight Championships:**

Once again, concerns were raised with regard to the dates for the ESFFC. Dates for the AMA Nats in Muncie are not known but the indications are that they may once again be shifted later in August, making selection of our dates problematic, especially in light of our need to book dates with the HAG Museum by the end of the year. As there was no good solution it was agreed to keep the currently booked dates

For the record, here are the currently known dates for next year's meets and events:

Historic Aviation Group Museum Air Show: July 12, 13 & 14

Empire State Free Flight Championships: August 16, 17 & 18

Great Grape Gathering: September 13, 14 & 15

Jim DeTar moved that we book a "back up" date to cover the possibility of needed to move our event to avoid conflict with the AMA contest. Motion was seconded by Roy Smith and unanimously approved. In addition it was agreed that a date for the Hobo meet, traditionally held in May, should be booked as well.

#### **Hosting of FAC Non Nats**

Mark Rzacda was contacted by Ross Mayo with a request that the WNYFFS consider hosting the 2013 FAC Non-Nats. After extended discussion Mark offered the motion that we accept the invitation to host the event. Joe Mollendorf seconded and the motion was carried without objection.

#### **Donation to Historic Aviation Group Museum**

Discussion of the appropriate amount to donate to the HAG Museum resulted in a motion to maintain our donation level at \$600. The motion was unanimously approved. Addition discussion about other ways to support the museum recognized that the museum very much wishes to increase its membership. A majority of the members present are already members of the museum. It was suggested that we could increase our donation, for this year only, by offering to the museum a cash contribution intended to provide membership to deserving individuals as selected by the HAG Museum. Mark Rzacda moved that we offer three "gift" memberships, at a cost of approximately \$150 to the HAG for use as they see fit. This was seconded by Jim DeTar and carried by voice vote.

#### **Election of officers**

President Brad Bane informed those present that this was once again an election year for the club. The sound of crickets was overwhelming.

#### **Planning Meeting for 2013:**

Planning meeting will be held on January 5, 2013 at the Bane's. All are welcome. Doors open at 12 noon or a bit before if you are nice to the hosts.

#### **Recognition of late members:**

In recognition of members Hugh Jones and Peter Mann, who have passed away this year, we observed a moment of silence.

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Ruth Bane's motion to adjourn was seconded by Lyle Whitford and unanimously carried.

***Mark C. Rzacda***

2012 -2013 indoor Flying Season Kicks Off

Or should we say "shoves off". The Yankee Air Pirates, no land lubbers they, but when, as in the Gordon Lightfoot song, the "gales of November come early", out in the elements activity gives way to flying at the Pieters Family Center indoor facility. Thankfully, the Western New York area was not in the path of the worst of Hurricane Sandy, but we are experiencing our usual change of the seasons this time of year.

We had the first of nine planned sessions on Saturday, November 3. A great variety of indoor types were flown. No-Cal, Embryo, Scale, R.O.G., Endurance types were all flown.

Here is the schedule of future dates: November 17, December 8, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23. All dates are Saturdays. Scheduled is from 2 to 4 pm, but we are most always able to extend a little earlier and later.

Please come and join us. It's a great activity with models that can be simply fun or as challenging as you want them to be. *Jim DeTar*

From the editor: If you are interested in the indoor flying and haven't already done so, shoot Jim an email and he'll be happy to include you on the distribution list. Here is Jim's email: [jrdetar@yahoo.com](mailto:jrdetar@yahoo.com)

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### Indoor Flying pictures on previous page

Photos 1 & 5 show John Drewski preparing and launching his Escondido Mosquito. Photos 3 & 2 show Don Steeb and his No-Cal P-39 in Russian markings. Photo 4 shows Walt Kornrich launching his Dime Scale Beechcraft Stagger wing. The photo just above shows the Beech heading for the rafters. In photo 6 Carl VanVoorhis watches as his duration model begins another "trip to the roof on gossamer wings". In photo 7 Jim DeTar (indoor organizer extraordinaire) looks over his peanut scale Jodel. Finally, photos 8&9 show Marc Hunt launching his No-Cal Corsair. This model is the stable mate to the P-40 Warhawk shown in the Winter 2012 TJ. Both sport tissue that Marc printed on his ink jet printer. Corsair is a solid flyer.

### Elizabeth Taylor and Modeling

First (and maybe last) of a very short series.

Are we now stooping to cheesecake photos to increase readership? What does Liz have to do with modeling? The answers are an emphatic NO and a weak "not much".

Look closely at the photo; try hard not to be drawn to those famous violet eyes. You may notice that besides the one most famous model, there are at least three model *kits* included in this photo. Granted, they are not flying models and only one is even of an airplane. Sometimes we have to compromise. Besides that, the odds are you won't find a better modeling enthusiast movie star than Liz Taylor wishing you holiday greetings. So enjoy the holidays and do have yourself a very **Merry Christmas** from Liz and the Thermal Journal staff.



### *The editor's ramble goes on, and on...*

the club was up to the task. It was quite gratifying to see a solid show of support for hosting the event in 2013 by the members present. This despite the fact that our club definitely runs the gamut when it comes to the variety of interests in free flight disciplines. ,

The formal motion to host the FAC event was accepted by the members present at the meeting unanimously. Supporting a major event of this sort will require help from many members, even beyond those who were present at the Annual Meeting but it will renew an association that began long ago. WNYFFS was instrumental in arranging for the use of Geneseo as the venue for the FAC Nationals. At that time, the Nats were (as they are now) an every other year event, but back then there were no non-Nationals in the in-between years. Our club hosted the first Nationals and the first non-Nats held at Geneseo.

Based on the enthusiasm for the Geneseo site in those early meets, the FAC has made it the home for the Nationals and the non-Nats for the last several decades. So while the WNYFFS is not joined at the hip with the FAC we do share a resource critical to model aviation. Both clubs benefit from access to the HAG field. Each in turn receives the benefit of the other's contribution to the support of the museum. That at least is my presumption that from the museum's perspective, we are all essentially modelers, with little to distinguish between us.

So whether you fly FAC, SAM, AMA or just enjoy flying for fun, consider the opportunities for helping host the non-Nats in Geneseo as one more way to secure our access to one of the best free flight flying sites in the Northeast. Rest assured, there will be many opportunities to help out. Knowledge of FAC rules is necessary for some but not all. More details will be spelled out in the next issue so stay tuned.

*Till the next time, build light, build straight  
and fly often. Mark C. Rzacca*

**One on One**

If you want to talk to a free flyer directly, the names listed here are people in the area who can offer advice on getting started or have a suggestion for a first kit or tips about what to ask for at the hobby store.

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To Join the WNYFFS complete this form (or a facsimile) and send it along with a check for \$10 (annual dues) payable to:



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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
AMA/ MAAC # \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider membership in AMA/MAAC. While not required for membership in WNYFFS, AMA/MAAC provides supplemental liability insurance covering model flying activities and is required at most WNYFFS flying activities.

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Lyle Whitford  
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**Application for Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Family membership, please list all names.)  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Membership entitles you to free admission to our air show and to the museum, a 10% discount in the HAG store, *Hangar Tales* for a year, a window sticker for your car, and membership card (which must be presented to obtain the perks). See Founders' Forum for club details.

Membership Type: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Life (up to 59)	\$600
_____ Life (60 & up)	\$500
_____ C-47 Club	\$250
_____ Family (parents & children under 18)	\$75
_____ Regular (18-59)	\$35
_____ Senior Citizen (60 & up)	\$30
_____ Junior (17 and under)	\$15

**NEW:  
LIFE  
MEMBERSHIP**



All payments must be in US funds.

Mail this application (or a photocopy) with your check to:  
1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum, PO Box 185, Geneseo, NY 14454-0185

**Background on the WNYFFS**

The Western NY Free Flight Society began in the late 1960's with a few modelers. Today the Society now numbers nearly 100 members in 9 states and Canada. For over 30 years the club has hosted the Empire State Free Flight Championships in late summer, as well as a "fun fly", each spring, both are held in Geneseo, NY. Powered by rubber, gas, diesel, electric, CO<sub>2</sub>, compressed air or that old standby- muscle, these events exact the best from the planes and presents the fascinating challenge of outdoor free flight to the folks attending. There is no "off season" in free flight. Once outdoor season ends, the WNYFFS sponsors several indoor flying opportunities in the Rochester area.

## Update on Earl Stahl Event

In the last issue of the TJ, a special Earl Stahl event for the ESFFC was announced. (That announcement is included again below.) Regrettably, since that announcement was made, Earl Stahl has died. With Earl's passing, a number of clubs have decided to sponsor Earl Stahl events, many based on FAC Simplified Scale rules. Similarly, our event, which was inspired by Garry Hunter's personal enthusiasm for Earl's models was to be *loosely* based on the simplified scale rules. Note the emphasis on loosely. The ESFFC event will allow deviations from the plans, as listed in the original announcement which make our event ineligible as an FAC event. So while we fly in the spirit of the FAC (since we are flying what we like) the event does not meet the letter of the law, so no Kanone.

One example of the type of deviations allowed for the ESSFC includes an allowance for dethermalizers. If you have questions, check with Garry: [gthunter@rogers.com](mailto:gthunter@rogers.com) Do it soon so we can get final rules posted in the next issue of the TJ.

Naturally, anyone wishing to fly in the ESFFC Earl Stahl event can build their model to meet the Simplified Scale rules and thus fly it in a Simplified Scale event or another Earl Stahl event for the Kanone. Post script: Even if you don't want to enter this event, you should definitely check out [theplanpage.com](http://theplanpage.com)

## Special Event for the 2013 ESSFC

Start building now in anticipation of the **Earl Stahl Simple Scale Event**. Garry Hunter is sponsoring to encourage building the classic Earl Stahl models and promote FAC Simplified Scale.

In general this event will be flown per the FAC Simplified Scale Event rules with all the emphasis on the classic Earl Stahl designs. Prizes will be awarded to third place and will be in keeping with the flavor of the event. ~~If FAC GHQ allows and sufficient flyers participate, a kanone will be awarded.~~ Plans are available on [theplanpage.com](http://theplanpage.com) as well as a list enumerating the models eligible for this event.

### Rules

1. Event loosely based on FAC Simplified Scale Event.
2. Model must be based on Earl Stahl plan as posted on [theplanpage.com](http://theplanpage.com) (Note that Piper Pawnee is not eligible.)
3. Garry Hunter will bring design reference plans for construction conformance check at the meet. (only the winners)

4. Model must be constructed as shown on the plan
5. Allowable Modifications:
  - a. Nose may be altered to accommodate thrust bearing and removable nose plug.
  - b. Prop type and diameter may differ from plan.
  - c. Rear motor peg may be located anywhere within fuselage.
  - d. Markings should be appropriate to the era of the aircraft and its purpose, but need not represent any particular actual aircraft nor follow the markings shown on the plan.
  - e. Aircraft with retractable gear can be modeled with the gear in the retracted position
  - f. D/T's may be installed



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