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Prez Sez — Andy Myers

I know it has been a while since my last N/L and I apologize for the wait. So much has happened in the last 5 months that I need to break down this edition into three parts.

We've had an awesome flying season thus far including 3 fun-fly's, a bunch of new members, and lots of new and exciting RC airplanes. We've also experienced the keen sting of losing two Honorary Members who have passed away. Time is precious and limited. Time is the one thing we can't buy or get back. Make the most of your time.

Field Cleanup Days were a success at both the Spiegel and Baugher Fields. Thank you to all who came out to help. A new windsock was installed at Spiegel, and we also acquired a new lawn mower (in June) as the old one finally died. A new canopy was also installed. Baugher field got the royal treatment of hedge clearing, painting of the top rail at the end of the runway, removal of trees around the sign, and road work as needed. Again, thanks to all those who helped.

We are now in the middle of summer and this is the perfect time to come out if you haven't, and join us for some fun in the sun. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Nuf Said— Andy



Mike Hornbaker and Collin Clohan present their matching 3DHS/ Extreme Flight Demonstrator 106" Edge 540's at the May Fun-Fly Event at Baugher Field on May 22, 2022. Pegasus RC Club from Hagerstown, MD joined W.A.M for a Joint-Fun Fly for the first time in years. More than 25 participants were in attendance making this event the largest W.A.M. event of 2022.

May Fun-Fly — Andy Myers

W.A.M. conducted the May Fun-Fly on May 22, 2022. Members from Pegasus RC from Hagerstown, MD joined our club and brought with them one heck of a traveling entertainment show. The event included contests to complete spot landings, an air-show including a 3D flying routine (performed by Mike and Collin above), and wonderful food and fellowship. Over 50 people were either participants or attendants during the event. We couldn't fit anymore cars along the flight line. For a show finale Mike and Collin hovered and dipped the tails of their 106" Edges **into the pond** at the edge of the field near Rt 31—craziness! A special thanks to **Dick Ash** who cooked and provided food for all the people, **you are a special kind a wonderful!** — AM



cartoonist Bill Watterson



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May 2022 Fun Fly — W.A.M. and Pegasus Joint Event



Members of W.A.M. and Pegasus Flying Clubs at the Joint Fun-Fly Event on May 22, 2022 at Baugher Field



Ed with Pegasus RC providing instructions on the "Spot Landing event".
W.A.M. Treasurer, Paul Schaffner in the background won 3rd place.



W.A.M. VP, Carl Waglie jogging by his canopy and fleet of aircraft during the event. Carl demonstrated his many acrobatic planes.



Dick Ash who provided and cooked the food for the event.



Lots of spectators too— the show must go on!



Builder's Spotlight - Andy Myers

Jim Hodge's Scratch Build Antoinette VII



W.A.M. Member Jim Hodges has finally done it. He has completed his childhood dream of building an RC Antoinette Airplane. Jim scratch built this beauty using AMA plans that he enlarged. The wingspan is over 100 inches and it's powered by a Saito 62 using a 6oz fuel tank. Note the 3 dummy engine cylinders carved out of wood to look like the Saito out front. He even carved the pilot out of foam and painted it. What a masterful job indeed.

The Antoinette VII is one of 9 models the Antoinette company built between 1908 through 1911. The Antoinette Company was known for building racing boat engines (V8's) at the time. They got into aircraft design as part of the race to build an airplane that could fly across the English Channel and win the Daily Mail Prize of \$1,000 British Pounds. Their design ultimately failed and the prize was won by Louis Bleriot using his now famous Bleriot XI.

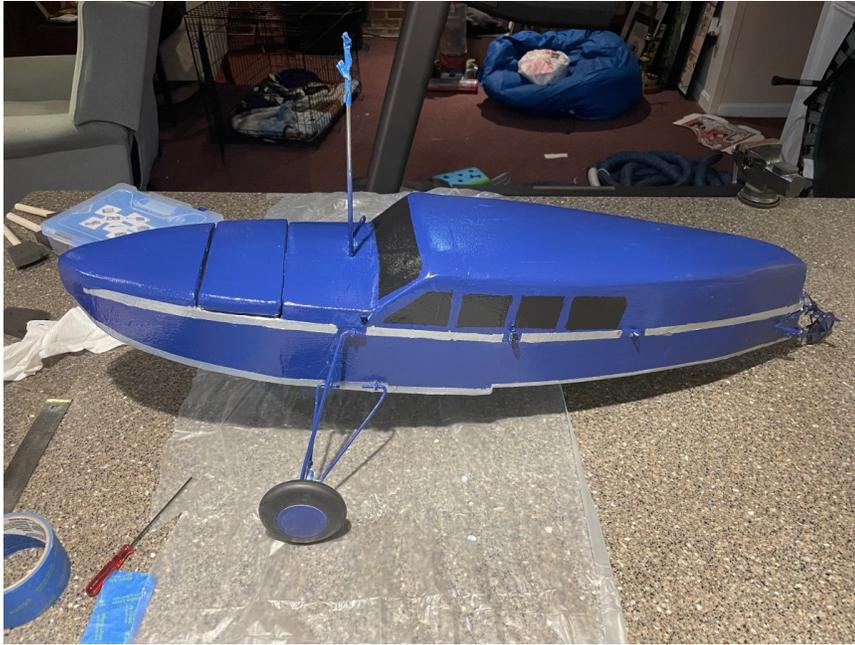
Interesting Fact— Louis Bleriot was the Vice President of the Antoinette Company prior to

starting his own company and building his own airplane design in 1909.

Can't wait to see this fly Jim!



Sikorsky S-39 Construction Continued - Andy Myers



Construction of the S-39 continued into the spring (March – April). Here I've fibreglassed and painted the hull. Following painting I added a coat of clear polyurethane to seal and protect the paint. It also served to make the color brighter. The windshield and windows are painted a satin black and the hull is painted a Royal blue with a metallic silver trim.



I also painted the pontoons to match the hull and reattached the struts. The pontoons are water tight and are functional on the plane.

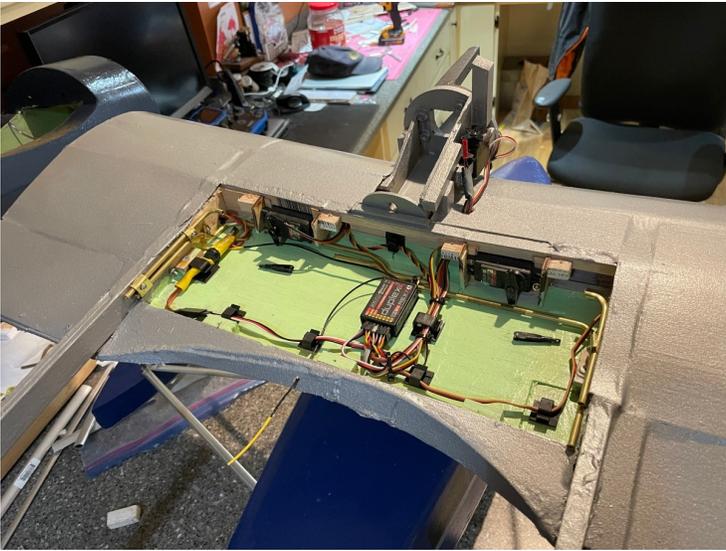


Next, I glassed and painted the wing, tail booms, rudder and elevator— all metallic silver. Nice to see the large pieces all coming together.

Sikorsky kept the basic design of the S-39 the same as the larger S-38 reducing the engine to a single R-985 WASP and the rudder to a single large rudder instead of two. Built in 1929, this plane was marketed to executives, or rich playboys with money to burn. The cost of the S-39 was \$25,000 in 1929, equivalent to \$825,000 today.



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Following the painting of all main structures. I re-attached the wing, pontoons, and hull to the aluminum struts.

I painted inside of the electronics hatch on top of the wing to provide contrast. I installed the elevator and rudder servos inside the sheer webs of the wing within the spar. I inserted stainless braided wire inside brass tubing, which I used as guides for the servo wires attached to the rudder and elevator controls. Then bent the brass tubing around the outside of the bay to exit along the booms on each side (two per servo). The rudder and elevator both use a pull-pull setup. I installed the receiver and all servo wires connections hidden in this bay, along with the single 4.8v battery as well. Note the empty nacelle— a 6oz tank fits inside there.



The finished plane completely assembled and ready to fly. I had Callie Graphics make W.A.M logo on the wing and a "Spirt of Amos" decal for the nose. Amos Unger was my great grandfather and would have been alive when this plane was flying in its heyday in 1929.



The engine will be exposed on the outside of the nacelle along with the throttle servo. The engine is a Saito FA-91 nitro power. It uses a Glo-Pro Auto Glo Driver and I had a Tru-Turn Spinner made for the plane.



This image to the left shows the detail of the control wires and struts for the elevator and rudder. Everything was hand made using brass strip and servo eyelets for guides along the booms. Now all there is left to do is maiden this beautiful plane — AM



Friends we lost - Andy Myers

Charles Milton Peacock "Milt"

Milt was born on April 28, 1924 making him 98 years old when he passed. He was in the US NAVY and logged 500 hours on 62 combat missions as an ordnance specialist aboard a navy bomber during WWII. He flew anti-submarine patrol in North Africa and later England including during D-Day.

Prior to WWII he worked for the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co. in Baltimore, MD. Even before the war Milt was an enthusiast of full-scale airplanes, control line and RC. His AMA number was 2505. To give you some perspective my AMA number is 1,208,951. Milt was a founding member of the Maryland Modelers Association (Now defunct) which was chartered as AMA Chartered Club #4. Milt had many other passions, and its hard to believe he had time but he loved sailing on the Chesapeake bay and taught navigation for over 40+ years to the Power Squadron.

He joined the Westminster Aero Modelers in August of 1982— approximately 40 years ago.

Milt and his wife were the creators of the W.A.M. Talespinner Newsletter in 1987. Milt told me that his wife, Joyce was the one who came up with the name. She also came up with the format for the header which I still use today. Milt was the W.A.M. President from 1989 to 1991. I've gained so much inspiration from Milt over my short time here in this club. He gave perspective along with Paul Schaffner on who we were, and what's changed over the years. I have all of the Talespinners from 1987 to now and can tell you that Milt was very involved in shaping and improving the club during the 1980's and 90's. He and W.A.M. member Ray Miles (his good friend) were big on educating the youth by making presentations and demonstrations of flying at the local elementary schools in Carroll County. Which they did for a number of years. I've found newspaper articles from the mid-90's covering their story. Milt and Ray also created many of our traditions and awards, including the Kamikaze prize, and founded and maintained our relationship with the Westminster VFW, which we still use today. They were both also instrumental in working with the county to acquire Spiegel Field. This was crucial in the early to mid-90's when we lost Nelson Field and needed a place to fly.

Milt was a big part of our story and he will be sorely missed.

Nuf Said - Andy



Friends we lost - *Andy Myers*

Ronald "Ron" Oktavec

Ron became a member of the W.A.M. Club in March 2011. He quickly gained a following as fierce friend to many who knew him. He had a love of RC planes and engines. His engine collection was one that most of us could only dream of. He had just about every type you could hope for and they were all in immaculate shape. Ron was a service technician with Verizon for 34 years before retiring almost 19 years ago. He was an avid hobbyist and outdoorsman. His favorite pastimes were collecting American Flyer trains, flying remote-controlled planes, hunting, fishing, gardening and skiing. He was also a member of the Baltimore Area American Flyer train club, Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman's club and Cowboy Single Action Shooting Society.

Unfortunately in recent years Ron suffered from a terrible condition that debilitated his health and moved away to NC to be closer to his family.

We will all miss Ron and wish his family the best during this trying time.

Nuf Said - Andy



Who's Who in March, April and May - Andy Myers



John Cunningham prepares to fly his Timber X. John has improved his flying skills tremendously this spring.



Carl Waglie and I attended the Pegasus Fun-Fly Event in May and had a blast. Here Carl is preparing to fly his Aeroworks Yak 54 which sports a Saito 125 GK engine.



Charles Revei is out helping clean up Spiegel Field on the Cleanup Day. Here he is pulling a wagon full of tools. Thank You, Charles!



Steve Hare and Buck White prepare to fly Buck's Aero-Star 60 trainer. Buck hadn't flown in 6 years, so Steve got him back up. Within minutes Buck was flying like a seasoned pro. It's like riding a bike, you never really forget.



Jon Kelly is training on his Apprentice with Carl Waglie. Jon has been steadily progressing and often seen during the week at Spiegel Field practicing.

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Lizzie says 'get out and fly something' !!!

