



Aero Radio Club of Syracuse

# ARCS NEWS

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## Club Meeting– Friday, October 8, 7PM at Walt's

### President's Message:

It's been a pretty good summer. Too bad it's over. Here's what's going on:

- Our annual fun fly happened, complete with a 35 mph wind. Only 5 people were daring (foolish?) enough to compete. Luke Dosier, Kyle Murphy, Fred Eberhardt, Al Metz and Mike Moore. When we weren't picking up airplane parts we were eating burgers and dogs. Congrats to Kevin Kiniry for winning the Hobby Zone Super Cub that we raffled off. Thanks to Bruce Throne for donating the cub and the prizes for the fun fly.
- The weather for the STARS show was also quite windy. Attendance and participation were down this year.
- The training program has been going well. We've been training on Wed. and Thurs. evenings which allows more stick time for the students. We will continue this until the weather stops us.
- We are invited to participate in Walt's Secret Santa sale again this year. November 20th. Details at the November meeting.
- Some of us have been volunteering at the MOST to show museum patrons what model aviation is about. This occurs on the first Saturday of each month. I need volunteers to help with this.
- John Spencer helped out the Voltaires with their youth program at Marcus park. This is a great way to introduce youngsters to model aviation. Thanks John!
- The board of directors had a meeting to discuss club finances. We were almost in serious financial trouble this year. The pancake breakfast bailed us out. The real concern was that the breakfast almost didn't happen because of insurance problems. I believe we shouldn't rely on the breakfast as a source of income. The dues haven't been changed in 18 years and our operating expenses have continued to increase. Our major costs are road maintenance and the Port-a-potty. We are proposing a change to the By-Laws which would raise regular dues to \$45.00 and Senior dues to \$25.00. This will raise approximately \$700.00 for the club which will almost pay for the Port-a-potty. We will discuss this at the meeting this Friday and voting for this will occur at the **November meeting**. We will not take any dues money until after the vote in November.
- If you see Dick Skutt and Art Dudden, please thank them for their tireless efforts in maintaining the field. Everyone who stops by comments on how nice the field is. Thanks Dick and Art!

See you at the meeting!

*Herb.*

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## LiPo Safety:

In August, Bob Rowe from the STARS had an incident at home with a LiPo battery.

Bob and his wife were asleep in bed when the fire alarm went off. The fire alarm is monitored by a service that promptly notified the fire department. Bob's wife ran out of the house and Bob tracked the smoke to the basement. Bob found a metal box in which he had been storing LiPo batteries fully engulfed in flames. Bob threw some wet towels over the box and started up the stairs to get out of the house. Bob was met by firemen on the stairs and directed them to the fire that they promptly extinguished. There were four LiPo batteries in the box, two new and two old. The box was not a fire proof box but was metal and closed. The batteries had never been charged at more than one "C". The charger used was a well known brand designed for LiPo charging. Some batteries were used and charged that day several hours prior to the incident. All the batteries were burned beyond recognition so there is know way which battery ignited.

Bob is a very careful guy. These batteries were not being charged or abused in any way, they just started burning. Inspired by this, I just went out and bought a surplus ammo box at Herb Philipsons. It cost \$12.99 which is a small price to pay to keep your house. They have a couple of sizes available. This one is the smaller one which measures 3 1/2 x 7 x 10. Plenty of capacity for me. I understand DeJulio's also has them. This box comes with a few scuffs and some surface rust but nothing that would harm its protective properties. It has a nice gasket on the cover so it will not allow air to enter. If a battery does start burning inside, it should go out quickly. I suggest anyone using Lipo's take a similar approach. Dave Mathewson uses a fireproof safe to store his LiPo's and LiPo bags are also available. Unless you don't like your house, go out and buy one of these boxes.

*Herb.*



## Summer Photos



Old Forge

Anyone got a good caption for this one?



## ARCS Membership Application/Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Radio Channel(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check all that apply:

- New Member initiation fee \$ 5.00
- Junior Member (under 18, parent *NOT* a member) \$10.00
- Junior Member (under 18, parent *IS* a member) \$ 0.00
- Senior Member (over 65) TBD
- Regular Member (18-65) TBD
- Late Fee (after Jan. 31, Renewals only) \$ 5.00

Submit this form and payment to:

Add up all applicable fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to ARCS

### Some more summer photos



Prize winners at the fun fly

At the Geneseo Airport, the Memphis Belle. The one used in the movie.



## Calendar

|             |              |                               |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Fri, Oct 8  | 7PM Walt's   | Club Meeting                  |
| Sat, Oct 30 | 10AM, Phelps | Sky Rovers Auction            |
| Sat, Nov 6  | 11-3 MOST    | Club exhibit at the museum    |
| Fri, Nov 12 | 7PM Walt's   | Club Meeting                  |
| Sat, Nov 20 | 9-4 Walt's   | Secret Santa Sale             |
| Fri, Dec 10 | 7PM Walt's   | Club Meeting/ Christmas Party |