

**Aces**

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month.)  
WVRC Club is well-represented by Back Mountain members like Terry Moore, Michael Losh, George Manzoni and Tim Fleig, all of Dallas and Jeff Ference of Shavertown. The club flies - most weekends - out of Moon Lake Park off Rt. 29.

Members range from a youngster of six to an oldster of 75. Ladies are welcome - there used to be three - and Kubasti says, "We've got room for many more members. Visitors are welcome - we'll sign 'em up!"

The club holds regular "Fly-Ins," where everyone is invited and novices can fly "loaners" for three minutes per dollar. Proceeds from that function, and raffles or food sales, are donated to the Red Cross and other charities.

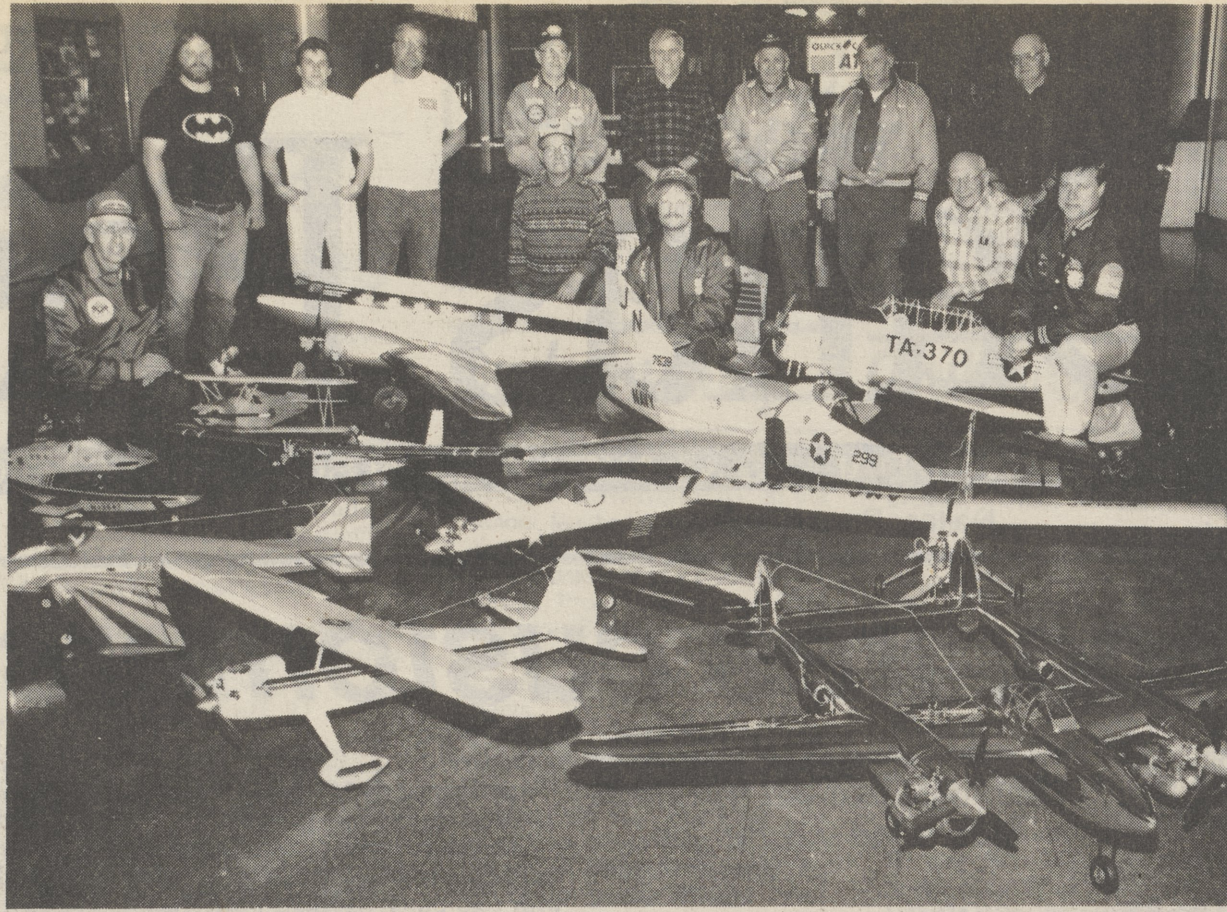
Some members are breaking in their offspring to the art and fun of flying. Michael Losh of Hildebrandt Road brings his 5-year-old son, Mike, a smoke damage specialist, has been flying for 14 years and admits to a slower pace since he began his family. "I used to fly at least four times per week," he says. "Now I'm lucky if I get four times in a month, but that's OK. I still enjoy it whenever I can."

Terry Moore of Lower Demunds Road is in his third year of flying, having gone through trainers and into low-wing crafts. He is bringing his 72" wingspan "Super Sportster" to the April 1 display.

The club holds regular competitions where models are judged on appearance, finish, design, etc. Other clubs send members from all over, and of course, club members enter out-of-town events in turn. Ed Kubasti's B-17 won first place in a meet last year at the Harrisburg airport. Ed laughs, "I think the four engines shocked them. I like the 'Giant Scale' models...the bigger the better!"

WVRC Club is a member of the National Academy of Model Aeronautics headquartered in Washington, D.C. Kubasti adds, "We've got all the necessary insurance coverage; whatever is required for flying meets, we've got it."

And he adds, "We hope everyone who can will visit our display at the West Side Mall on April 1, and if we pick up a few new members...great! We'll teach 'em how to fly their fantasies!"



**THEY'RE ONLY SMALLER** - Some of the many model airplanes on display by the Wyoming Valley Radio Control Club at the West Side Mall on April 1. First row, kneeling: Maurice Peronnet, John J. Rynkiewicz, Ray Harcarik, Jim Harcarik. Second row, standing: Terry Moore, David Donnora, Joseph Hoffman, Frank Evanoski, Larry Wright, Edward Kubasti, Richard Rosenki, John S. Rynkiewicz.

**From Leonardo to modern model aircraft**

Man's first flying model could have been a "Whirligig" toy in the 14th century. It is said that Leonardo da Vinci then copied the idea from Chinese toys circulated on Middle East trade routes, and constructed spring-driven models which rose spectacularly into the air.

Gliders came centuries later, and in 1874 one Alphonse Penaud twisted strands of rubber to drive a stick-mounted propeller. It was not too much longer before balsa wood and Japanese tissue kits were marketed in this country to build simple rubber-band powered model airplanes. Seniors today will recall the famous "Comet" kits, selling for under 50 cents. Boys in every neighborhood had the thrill of launching an "ROG" ("Rise Off Ground!") model, its wooden wheels on wire axles bumping along the sidewalk before it took off into the blue.

Models true-to-life, scaled down exactly the same as their full-size counterparts, soon began to appear. Simple box-shaped bodies were joined by sleek miniatures of man-carrying fuselages. Many of these miniature images of the real

thing were "scratch-built," that is, not from a kit of parts but by the modeler's own ingenuity in scrounging materials. Rubber band selection got to be a science, with special rubber composition and even lubrication to increase time aloft.

About the time of World War I, experimenters in several countries were trying - and flying - model planes with engines powered by gasoline. In England it was petrol and a man there named David Stanger tried a 50" long model weighing under 11 pounds. It had a wing span of seven feet and flew just 51 seconds at an estimated 20 miles per hour. It's 2-cylinder V-type engine powered a 22" propeller at 2000 rpm, and Mr. Stanger was awarded 10 pounds for his remarkable feat.

From then on, commercial demons took over and gas-powered flight flourished. By 1936 an 8-foot span model flew 70 miles in 2 1/2 hours at 8,000 feet from Camden's airport to Middletown, Delaware.

These and other flights were "free"...there was no way to control their direction. Soon models

were flown in circles at the end of dual wires on a handle - "control line" flights. They flew in arcs and circles around the operator, and a field wasn't really needed. Speeds in excess of 190 mph were possible with several controls governing altitude and speed.

Radio controls appeared in the early '40s, at first a single channel controlling the plane's rudder only. Then another added speed. Each year sending and receiving units became more sophisticated until today a 7-channel computer-like panel the size of a book can control the following functions: rudder, elevators, flaps, speed, smoke (on or off) and retract wheels.

As batteries improve, electric power is also common today and it is small wonder that all the thrills of flying full size planes are present vicariously, and the hobby continues to grow as the models continue to improve. There are even helicopters!

Don't speculate what the future of this sport holds as it continues to evolve. It's bound to come true!

By Jack Hilsher

**March 30 hearing in credit card case**

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP** - Six members of an alleged credit card scam ring will have their day in court March 30 at 10 a.m. in a preliminary hearing before District Magistrate James Tupper. Arrested March 21, arraigned and released on \$500 bail each were:

- John George Appel, IV, 19, of 63 Joseph Drive, Dallas: theft by unlawful taking, criminal conspiracy, theft of credit cards, and unauthorized use of credit cards.

- Ruthie Marie Yale, 18, of Lake Louise Road, Franklin Township: two counts of criminal conspiracy, two counts of misuse of credit cards, forgery, and unauthorized use of credit cards.

- Christian Andrus, 18, of 12 South Main Street, Trucksville: two counts of criminal conspiracy, two counts of misuse of credit cards, and unauthorized use of credit cards.

- Thomas Onzik, 18, of 328 Howell Road, Shavertown: two counts of criminal conspiracy, two counts of misuse of credit cards, and unauthorized use of credit cards.

- Louie J. Robinson, 19, of 584

Cherry Street, Edwardsville: two counts of criminal conspiracy, two counts of misuse of credit cards, and unauthorized use of credit cards.

- Mike Curran, 19, of Brooklyn, New York: two counts of criminal conspiracy, two counts of misuse of credit cards, and unauthorized use of credit cards.

The defendants aren't allowed to have any contact with one another, according to arrest documents on file at Tupper's office.

According to court records, the charges stemmed from the January 24 theft of three credit cards from Dallas Township resident Joan Harger by John Appel and a subsequent three-day shopping spree by the defendants and four juveniles, who ran up a \$1,607.64 tab at various Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley Mall stores.

Yale, a clerk at Sneaker King in Dallas Township, charged \$336.46 in merchandise for the juveniles, herself and her boyfriend after the juveniles told her the cards were stolen, police said.

The juveniles, three 16-year-old Trucksville boys and a 15-year-old Dallas Borough boy, have been petitioned to juvenile court, according to Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers.

**Property transfers**

The following deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of March 10 - March 16, 1995:

Robert J. Metzger to Edward A. Eldred, Lot and Kitchen Ave., Harveys Lake Boro., \$60,000.

Terry Jones et ux to Donald Watson et ux, Harveys Lake Boro., \$4,000.

Anthony Garbush et ux to Garbush Water Co., Meadowcrest Manor, Jackson Twp., \$2,006.

Michael Mahoney et ux to Eric H. Wolfson et ux, 2.4892 acres Woodridge II, Kingston Twp., \$555,000.

Marie O. Naperkoski et al to James L. McMonagle Jr., Village of Trucksville, Kingston Twp., \$17,000.

Marie O. Naperkoski et al to James L. McMonagle Jr., 20 Holly

St., Lot 13, Kingston Twp., \$92,500.

Daniel D. Schall to Michael Kolojchick, et ux, 3.497 acres LR 40054, Kingston Twp., \$230,000.

Harry L. Loomis et ux to Joseph G. Kojadinovich et ux, 5.86 acres LR 40062, Lake Twp., \$95,000.

Alan F. Updyke et ux to Duane Updyke, 1.98 acres, Lake Twp., \$20,000.

Alan F. Updyke to Duane Updyke, 1 acre, Lake Twp., \$20,000.

Sandra Robinson to Timothy M. Smith et ux, 1.04 acres, Lake Twp., \$70,000.

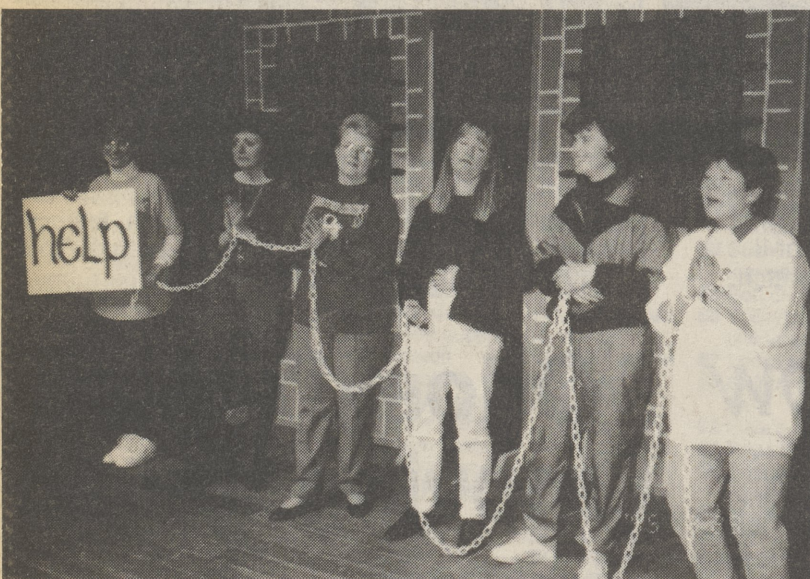
Ronald Cross et ux to Connie McKell, 1.77 acres Henlock Woods, Ross Twp., \$139,000.

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**Property tax rebate period ends April 7**

Kingston Township Tax Collector Janice Castellani reminds residents that the rebate value of 1995 county tax bills end April 7. Taxes will be due at face value after that date.

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