

## Hall of Fame inducts Hilton and Yerian

The United States Soaring Hall of Fame Banquet was held on May 16 in the Edward A. Mooers Community Room at the National Soaring Museum. After introductions and remarks by Executive Director Charles D. Smith and Board of Trustees President George H. Edwards, the 1st Annual Gross Sky Ghost Youth Achievement Award was presented by Dr. Frank R. Gross to HHSC Junior Member David Graham (see adjacent story). The Hugh Whitney Scholarship Award, including a \$250 stipend, was presented to HHSC member Mike Snyder, to help him achieve the next level in flying.

The culmination of the evening's events was the induction into the Hall of Fame of Barron Hilton and Eugart W. Yerian. Accepting for Barron Hilton, who was unable to travel from his home in Los Angeles due to pressing business commitments, was Donald O. Engen, President

of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation and former Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. He was introduced by Soaring Society of America Executive Vice President Larry Sanderson and spoke eloquently of the long association of

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Executive Director Charles D. Smith presents Hall of Fame certificate to inductee Eugart Yerian.



Hall of Famers in attendance at the banquet were: (Seated) Eugart Yerian, Don Engen for Barron Hilton, and Virginia Schweizer. (Standing) William G. Briegleb, Paul A. Schweizer, Alcide Santilli, Bernald Smith, Floyd Sweet, William Schweizer, and Hal Lattimore.



## Gross unveils Youth Award

Dr. Frank R. Gross, designer of the 1930 glider, Sky Ghost, currently on exhibit in the restoration area at the Museum, personally awarded the first Gross Youth Achievement Award to Harris Hill Soaring Corporation Junior Member David Graham at the Soaring Hall of Fame Banquet May 16th.

Gross said the future of any endeavor depends upon your successors, so he wanted to assist young glider pilots in their careers with this award. In years to come the results will be the greater recognition of the sport of soaring.

Gross said he has always "walked the extra mile." In his remarks he commented that this award shows David has "flown the extra mile." David is a Horseheads High School sophomore, has been a member of HHSC for 3 years including being an officer and President of the Juniors. He earned his private glider's license a week after his 16th birthday.

The Youth Achievement Awards will be given annually to a Harris Hill Junior Member and a national SSA Student Member. The award includes a \$500 scholarship to further the recipient's soaring and aviation career or avocation. The national award will be given in October at the Ralph S. Barnaby Lecture & Banquet. Contact the Museum for full details if you would like to make a nomination for the national award.



## NSM breaks ground for storage

The Museum Trustees broke from their annual meeting May 16th to hold a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 3,200-sq. ft facility to house the NSM collection of several dozen historical aircraft. This first part of a two-phase plan to consolidate and upgrade the quality of storage is scheduled for completion this summer.



Kite winners above are: Front row: Sam Carothers (3rd, 5-10), Janet Welshans (1st, 5-10), Tiffany Bratz (2nd, 5-10). Back row: Debbie Fisk (judge), Clint Ziegler (1st, 11-17), Walt Korchymsky (judge), Mike Ziomko (judge), Chris Hubbell (2nd, 11-17), Paul Hubbell (2nd, 18-adult), Sean Fisk (3rd, 11-17), Cal Kinney (3rd, 18-adult).

### Kite-Citement weathers the rain

The day started out sunny and promising, but as 26 contestants began flying their kites for the judges in the Spring Kite-Citement on Harris Hill, the rain began. Neither the bad weather nor the smaller crowd than usual dampened the spirits of kite fliers practicing their hobby.

Some kites were built at home and made their flying debut at the eighth annual event. Seven-year-old Jaymie Boudreau's brown wrapping paper and sponge painted creation made several points for craftsmanship and artistic ability. Susan LaPointe, of Elmira, couldn't bring herself to buy a store-bought kite. It just had to be homemade.

Both beginners and expert kite fliers watched their creations soar above the 200 attendees. Bill Connors, of Horseheads, again flew a beautiful kite from his extensive collection - a Taiwanese-design kite that colored the sky.

The Fall Kite-Citement event, scheduled for September 26, will incorporate new and exciting features with an expanded event. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters.

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Barron Hilton with soaring. Hall of Fame member William G. (Gus) Briegleb introduced Eugart Yerian who reminisced on an aviation career which started in 1922 and included many

contributions in promoting soaring as well as outstanding personal achievements. Full details of the inductees will appear in the next NSM Journal.

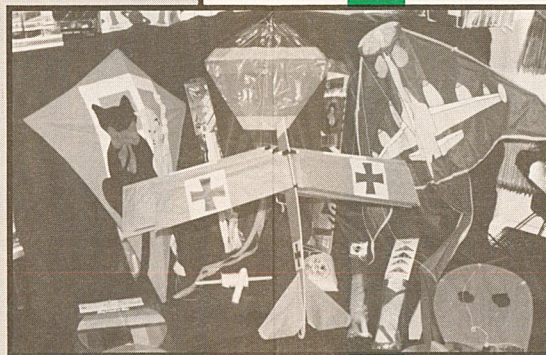
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## Gift Shop Hotline

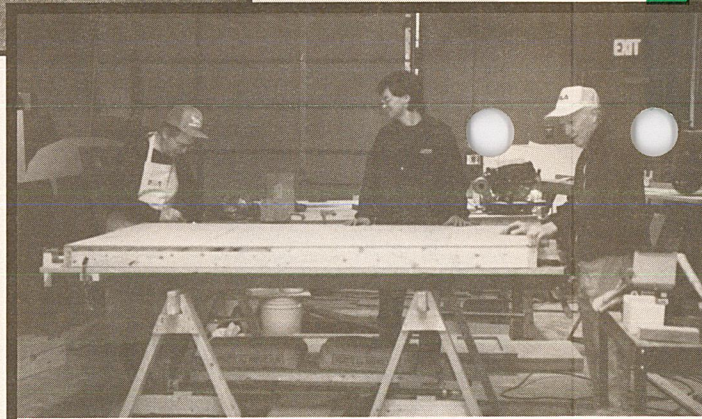
Kites are fun for all ages! The Gift Shop has deltas for beginners and stunt kites for more skilled fliers. Durable nylon kites begin at very inexpensive prices, and we have colors, shapes and designs for everyone. But don't forget - kites aren't just for flying. They make great decorative pieces, too. We have World War II airplane kites to hang in the office or den and



Above, Bill Connors prepares to fly his Taiwanese-design kite with several assistants.



cute teddy bear kites for a child's room. Be sure to ask for your 10% member's discount when selecting kites and other items!



### EOGASE in motion

The Museum is well underway in preparing its new EOGASE, Evolution of Gliders and Sailplanes Exhibit, which will display 120 model aircraft. The models will be mounted against a backdrop mural of a soaring sky in a chronological sequence. The circular backdrop, consisting of 20 panels, has already been installed on the exhibit floor and measures 32 feet in diameter. Above, Robert Mulley (center) with volunteers Dale Gustin (left) and Fred Lawrence (right) put together one of the panels. The exhibit will be completed in stages over the next few months.

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## Director's Corner

The Spring of the year is always an exciting period, a time of rebirth and growth, a time to start new projects. This is seen at the NSM by a flurry of activity centered around the annual Board of Trustees meeting and Hall of Fame Banquet. Much has happened in the past couple of months. We have welcomed a new staff member, Mike Ziomko, Director of Institutional Advancement, and his arrival marks a new approach to development and community relations. We have broken ground for a much-needed storage facility to house our historic aircraft. We have started a major reorganization of the exhibit area with a new centerpiece exhibit, EOGASE. The Board is evaluating

major aspects of our financial policies. Other events mentioned in this newsletter reflect the overall level of activity at the NSM. In spite of all this, however, the Board and staff feel there is much more to be accomplished. We are working on a major updating of our long-range plans, trying to envision the NSM five and ten years from now, and then trying to see how we get there. It's a challenging process to balance being ambitious with realistic, to sort out many options, and to evaluate audiences and resources. Ideas and comments from you, our members and most important audience, are always welcome.

## Astronaut impresses NSM audience

Air Force Major Eileen Collins kept an audience of nearly 100 spellbound at the National Soaring Museum April 7th with a lively discussion of her experiences as a NASA astronaut.

She showed slides of her training at NASA including the physical training in how to survive on land and sea. She told the group that her job deepens her appreciation of Earth and the environment. Collins hopes to fly her first mission, as the first woman Shuttle pilot, in 1994. Then she hopes to become an expert in Earth geography.

The Elmira native answered questions from the audience and autographed photos following the event. During her stay she also visited the Harris Hill Soaring Corp. and piloted a sailplane for several hours.

Right, Maj Collins talks with John Miller, EAA and HHSC member, and George Edwards, Museum President. Below, Rafael Martinez gets an autograph from the astronaut.

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Dedication of National Soaring Landmark  
Torrey Pines, San Diego, CA

September 26

Fall Kite-Citement  
Harris Hill

October 24

Board of Trustees Meeting / Barnaby Lecture & Banquet  
Washington DC area



### Smith elected VP

Dr. Charles D. Smith, Executive Director of the NSM, was elected as Vice President of the New York State Science and Technology Museums Consortium at the group's annual meeting in Albany. Representatives of most of the 31 member organizations attended the May meeting to discuss a statewide science museum study and plan cooperative activities.

### 4th Landmark dedicated

The 4th National Soaring Landmark was dedicated May 9-10, 1992, in Frankfort, MI, next to the Midwest Soaring Museum. The program was coordinated by Pete Sandman and an active volunteer group to commemorate the area's early soaring activities. Included in the festivities were first-day glider mail flights with one of the pilots being Jan Scott, NSM Trustee, in his Minimoa. Full details of the ceremony will be found in the next issue of *The NSM Journal*.

#### by Mike Ziomko

Director of Institutional Advancement

Last fall the Museum began a national search for a development director which culminated in March with my arrival here in Elmira.

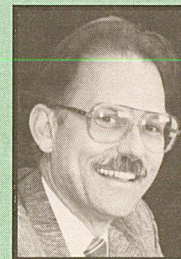
It has been a very happy choice for me, because I've had a life-long love affair with flight. Coming to work every morning in a place filled with old airplanes and aviation memorabilia makes it difficult to distinguish between fun and work.

Add to that the fact that I've been asked to build a development program from the ground up, and what you have is an opportunity that is both challenging and satisfying professionally.

I grew up in West Texas and subsequently spent several years on the East Coast, earning a degree from Yale and then living in Boston. After a career

in business I have devoted the last six years to the professional advancement of non-profit organizations.

My work here will be focused on two major areas of development for the Museum. The first, of course, is



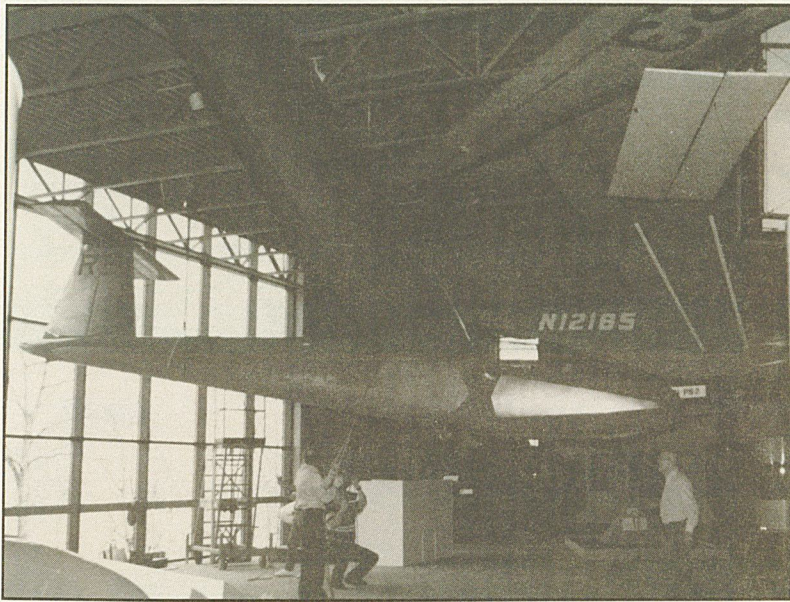
## Museum Advancement

generating financial support. The second is the promotion of community and public relations activities and programs.

I am proud to be a part of this group, and I look forward to meeting each of you and working with you to promote the Museum.



Applauding the new landmark are (left) Ted Bellak, holder of the Silver "C" 14; (behind him) Mike Ziomko, NSM; (right) Stanley Johnson, glider pilot of the 1930's; Elaine Larson, local soaring enthusiast; and Jan Scott, Trustee.



## The hanging of the Prue IIA

Above, Executive Director Charles D. Smith, Trustee Paul A. Schweizer, and volunteer Bud Cramer hoist the Prue IIA into its new position for exhibit in the center of the Museum. Designed by Irving O. Prue and built by Edward G. Minghelli, the Prue IIA sports a T-tail, a fixed gear and a shorter, lighter, two-piece wing than the original Prue II. The sailplane's 60-foot-wing span proved a challenge to assemble and place inside the Museum as it is the largest aircraft ever suspended from our ceiling.

## Membership Roundup

### NEW MEMBERS 3/13/92-5/22/92

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### RENEWING MEMBERS 3/13/92-5/22/92

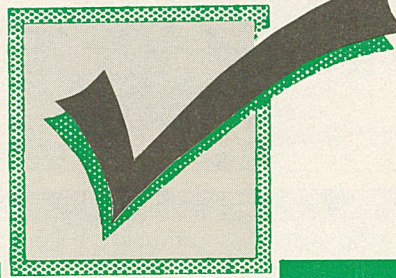
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