

Northmont Teen World Champ of Indoor Flying

2002 Competition in Romania
Barn Gang Presentation Feb. 11th

A salt mine in Slanic, Romania may seem like an odd place to find a teenager from Lewisburg, Ohio, but that's where Doug Schaefer of Northmont found himself competing as a member of the Junior Indoor Team representing the US as part of the World Championships of indoor flight. He earned that right as the top placing Junior at the F1D Team Selection finals held the previous year in the Goodyear Blimp hangar in Akron, OH. Doug's flight times in that event were over 29 minutes. He was to best that mark by seven minutes in Romania.

Doug Schaefer's best flight of 36:12 was only 3 seconds short of Jim Richmond's 36:15 for the single flight high time award, and Doug's time would have landed him in Second Place in the Senior Division!



Doug Schaefer and Mom Sandy

Science Olympiad

On Tuesday, February 11th, the Barn Gang will be hosting Ms. Janis Althaus, coach of the Science Olympiad for Northmont Schools, who will introduce you to Mr.

Schaefer, the World Champion in the Junior F1D Division, along with Matt Chalker, of Centerville High, who ranked sixth best in the world in the Junior Division - and did it as a last minute substitute for the American team. Ms. Althaus will introduce you to the Science Olympiad, and explain how the Miami Valley's inventive spirit among the young is quite alive, and world-class.



Matt Chalker

More Info

If you are interested in finding out more about indoor flight, upcoming competitions, teams, and rules for events, visit the National Free Flight Society at www.freeflight.org. Also see www.indoorduration.com.

If you want to know more about the Science Olympiad, visit the National Science Olympiad's Home Page at www.soinc.org. The Ohio web site is located at <http://www.continuinged.ohio-state.edu/scioly/>.

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Membership separately, making it possible to make the newsletter a bi-monthly publication, and the possible introduction of "Commemorative Issues" during 2003.

There will also be another change. Editor Jim Tankersley will be taking

as Editor to concentrate on other things. He won't be going too far, however. Mr. Tankersley is going to continue to write feature articles for the newsletter, and will work to help the new Editor to make the transition. As of this writing, no new Editor has been named.

Last Chance for Orville's Certificate

February is the last month Members can purchase a numbered, commemorative copy of Orville Wright's "Pilot's License #1" for its Club price of \$203.00. Beginning March 1st, these items will be put on sale to the general public for \$500.00. If you want one of these handsomely framed certificates, call the Club at 228-2148. Previous editions of *The Engineer* have had order forms published in them. These can continue to be used to order the certificates.

Shirts, Hats Available, Too

Susan will be placing a new order for Engineers Club Logo Golf and Denim shirts on February 17th. These are high-quality items and both sport "The Engineers Club" written in script. The Denim shirts are \$27.50, and the Golf shirts are \$38.00, and both shirts come in sizes Small to 4X.

There are also 10 Ball Caps still in stock, and these are going for \$16.00.

Corporate Members, "Show Us Your Mugs"

Notice to all Corporate Members: We want your coffee mugs! As you all know, the Loggia is our common area for Members and there is coffee on the Loggia each weekday from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. We would like to help you promote your company by placing your logo mugs in the Loggia for use by all Members. So please bring us your coffee mugs! Just drop them off with Brenda at the front desk.