Several years ago, Bradford, Pennsylvania, was the home of many notable full-scale aviators. Two of those aviation pioneers were recently memorialized by the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. The campus is now located on the former Harry Emery Airport site. The airport was the original location for the Taylor/Piper Factory. The memorial dedication was highlighted by the Southern Tier Aero Radio Society (STARS) display. William Piper Jr. and other aviation notables expressed their interest in the STARS models.

A longtime friend, Fred Maier from Warren, Pennsylvania, informed me of the progress of his grandson’s flying skills. Chris Maier of Whitehall, Pennsylvania, Fred’s grandson, has become a notable pilot at the early age of seventeen. He has won several International Miniature Aerobatics Club (IMAC) meets and was invited to attend one of the most prestigious meets in the United States: the Futaba XFC Extreme Flight Championship. June 16 was the date of the fifth annual championships. Check out the results at www.xfc-rc.com.

Recently we visited a club meeting of the Valley Forge Signal Seekers. This club has maintained a positive relationship with the National Park System. It’s great field in Valley Forge National Park is the result of this relationship.

As we enjoy the heat of summer, hopefully the following information will provide a cool break! Winter flying brings out the new aircraft this season from the Black Sheep Squadron of Northeast Pennsylvania. The club’s year round WINGS instruction program and AMA All-Season Patch Program brings members out in all weather for fun and food. Further information about the club can be seen at www.blacksheepsquadronpa.org.