

Winner of the 1988-89 LAC Newsletter Award. The newsletter of ASTRE, "Section of Champions"
Mickey Gottung, 1988-89 A Div National Champion
Etienne LaVallee, 1988-89 B Div Reserve Champion
Spaceman Spiff, 1988-89 Team Div National Champions
ASTRE, 1988-89 Section National Champion

ASTRE Rocketeers Return Victorious!!!

ASTRE returned from NARAM-31 in Manassas, Virginia with a boat-load of trophies, sweeping virtually every category of competition. The most impressive achievement was a dramatic come-from-behind effort to overtake the Rocket City Aces (formerly members of HARA, last year's section champions) and the Richmond Vikings to capture the 1989 Section Championship. Even more dramatic was the margin of victory: a scant 170 points!

In A Division, Mickey Gottung was both the Meet Champion (he won the NARAM meet) and the National Champion this year (he had the highest point total for the season). In B Division, Etienne LaVallee won the Reserve Championship (second place for the year). In the Team Division, Chuck Weiss and Jeff Vincent of the Spaceman Spiff Team repeated as both the Meet Champions and the Team Champions for 1989. Jeff was also awarded the LAC Newsletter Trophy, recognizing STAR-DATE as the best model rocket newsletter in the country. Look for complete NARAM-31 coverage in our next issue.



Junior Champion: Mickey Gottung proudly poses with his National Championship trophy. Mickey, in just his second full year of flying with ASTRE, captured both the NARAM Meet Championship and the National Championship in A Division.

ASTRE Calendar

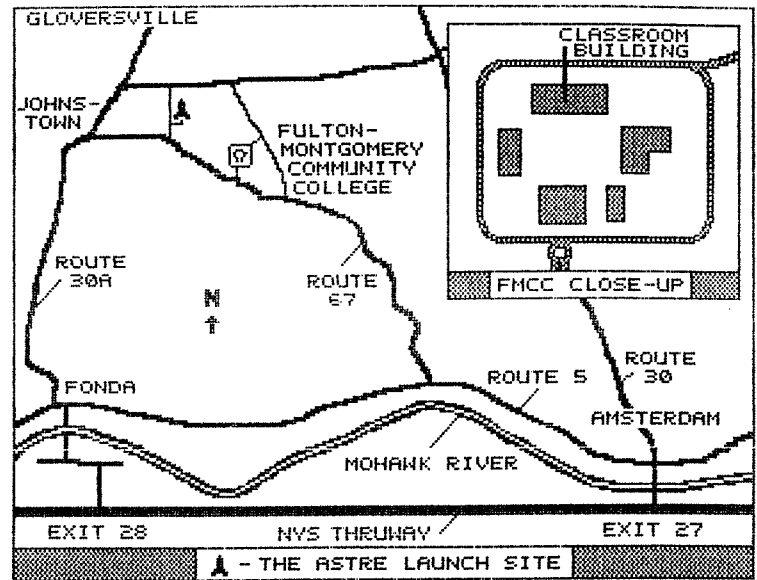
- August 26-27 - Flight '89 Airshow, Schenectady County Airport. Main events: Sat.- USAF Thunderbirds, Sun.- WWII Warbirds.
- August 26 - NARAM Victory Soirée, 7pm at the Gottung residence. A small gathering to celebrate our NARAM victory and open up the LAC Trophy. Contact Greg Gottung (725-8946) or Jeff Vincent (439-2055).
- September 12 - Club meeting at FMCC, 7-9pm. Preparation for our Open House. Contact Chuck Weiss (883-8805) or Jeff Vincent.
- September 16 - Finger Lakes Fall Classic I Local meet, Farmington, NY. Sport Scale, Plastic Model Conversion, A SD, A B/G, PSL. Contact Dan Wolf (716-458-3848).

September 16 - ASTRE Open House (Demo, Sport Launch, & Non-sanctioned Meet), Amsterdam, NY. Open event (open to all flyers): B-engine Streamer Duration. NAR pseudo-events (open to NAR members only): 1/4A SD (engines will be provided), D DELDur, and RC R/G (two-minute target). Bring out those impressive demo models and bring a friend. Raindate - 9/17. Contact Jeff Vincent or Chuck Weiss.

- September 23-24 - JOISEE V Regional meet, Bridgewater, NJ. Contact Bob Kreutz, 506 Hunters Road, Bricktown, NJ 08724. (201-892-9148).
- October 7-8 - 1990 US Team Practice, Manassas, VA. Contact Jeff Vincent.
- October 24 - Club meeting at FMCC, 7-9pm. Planning for the winter. Contact Chuck Weiss or Jeff Vincent.
- November 3 - ASTRE Banquet. (Date tentative.)

How To Get There

- * Take the Amsterdam exit (#27) off the Thruway.
- * Take a right and follow Route 30 North for one mile.
- * Take a left at the second light after the bridge (Route 5 West).
- * Follow Route 5 for 3 miles. Take a right onto Route 67.
- * Follow Route 67 for 4 miles and FMCC will be on your right.
- * To find the flying field, continue 1.5 miles on Route 67. Take a right on the small road by Ed's Auto Service (look for the plane). After 1/2 mile you will see JBJ Equine on your right. Follow the driveway and park in the parking lot and walk to the range.



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