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## *Come Fly With Us*

MARCS meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in Room 201B of the Madison Labor Temple, 1602 S. Park St. in Madison. Visitors are always welcome. We think we have a great hobby and we invite you to come and see and consider joining us.

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## Minutes of MARCS General Membership Meeting, August 4, 2005

*By Patricia McDonald, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President, Tom Lazar, there were 28 people in attendance.

**July Minutes:** Minutes of the July meeting were accepted as printed in the July issue of MARCS SPARKS.

**Treasurer's report** was available for review.

**Visitors:** Ron Davis from Phoenix AZ.

**Old Business:** Electric Fly: The event went well despite the heat, wind and humidity. There were 35 pilots. Photos of the event are on the web site. It was suggested that MARCS arrange for more advance advertising for next years event.

War Birds Over Dane: There were 21 pilots and a lot of flying. John gave a big thank you to all that helped out. Next year's event has been sanctioned for June 17, 2006.

Fun Float Fly and Picnic: There were pilots and Jerry Buss retrieved many planes from the lake. There were many electrics there this year.

**New Business:** President Tom Lazar reported the donation of several orange flight line jackets by Tony Kremm.

Ed McDonald and Ozzie Johnson are still looking for members of the Nominating Committee. They asked for volunteers and for members to consider holding a board positions next year.

Scale Rally: Don Weigt asked for more volunteers to help at the event Ozzie Johnson reported his son will donate Old Wisconsin brats and hot dogs for the event. Set up will begin at 7:00 A.M. Don also asked for a new event coordinator for next year. Brad Witt volunteered.

Dave Rush asked for input on the Awards Banquet. Do we want to have one? Where should we hold it? What day of the week should the dinner be held? What price range should we consider? Anyone with ideas or suggestions should call Dave.

Brad Witt showed the Golden Age of Aviation postage stamps now available at the post offices.

Photos of the items on the auction site were available. Bidding for all items closes at midnight 8/13/05.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

**Program:** **Greg Sutter** presented an excellent program on electric motors. There were hands on demonstrations of the power of these motors.

**Raffle** winners were **Dave Rush, Brad Witt** and **Calvin Slota**.

**Show and Tell:** **Mike Kimmerly** showed a Rave Bear (F8F Bear Cat) Reno Racer.

**Bill Kinney** brought his 1/5 scale Piper Cub with an 84 inch wing span by World Models from Charleys.

**Dave Rush** explained his Gee Bee Electric with 1000 watts of power.

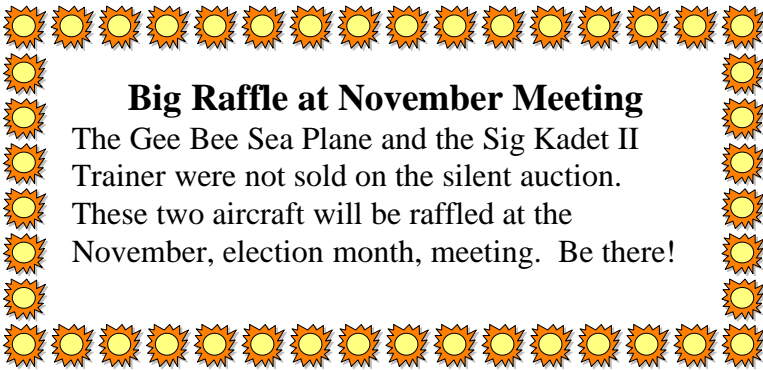
The next General Meeting is September 8, 2005.

The next Board Meeting is September 22, 2005

## Philosophy 101

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

Mark Twain



### Big Raffle at November Meeting

The Gee Bee Sea Plane and the Sig Kadet II Trainer were not sold on the silent auction. These two aircraft will be raffled at the November, election month, meeting. Be there!

### Silent Auction Results

*By Brad Witt*

The following are the high bids for the silent auction. Thank you from the club to Harry Spray and Ron Acker for donating the items and thanks to all those who have participated. I need to contact cslota by or at the meeting, or the engine will be sold to the next highest bidder in the auction at the meeting. The small Cox engines and the Servo Bundle3 did not receive any bids and will be sold at the next meeting to the highest bidder. The Gee Bee float plane and the Sig Kadett II trainer did not receive any bids, and it has been decided by the board to raffle them both off in the monthly raffle at the November meeting.

OS Max FP 40 with muffler - Calvin Slota \$21

Hobbico Twinstar ARF - Don Weigt \$150

P-51 Mustang ARF with Retracts - Don Weigt \$150

#2 OS MAX 10 - Walter Marozick \$7

#1 OS MAX 10 with Muffler - Walter Marozick \$12

OS Max 15 with muffler and mount - Walter Marozick \$8

Thunder Tiger Windstar EP - Walter Marozick \$50

Ace (?) Puddle Master - Walter Marozick \$40

Cox .010 - Dennis Moran \$5

Sig Wonder - Brad Witt \$60

Lanier RC Shrike - Brad Witt \$65

5 Channel Futaba TX RX and Batteries - Brad Witt \$10

OS Max 15 with muffler - Brad Witt \$5

OS Max 20 with muffler - Brad Witt \$15

Servo Bundle #2 - Brad Witt \$10

OS Max FP25 with muffler - Brad Witt \$15

Shockwave Airboat and Stand - Brad Witt \$30

Great Plains Super Skybolt Biplane - Brad Witt \$200

OS MAX SF25 with Muffler - Dennis Peterson \$10

1/5 Scale Boeing P26A - Mike "maddog" Pirkl \$300

Servo Bundle #1 - Mike Point \$20

## WARNING

*By the MARCS Board of Directors*

There have been some recent incidents of reckless, very low level (six feet) flying directly in front of and toward the flightline.

You may be a good pilot, but don't try to prove it by unsafe flying. A radio glitch could result in a tragic accident that would ruin RC flying for all of us. If you are guilty, **CUT IT OUT!**

Another recent problem involves failure to follow the established traffic pattern. Don't monopolize the mid-field area. All aircraft, gas, glow, electric and helo, must follow the traffic pattern and give way to pilots who announce that they are landing or in trouble. Helo pilots wishing to practice hovering should do it at the east end of the field, south of the flight line. Electric pilots doing 3-D should do it at the west end of the field, south of the flight line.

A little bit of courtesy makes the medicine go down, etc, etc.

## MARCS Banquet

*By Dave Rush*

I am looking for input from the membership for our banquet so more people attend. Please email me at [daividgenerush@yahoo.com](mailto:daividgenerush@yahoo.com) and put banquet in the subject area. If email is not available please mail your comments to me at Dave Rush, 5113 Ridge Rd, McFarland, WI 53558.

I am wondering if we might do better on a week night as I had some people say they couldn't do Sunday because of family or church commitments.

I thought for the quality of the food the \$22.00 was a bargain. Should I consider trying the buffet that Dry Bean offers that is a little less expensive?

Have we hit a point that the banquet is no longer necessary and awards should just be passed out at a designated meeting?

Other suggestions or thoughts?

Any and all comments will be greatly appreciated.

### The Banquet -- In My Opinion

In hope that this will inspire some of you to express your own opinions and result in added input to Dave, here are my thoughts on his banquet questions.

For my part, I would hate to see the banquet done away with. It's always a good night of conversation, friendship, fun and sometimes good food. Last year, I thought the food was very good and the facility was fine, as well. While I'm not locked in to wanting to go back to the Dry Bean, it would be fine with me.

If we awarded the trophies at a regular meeting and I had put my plane in a tree top, you shouldn't expect me at the meeting. On the other hand, it would be fun (kinda) to get roasted for it at the banquet. It's a different thing. For my part we could do away with the trophies if we do away with the banquet

As far as the price is concerned, \$22 is a fairly pricey meal, but you aren't just paying for the meal. It may seem high because we have had cheaper and very often much less palatable meals at some past events. Also, we have had buffets in the past, which are cheaper, not nearly as good and sometimes not good at all. The tip is included in the \$22 and they incur extra costs, such as providing the room and setting up a separate bar, and these have to be covered. Of course they make money on the bar, but they could make us use the regular bar, without the convenience to us and the the extra staffing and movement of supplies for them. I

am satisfied that it's a reasonable cost. Besides, if we can afford to risk digging holes in the ground with some pretty expensive airplanes, I guess we shouldn't complain about the cost of the banquet where we pass out trophies for digging those holes. As I understand it, we've had a couple of lulus dug recently and it may hard to decide on this year's winner. Trophy engraving is a cost to the club too that you don't really consider on banquet night. What do you think about the price and serving style?

I suppose it was to cut cost that there were no centerpiece flowers to be raffled to wives and lovers (may they never meet) last year. I'd pay an extra buck or two to have them back. How do you feel about that? Or should they just be paid for out of the club's treasury, not added to the ticket cost? Maybe that's unfair to those who don't go to the banquet.

Where the night is concerned, I didn't really like Sunday and would have preferred Friday or Saturday, but it isn't a deal breaker for me. If Friday or Saturday were to cost a couple more bucks, it would be OK with me, especially if it would improve attendance. I suppose a week night is bad for those, unlike myself, who have to go to work in the early bright. How do you feel?

Dave has a pretty difficult and none too rewarding job organizing this event to the satisfaction of the most possible people and he deserves to have our cooperation in helping to plan it. Please let him know your druthers and also, when the time comes, lend him a hand, such as by getting the trophies engraved, getting them to the banquet and helping with other banquet night stepping and fetching, like the centerpieces.

By all means, if there is an issue that is a barrier to your being able to attend -- or *wanting* to attend, let him know what it is, especially the latter. Be sure to weigh in with your thoughts on the price tag.

And, Dave, thanks for the effort.

### Electric Fun Fly 2005

*By Dave Rush*

Thanks to all that braved the heat and wind for this years Electric Fun Fly.

I really figured with the wind and heat that we would be lucky to have twenty flyers. We ended up with 35 paid pilots with Don Weigt proudly being the last pilot registered!

Despite the wind there was lots of flying. A few crashes, but nothing seemed too serious. All the planes that found their way into the tall grass were recovered. It

was too windy for the parachute drop for the kids, but there weren't really that many there anyways. With the heat we ended up bumping the raffle time and group picture to noon. Everyone was gone by around 2:00 p.m..

Much thanks to our raffle sponsors: **Flitterwing Factory, Hobby Horse, Castle Creations, Schultz Sport and Hobby** and **RC Performance and Hobbies**. Thanks to their generosity; every pilot walked away with a prize.

Thanks to my wife **Jodie**, and son **Matt** for handling the food. I think our brats even got the Jerry Buss seal of approval.

Thanks to **Wendell Hottmann** for use of his generator. Thanks to all of the early morning set-up help. **Tom Alff, Pete Aarsvold, Greg Sutter, Steve Purcell, Charlie Toms, Greg Baer, Clayton Greaves**, and to **Don Weigt** for helping with tear down until the bitter end. Spectators were a little thin, so I guess I need to try to promote the event better. All flyers seemed to have a great time!

You can check out the group photo and others at <http://photos.groups.yahoo.com/group/MadFlyers/1st> or at the MARCS home page <http://www.marcswi.org/>. If you have any pictures please send them to me at [dgrush@hotmail.com](mailto:dgrush@hotmail.com).

## The Elections Are Coming!!!

*By Ed McDonald*

In the next few days, a member of the nominating committee will be calling you to see if you would like to run for one of the elected leadership positions of MARCS. The officer positions that are up for election are:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Currant</u>	<u>Holder</u>
President	One year	Tom Lazar	
Vice President	One year	Brad Witt	
Treasurer	One year	Ed McDonald	
Secretsry	One Year	Patricia McDonald	

Following are the elected Board of Directors members, who serve three year terms:

1<sup>st</sup> Year Class: Greg Baer, Wayne Lamphear, Danny Sutter  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Class: Bill Disch, Wendell Hottmann, Ozzie Johnson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Class: \*Mark Finley, Mike Kimmerly, Don Weigt

\*Due for re-election this year.

The person calling you may know you, or he

may not. He may know what kind of work you do (or did), or he may not. He may know if you are qualified for the position he is suggesting, or he may not. Only you know for sure the answers to those questions.

Everybody wants our club to continue to function and provide a place to fly, to have fun flying our models, and to enjoy fellowship with those of a common interest. Everybody has something to contribute to reach those goals. And everybody wants to give back to the club some of the benefits they have enjoyed. Everybody can't be an officer at the same time. There is a best time for each member to step up and do their part. Only you know when that time is best for you. And each member has different skills that are needed by the club. Only you know what you are best qualified to do.

Think seriously about how long it has been since you held an office or helped in some other way. Try to figure a way for you to put your name on the slate of offices for 2006. If you have questions about the position, or need to know how much time is required, check the handbook or ask the person calling. Or better still, call the person who holds that office at the current time.

When a member of the nominating committee calls, be prepared to tell him you are willing to run for such and such office. Better still, YOU make the call to have your name added to the slate of candidates.

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## We Fell Into a Jam Jar -- or Was That a Brat Bag

You will surely recall my rant in the July issue on the need to serve better tasting -- and not so over priced -- brats after the War Birds event. A little P-ing and M-ing seems to be worth the effort.

Ozzie Johnson and his son, Steve, wre visiting a couple of weeks after the July issue came out and Ozzie mentioned the great bratwurst controversy that I started. It seems Steve, who is an aviation nut and a former MARCS member as well, now sells for Old Wisconsin Food Products, a maker of fine sausages from Sheboygan. He generously offered to supply the brats and the hot dogs for the Ken Kindschi Scale Rally -- **for free!**

I had never seen Old Wisconsin Brats in the store, but I eat their beef snack sticks regularly. They should be outlawed as addictive. The reason I had never seen their brats is that they are not in the Johnsonville/Klements brat display case at Woodman's, where I do most of my shopping. Instead, they are with the other sausages, like Smokey Links, Polish Sausage, etc. They are pre-cooked and come in vacuum sealed packages, two for \$4.00.

So that's the story on the brats you ate at the Scale Rally. I hope you liked them. All the comments I heard were very positive and one guy said they were better than Johnsonvilles. I agree. I'm partial to adding a slice of cheese, some chopped onion and some horse radish sauce, but the bare brat all by itself is excellent.

So support the guys who are supporting MARCS. Try some Old Wisconsin Brats. And don't forget their hot dogs, especially if there are kids around. They'll never want to go back to Oscar's.

And let's patronize Old Wisconsin when we buy for next year's events.

## Calvin Slota Solos

Calvin Slota soloed in August. His instructor was Bill Kinney. Good work guys.

## Ken Kindschi Scale Rally

*By Don Weigt*

I want to thank everyone who helped with this year's Ken Kindschi Memorial Scale Rally, held unday, August 21. While the number of pilots and spectators was down, those who came had a great time, thanks to everyone's efforts, and we added a bit to the club treasury. With the help of so many individuals, the event ran smoothly.

I will list as many of you as I can. I hope I don't miss anyone, but there is always that risk. If you helped, and I don't list you here, I'm sorry..

Jerry told me he has this issue already laid out and he has room left for about 300 words, so I will list each person only once, although many people helped with several things. OK?

Signs: **Wayne Lanphear** Setup: **Greg Baer, Mark Finley** CD: **Tom Lazar** Impound: **Brad Witt** Raffle: **Dave Rush, Joyce Jeardeau, Dave Jeardeau** Food acquisition: **Jerry Buss** Food prep: **Mike Kimmerly** Cashier: **Pat McDonald** Food servers: **Cindy Jackson, Bill Brown, Todd Giesfeldt** Flight line: **Bill Kinney, Dan Sutter** RC info hand-

outs: **John Granberg** Shelter: **Charlie Schultz**  
PA: **Joe Imilkowski**

And a huge "thank you" to our sponsors, whose generosity helped so much with the menu, raffles, and entire event: **Schultz Sport n' Hobby RC Performance and Hobbies, Hobby Horse, Old Wisconsin Sausage Company, Skyshark R/C, Balsa USA**

It has been a privilege to be Coordinator of this event for the past six years. Brad Witt will be taking over the event next year. I hope you all will support him as well as you supported me.

## The Cannibals of Chichi Jima

*By Jerry Buss*

Warren Earl Vaughn, the part Cherokee kid from Texas, had been waiting aboard a destroyer as a replacement pool Corsair pilot. When *Bennington* needed one, he was sent over and flew combat air patrols over the Iwo Jima invasion beach on February 20, 21 and 22. A strike against Chichi Jima on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was his first real combat mission. Going in on a strafing run, an antiaircraft shell simply clipped one wing off and he had nothing to do but bail out. About the same time, another young American Indian boy, Ira Hayes (far left, reaching toward the flagpole), was among the group on Iwo Jima who were having their picture taken by Joe Rosenthal.

On the same day, dehydrated, starving and suffering greatly from exposure, Glenn Frazier gave himself up to two fishermen who took refuge on Ani Jima during an air raid. They took him to their home on the main island and gave him biscuits and water. In return, he slipped a ring off his finger and gave it to them in payment. Then they took him to the 308<sup>th</sup> HQ.

Major Matoba was hosting a drinking party for his fellow officers while the *issen goren* labored at digging tunnels in solid rock. Glenn was in a sorry physical condition and was not tied up but left to lie on the ground. Captain Naburo Nakajima, a notoriously violent drunk who had been drinking heavily for several hours and who always carried a heavy cudgel for the express purpose of beating his troops, went out and began to harangue the unfortunate American with questions in Japanese. Glenn, of course, couldn't understand a word of what was being said. When a fellow officer pointed out the language problem, Nakajima opined that he should at least answer in sign language. At length, he simply beat Glenn to death. Major Matoba was disturbed and told Nakajima that he

ought to kill him for killing the prisoner. Not for killing him, but for doing it before he could be properly questioned. That evening, Marve Mershon was taken to the island's cemetery. He was made to kneel beside a freshly dug grave. Then he was beheaded.

The following day, whilst the *Issen Goren* labored in the caves, Colonel Takamune Kato invited General Tachibana, Major Matoba and others to a party at his headquarters. Tachibana immediately became upset when Kato was only able to produce two bottles of sake and there was clearly not enough meat for the sukiyaki. He had an abundant supply of sake at his HQ and ordered some brought over. Soon most of the officers were deep into their cups. Tachibana remained distressed about the small amount of meat for the sukiyaki, however, and first asked about the execution of Marve Mershon the previous evening. Then he ordered Matoba to obtain Marve's *kimo* (liver and other internal organs) for the meal. In due course a surgeon, Lieutenant Mitsuyoshi Sasaki, was dispatched to the cemetery where Marve's body was dug up and eviscerated. Sasaki also removed thigh meat to flavor a soup dish. Upon tasting the enhanced sukiyaki the drunken officers expressed considerable satisfaction. Tachibana and Matoba eventually drank themselves into unconsciousness and both passed out on the floor.

But the horrors had only barely begun.

Radioman Jimmy Dye, gunner Grady York and Corsair pilot Warren Earl Vaughn had been tied to trees outside General Tachibana's HQ from the afternoon of February 23 until the 26<sup>th</sup>. Although they were abused now and then by soldiers needing to demonstrate their zeal for the Commandant's edification, it was not severe abuse, save for the fact that they got no food or water. Any Japanese soldier could have killed them at any time, but they seem to have been so exhausted from their tunnel digging that they had little ambition for any extra activity.

Captain Tadaaki Kosuga knew that helping the three Americans would bring severe punishment, but he felt pity for them. He rationalized that the rice cakes he gave them in the dark of night didn't violate orders because they were not army issue. He had bought them with his own money.

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, Tachibana tired of the dirty prisoners in his front yard and sent Warren Earl to Major Horie, who already had Floyd Hall, for questioning. He then gave Grady York to the 307<sup>th</sup> Battalion for execution and Jimmy Dye to the 275<sup>th</sup> Battalion for the

same purpose.

Before the truck arrived from the 275<sup>th</sup> to claim Jimmy, a truck arrived from the Navy unit that operated the Mount Yoake radio station. Tachibana had promised Navy Captain Yoshii a prisoner to assist with monitoring US radio traffic and the General consented to sending Jimmy Dye to the mountain top. For the moment, it looked like he was spared.

On the other hand, poor Grady York, the 106 pound born again Christian whose hobby was scale model airplanes, was taken to the target range of the 307<sup>th</sup> Battalion, the same area where Dick Woellhof and Warren Hindenlang had been bayoneted to death and beheaded the previous August. He was tied to a telephone pole while a hole was dug in front of him. He was blindfolded and then stabbed with sharpened bamboo spears and then bayoneted to death, dumped in the hole and buried.

Navy Petty Officer Fumio Tanamura was born in San Francisco. In 1937 he had walked across the Golden Gate Bridge on the day it was opened for traffic. Feeling that going to university in America would too badly "Americanize" Fumio, his father directed his mother to take him to Kyoto, their home town, to study. When he had to make a decision, he chose the Navy, feeling it was less hazardous than the Army. At first he was a civilian employee and when about to be sent to Chichi Jima, said he would like to remain in that status. His supervising officer said, "Tanamura, you don't know the score, do you? You're not going to come back alive. You should become a petty officer for your mother's pension." So he did.

Jimmy Dye was hauled before Captain Yoshii on Mount Yoake for interrogation with Tanamura acting as interpreter. Yoshii and Major Matoba were drinking buddies and Yoshii expressed interest in Matoba's stated liking for medicine made from the flesh of prisoners.

Jimmy readily reported that he had flown off the *Bennington*. He gave the dates on which the carrier had left Pearl Harbor and later Ulithi. He gave his name and rank as well. Then he was assigned to Tanamura to assist in monitoring American radio traffic. The Japanese hoped that Jimmy could be of some help in interpreting American code words and phrases. Jimmy and Tanamura had a long conversation and a friendship quickly developed between them. They spoke of their life experiences, but Jimmy was in such a broken state of mind as to be of no help in interpreting American radio traffic, had he been willing to do so to begin with.

Jimmy showed Tanamura his hands and said they hurt terribly from having been so tightly tied for three days. He spoke of his sweetheart, Gloria Niels, and said that it was she who had given him the white silk scarf he was wearing, but he was of no use whatever where interpreting radio traffic was concerned. Tanamura covered for him, but he couldn't keep the cover up very long because others were noticing and commenting among themselves about his uselessness, even on this, the first day of his presence.

On the morning of the second day, Captain Yoshii called Tanamura into his office and said "The Americans may land tomorrow or in a few days. You, all of us, should be prepared to die and today, at four P.M., we are going to execute the prisoner." Tanamura told him that after a few days Jimmy would be a big help, but he needed time to settle in. Yoshii told him in front of some other officers that he was covering for Jimmy and that wasn't good. As Tanamura returned to the radio station wondering if he should tell Jimmy what was going to happen to him, Yoshii briefed his junior officers in the mess hall on the execution, ordering Lieutenants Matsutani and Hayashi to behead the prisoner and Dr. Mitsuyoshi Sasaki to remove the liver. It appears that he had little respect for the two lieutenants, who were quiet student types, and probably gave them this assignment as a sort of test or perhaps punishment. The men were dumb struck and offered excuses why Jimmy should be spared, but in the Japanese Navy, as was the case in the Army, one didn't question orders. All three protested, but Yoshii reminded them that he had always told them that he would execute any officer who did not follow orders. There was nowhere for the three men to turn.

Tanamura didn't have the heart to tell Jimmy what was going to happen to him and they chatted idly all morning and on into the afternoon. At about 2:00 P.M. Yoshii's orderly came by and said that the Captain wanted Jimmy's leather jacket and white silk scarf. Jimmy's last connection with home and Gloria were gone. At four o'clock the orderly returned and it was time to go. Tanamura told Jimmy that he was going to be paraded before the officers and then he would be returned to the radio station; he couldn't bear to tell him the truth. Jimmy didn't say anything, but Tanamura could see that he was terrified. Jimmy was lead away, about fifty yards distant from the radio bunker, to where a group of men were gathered before a freshly dug hole. He was made to sit on the edge of the hole with his feet

dangling into it. Then he was blindfolded.

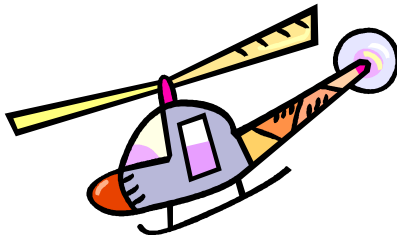
Lieutenant Hayashi's heart was not in the job he had to do and he botched the beheading terribly, then turned and ran from the scene. Lieutenant Matsutani was next and, although he too performed badly, succeeded in killing Jimmy. The onlookers, far from being imbued with the *Yamato damashii* spirit, were horrified. Most of them turned their backs on the scene and some became ill. Petty Officer Teresada Aruga said "After the second stroke, I and the other men broke ranks and ran away."

After Dr. Sasaki surgically removed Jimmy's liver, he turned to the Officer of the Day and said he thought that was enough cutting. The OD replied that, yes, that was quite enough. Sasaki then sutured the wound closed and used his remaining thread to sew Jimmy's head back on. Then he wiped away the blood and put Jimmy's hands together. After saluting the body, he turned away in disgust.

When Captain Yoshii brought the liver to the officers mess, the sake drinking party that was in progress suddenly broke up and the participants simply disappeared. Yoshii kept it in his office for several days and offered pieces of it to visitors, but no one seemed to want any.

On March 7, 1945, a week after his death, Jimmy Dye's parents received the dreaded telegram from the War Department. It offered hope. Jimmy had been seen to parachute and land safely. Although they hoped for the best, Gloria Niels knew better. "I had a big eight by ten framed picture of Jimmy. It was the shot of him in his sailor uniform with a big smile. Every night I would kiss the picture and sleep with it. One night it fell on the floor and broke. I woke up and it scared me. I knew something had happened. Later I learned that was when Jimmy died."

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