

CLEANING THAT CRUDED UP ENGINE

By George White

In the process of doing my monthly 60-second scan of Model Aviation to see if there was actually something there anyone in this club could use (other than Gene Smith's column), I noted a discussion in Joe Wagner's Engine Shop column. He talked about the great difficulty of removing baked-on castor oil and how the traditional cleaners have all fallen victim to OSHA. He did state that one solvent which is still on the shelf is Savogram Strypeeze, a paint stripper available at most hardware and paint stores. He says it takes some work and some precautions, but does a reasonably good job. Joe also mentioned that there's a long-time expert at cleaning and restoring engines, Walter Craig, who's allegedly never had an unhappy customer. You can contact him at 400 Hoy Road, Carlisle, PA 17013, Telephone 717-243-6534 or email walter.craig@carlisle.army.mil. He does ultrasonic cleaning, fin straightening, frees stuck pistons, enamels cylinders and more.