



PLANE TALK

August 2007



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Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 PM
at the QCSR Flying Field (weather permitting)
otherwise at the
Deere Wiman Carriage House
817 - 11th Avenue
Moline, Illinois

Remembering John Shay

With a heavy heart I write this. John Shay passed away July 21st. John was not just a member of our club, but was our newsletter editor and on top of that he was a very good friend of mine. Some of you may not have known John but you will miss him also because he was the one that made the newsletter what it was. He has put the newsletter together since 2001. I don't like to brag, but if you look at newsletters from other clubs they don't stack up too well to ours, thanks to John.

John loved the hobby and enjoyed flying R/C planes, and I might add that he did it quite well. When John first got into the hobby I was at his home and in general conversation I said that the R/C airplane hobby was a sickness. He nodded his head toward the side door and there were two airplanes in boxes ready to be put together. He researched electric components and his planes performed well because he knew what it took to make them work.

John made it to the Dome to fly a couple of times and thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

I could tell you a lot of stories but one stands out over all. When I was training him, he was still on the buddy box and almost ready to solo when this happened, I hand launched his plane and he told me to "take it". I thought to myself it was a good launch and again he told me to "take it" and this time I looked back and when I launched the plane, I had taken several steps forward and had pulled his transmitter out of his lap and onto the ground in front of him. Needless to say I took it.

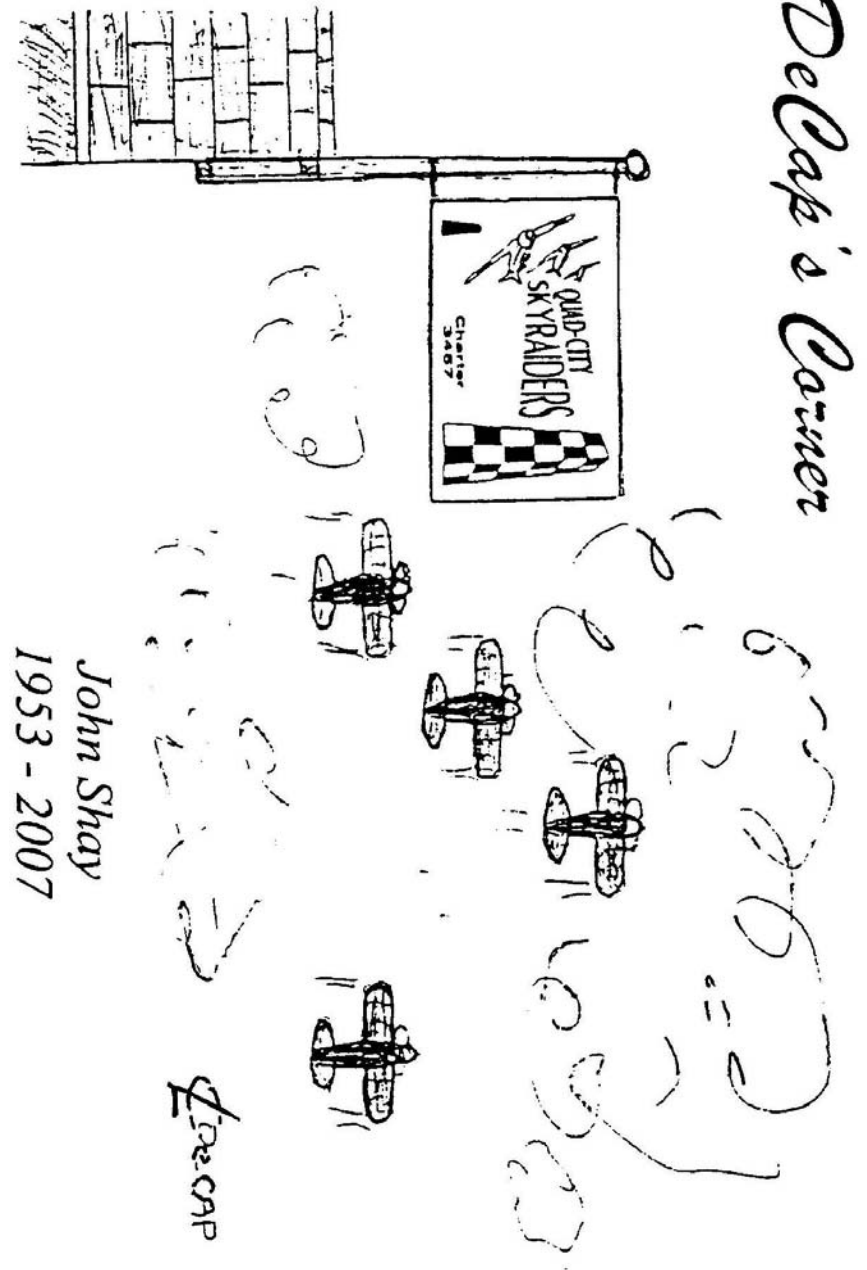
I'll tell one more story. John called me around nine o'clock one night and asked me if I wanted to do something dumb. Of course I said I'd be right over. By around ten PM we were flying in his cul-de-sac and having a blast. I think this was the time we ran into the neighbor's house.

John probably flew his Merlin the most, but also flew his Cessna quite a bit. The Tiger Moth got its fair share of airtime as well. I think we replaced the motor in the Moth a number of times because they were just worn out.

The Merlin and the Cessna often wore a camera and there were some interesting videos made from some of the misadventures. One of the adventures was taking off from his driveway and barely clearing the mailbox. The video was spectacular.

John we'll miss you!

By Rick Haney



How I see it

By Rick

Now let me see, where did I leave off last month? Oh yes, we went to the Sneak In at Freeport. Had a good time!

The next outing was going to Dubuque, Iowa for a contest July 1st. Mark Cloister, Glen Williams and I made the trip to enjoy the day of fun. None of the events were hard to do. Most of them were timed events. I forgot to mention the good food for lunch.

July 22nd Mark Cloister and I “competed” in the Morison contest. Neither of us set the world on fire but we did have fun. That is what it is all about. I keep telling you that anyone that can take off and land may not win first place, but will do OK. Most generally the hot dogs will try too hard and in turn mess up.

I will sound like a broken record, but go to other fields to fly. Every field is a bit different, but they are all the same. Every field that I have flown seems to have the same air that we have at our field. Give it a try.

Saturday Sept. 22 we are going to have an in-club contest, picnic and night fly, one after the other. Be sure to come and give it a try. The contest part will not be difficult. I’m not sure what we will be doing for events, but there will be spot landings and loops involved. The night fly will be something else. If you haven’t been to a night fly, stick around after it gets dark and behold the “lights in the sky after dark” event.

Our FLY IN is on the immediate horizon. I think all the committees have done their jobs and the event should not have any hick-ups. After our FLY IN, the Galesburg club will have their Fly In Saturday, Aug. 18th (not contest) and then the Erie Club’s contest Aug. 19th the next day. These are always fun events.

Way too much fun in store for anyone who wants to travel a short distance. Like I said before, the people that you meet, the different fields that you fly from and the planes you see make it all worthwhile.

At the July meeting a mowing schedule was set up. This will help keep the grass under control. With the number of members that signed up, the responsibility to mow will only be once every month and a half or so.

Don’t forget the **FLY IN** Sunday August 12th. (*Next Sunday*) Come to the meeting and see what you can do to help make the event another success.

Our Float Fly will be Sunday August 26th. Be sure to come and be a part of the event also or at least come see what fun you could have flying off the Mississippi. If you do it once, you will be hooked. I am told that Porkies will be serving the food.

July 15th, a beautiful day to get some airtime, several maiden flights were made. One was Glen Williams’s Slow Poke and the other was my 46 size J3 Cub. Glen’s plane flew good as did my plane. Mark Johnson, Kelly Bryant and Mark Cronister were also there to test the air. When I got to the field there was also another pilot cleaning up after flying. I didn’t get his name, shame on me. Speaking of maiden flights, I now have a 110 Rascal with a 41cc gas engine in it. I will be giving it a first flight in a week or so.

KEEP IN MIND make sure your name, address, phone number and AMA number is in your planes. (One of AMA rules and also common sense so you get a plane back if it gets lost.)

Have a good one,
Rick

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 12	QCSR Annual Fly-In – Moline, IL
Aug. 18-19	Electric Fun Fly – Cedar Rapids, IA
Aug. 19	Erie Club Fun Fly – Hillsdale, IL
Aug. 26	QCSR annual Float Fly – Moline, IL
Aug. 26	Pylon Race – Kewanee, IL
Sept. 8-9	E-Fly Iowa – Seven Cities Sod Farm
Sept. 15	Bud Miller Memorial Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Sept. 22	QCSR in-club Contest, Picnic and Night Fly
Sept. 23	Pylon make-up date
Oct. 12	DRCS Night Fly – Seven Cities Sod Farm

Invite your friends and neighbors

NEXT SUNDAY

Q C SKYRAIDERS FLY IN

Bring a plane and have some fun!

NOTE

Please bring small bills
Break those \$20.00s b/4 you come to the event.

FOR SALE

Got to make some room so some have to go!

4 STAR 60 – servos and tank included - \$65.00

Balsa USA Phaeton 90 bipe. 70” span needs finished. - \$40.00

Super Sportster 70” span – needs engine and receiver - \$45.00

Rick Haney 309-737-8342

The Skyraiders have lost a good friend with the passing of John Shay. He will be missed. I had always admired his attitude in learning to fly R/C airplanes.

The annual Skyraiders Fly-In will be here shortly so please remember to help out in whatever ways you can to make it a success. There will be a few things that need to be done prior to and following the Fly-In as well as the day of the event. Test-fly your aircraft prior to the day to make certain it is airworthy. And most of all, remember that the Fly-In is meant to be a fun event so come out and enjoy the day.

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