



Plane Talk

December 2009



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Next Meeting

Wednesday December 13, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
at the Deere Wiman Carriage House
817 11th Avenue
Moline, Illinois



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Minutes of the October Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by president Rockne Brosman. 13 members present.

Minutes were not available due to short meeting last month.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Jerry Gillooly, past member passed away last week.

Dome flying has started and next flying is Nov. 21st.

Discussed changing our contest for a second float fly. More next meeting.

Dean Mopin mentioned having a picnic at their hanger at the Davenport airport sometime next spring. They might give a ride in one of their planes to a lucky member. More later.

The city has closed the gates to the park. You can still enter using our combination lock.

The mower has been winterized and is in storage.

Nominations for club officers is as follows: Rick Haney for Pres. - Les Schjelderup for VP. - Larry McWorthy for Sec. - Skip Chick for Treas. - Glen Williams for Safety - Mike Cobert for Newsletter.

Voting will be held next meeting. If anyone is still interested in an office there is still time to get your name on the list.

Next spring we will have a work day to do some repairs on our field and equipment.

Programs for the upcoming meetings: Nothing yet for next meeting but the January meeting we will have a safety talk by Glen Williams, covering many aspects of our hobby.

Show and Tell:

Larry McWorthy showed a SIG 4 Star 120. Power is a GMS

120. Not quite done yet but is looking good.

Jim Fuller had his newly built DynaFlight PT 19 powered by a Sato 150. Looks good!

Respectfully submitted: Rick Haney Sec.

Calendar of Events

Dec 9 QCSR Meeting 7pm at Deere Wiman Carriage House
Dec 12 Indoor Flying in the Davenport Golf Dome 9-11pm
Dec 19 Indoor Flying in the Davenport Golf Dome 10-12pm
Dec 25 Merry Christmas
Jan 1 Happy New Year
DRCS Chili fly at Scott County Park
Jan 13 QCSR meeting 7pm at Deere Wiman Carriage House

NOTICE

THIS MEETING WILL BE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Make sure and come to the December meeting and cast your vote for those running for office. If you would like to add your name to the ballot, it's not too late.

We thank all of this year's officers and members who have given of their time and dedication in keeping our club going, and our events a success. As this year closes, we forward to the coming year and all it will bring. Come out and help make this next year a successful one.



How I See It – by Rick

As of the November meeting the weather is quite nice but a bit windy. Went out to fly last week end and had a ball in the wind. But the cold weather is on the way and not much we can do about it.

There are swap meets coming up in the near future so get ready to get rid of your old stuff and replace it with different stuff. Watch for the info in the news letters and the AMA magazines. I think Iowa Cities swap meet will be the first in the area. It is always good. Lots of stuff to look at and to choose from.

Elections will be held at the next meeting. If you would like to run for an office it isn't too late to get your name on the ballot.

This is the time of year that we need to get our planes ready to be moth balled. One thing to do before anything else, the number one most

important thing to do is make all the repairs needed to be able to use the plane on the first outing of next year. So many times we put our planes away with broken parts and problems that prevent smooth operation. Take care of it now because you will forget to do it and the first outing will not be fun.

Got a call from a fellow member and was asked if I'd like to go out and fly. The answer was yes, of course. It turned out to be windy and cold but we both flew several times and then called it a day. I lost some of the covering off the bottom of my wing. Didn't see it come off but it was missing. As I mentioned earlier you need to fix all the small things that will cause you issues later.

Several of us went out the other day to fly and spent most of the afternoon at the field. Think our days of nice weather has hit the peak. The weatherman/woman has predicted colder temperatures for the rest of the year.

Hope some of you make it to the DRCS Chili Fly at Scott County Park on the first day of the new year. If you decide to go dress warm. It is usually "really" cold. Lots of fun to participate or even to just watch.

See you at the meeting and have a good one.

Rick

INDOOR FLYING HAS RETURNED

The golf dome in Davenport has again opened its doors for us to have an indoor flying site during the winter months. There are two more scheduled dates for everyone to take advantage of this site. They are December 12th from 9pm until 11pm, and December 19th from 10pm until midnight.

The last flying night in November, there were only 8 pilots participating. As we all know, operating any business must be profitable in order to keep it going. Since participation in the Saturday night flying sessions has been 'lacking', we have been contacted by the Dome's management stating that they are losing money and unless we get our numbers up, we will lose the dome as a flying site.

So if you haven't been out, and would like to keep the option of flying during the winter months come out and enjoy a couple of hours flying and swapping of stories. Don't forget if you have the hankering of combat, there is usually at least one 'intentional' round combat each session.

**The Golf Dome is:
Orthopedic Specialists Sports Complex
5003 North Brady St.
Davenport, IA**

DeCaps Corner



ON THE SAFE SIDE

The Lighter Side of Safety

By Don Nix, *Insider* Safety Column Editor

My last column about self-appointed, rude, and dangerous hotdogs in RC drew more mail than any previous one. With one exception, all the letters were not only in agreement, but most gave examples of similar incidents at their own fields and how they had dealt with it.

The lone dissenter was not only indignant ("Nobody is going to tell me what I can and can't do"), but at the end of his e-mail stated he could tell I was probably pro gun control and a few other unspeakable sins, none of which were true or had anything to do with flying model airplanes. Oh, well.

As I was debating subject matter for this issue, it occurred to me that funny things related to safety do happen from time to time. They are only funny when no person is injured or no property is damaged. The following incidents took place years ago at a very popular RC flying field in Southern California.

Late one Saturday afternoon, one of our most regular and experienced pilots was flying an Ugly Stik and began yelling, "I don't have it! I don't have it! No control!" then watched open-mouthed as "his" model gracefully climbed into the pattern, turned downwind, turned again and passed in front of everyone, continuing on around,

turned again and passed in front of everyone, continuing on around again, seemingly on its own. This field was a very busy one with 12 pilot stations, and most had models in the air at the moment.

Gradually he realized what had happened. This particular fellow liked to fly low and in the weeds (literally), but was always careful to do so well past the far side of the runway, at least a hundred feet from the flightline. As he made one of his low and slow passes into the afternoon sun, an almost identical Stik was taking off at the far end of the pit area and starting to climb into the pattern. At that time of day, at that particular point and general altitude, models tended to become silhouettes briefly.

Ah, you can see it coming. Just as our friend was approximately abreast of the model taking off, his eyes picked up the other Stik as his own. In the meantime (as we discovered an hour or so later), his model had continued unhampered and uncontrolled straight ahead, crashing into a golf course several hundred yards to the west. I might mention the golfers were not amused.

On another occasion, one of my friends who did a lot of training of newbies was helping a beginner with his brand new trainer, checking everything, starting the engine, tuning it, and explaining what he was doing at every step. After getting the engine tuned and idling properly, he told the proud owner that he wanted to check the engine at full power with the nose up to be sure it wasn't too lean. The owner, eager to please, held the airplane vertical while the engine test was made, and was still holding it in that position when the instructor reduced the power to idle.

Yes, the fellow was a beginner, but he had been at the park for a couple of hours, and certainly must have seen what others were doing all around him. No doubt nerves pickled his brain at that moment, because when the instructor nodded at him, assuming the fellow would put it down at the edge of the runway, the poor guy simply tossed it straight up into the air, nose pointed skyward, engine at idle.

Incredibly, the stunned instructor, having more skill and presence of mind than most of us, punched the throttle full forward, managed to get the thing wallowing into the air and flew it out into the pattern. Another fine example of what happens when we assume something.

After getting into this subject, I realized I have some more funny ones that ended up safely, but they'll have to wait until next issue. In the meantime, if you care to add to the list, or suggest another safety subject, I'm always available: flyerdon@aol.com. →

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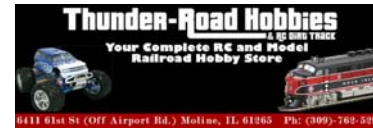
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