

Plane Talk

2008



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Next Meeting

Wednesday June 11, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
at the Flying Field

In case of rain: Deere Wiman Carriage House
817 11th Avenue
Moline, Illinois



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Minutes of the May 14th, 2008 meeting

President Rockne Brosman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

1. 17 Members were present.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
3. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Announcements and Business:

1. Two new members, Shad McKay and Wayne Youngberg were welcomed to the club.
2. This winters dome flying was discussed, if you have any comments or suggestion on improvements for next season please let one of the club officers know.
3. Kelly reported that he has sent out about 100 letters to vendors asking for pilot donations to give away as pilot prizes at the upcoming Fun Fly and Float Fly.
4. Rick reported that the mowing trailer is now at the field.
5. Mark Chronister is setting up a mowing schedule for the summer, if you can help please let him know.
6. Field clean-up chores were discussed, this Saturday, May 17th will be the first clean-up day this season, please help out if you can.
7. Rick will call the outhouse company to have our portable toilet cleaned up and reopened.
8. A club picnic has been scheduled for June 15th at the flying field. Bring a dish to pass and something to fly.
9. Designating a weeknight as "New Flyer" night was discussed. It was decided that every Tuesday night, weather permitting, instructors will be available to help our many new members earn their wings. If you can help out please contact Mark Chronister, or show up any Tuesday about 6:00 PM throughout the summer.

Show and Tell

Norm Teter brought his E-Flite Blade 400 Helicopter that he has done some modifications to.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Bryant - Secretary

Calendar of Events

June 7-8	Orchard Farm R/C Flyers Fly-In 9am to 4pm at North St. Charles County, MO
June 7-8	SIG Fly In: Montezuma, IA
June 11	QCSR meeting 7:00pm at the Flying Field
June 15	Club Picnic: Starting at 12pm til dark
June 15-16	The American Barnstormers Tour in Iowa City, Iowa
June 21-22	Freeport R/C Modelers Sneek-In Fun Fly at 'Sneeks' airstrip, Freeport, IL. Contact: dracso@verizon.net
June 28	DRCS Fun Scale Fly-In 8am to 3pm at Seven Cities Sod Farm
July 9	QCSR meeting 7:00pm at the Flying Field
Aug 10	QCSR Fly-In 10am to 4pm at the Flying Field
Aug 24	QCSR Float Fly 10am to 4pm at Cambells Island



Hanger Talk – *From the Prez*

Finally, comfortable flying weather has arrived. Hope all can get to the field and blow off the dust.

The field is in good condition and available to Club Members. If the gate is closed please use the combination and close it behind you.

As mentioned at a previous meeting, the Village of Milan has asked that the Skyraiders do a demonstration at Camden Park in conjunction with their July fireworks presentation. (Held on July 3rd a Thursday). They assured that a clear area would be provided and we are free to get donations, raffles, etc. Perhaps the dome-starved among us could do a couple sessions of Slow Stick Combat, or perhaps delta blue pylon racing, as well as general park flying. The space isn't large enough or appropriate for large or fast planes. We'll discuss this at further at the June 14th meeting

Rockne

New Flyer Training Nights

This summer, we are re-instituting our training nights every Tuesday evening. The club will be having 'seasoned' members available starting around 6 p.m., to help new flyers or anyone who needs some help.

Anyone who can help out and lend a hand please give Mark Chronister a call. Also if you cannot make it on Tuesday evenings, and would like some help, please don't hesitate to call Rockne Brosman, Mark Chronister or Rick Haney a call.

Field Maintenance

Mark Chronister is setting up the mowing schedule again this year, and we need volunteers to help with the mowing to keep the field up. Anyone who can help with this task please give Mark a call. Last year, the volunteers were scheduled once every six weeks or so. Once the schedule is made, we will have a training time setup to show everyone the ropes.

Field Etiquette

For our veteran flyers, please remember that we all need to respect other flyers at our field. Whether we like to soar, fly circuits, pattern flying, 3-D, or just tearing up the sky, we all need to share the field with everyone else.

Remember also that 'noisy' aircraft are not allowed to be started before 8a.m. in respect for our field's neighbors.

The American Barnstormer Tour will be coming to Iowa City June 15-16.

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DeCap's Corner



Tips and Tricks When a Little Makeup Will Help

A lot of us weigh and grade our balsa when we bring it home. Like a lot of modelers, I'll use a pen or magic marker and write the weight of the sheet in grams, and the density in pounds per cubic foot on one end of a 3 x 36 sheet of balsa. Every now and then I won't notice the black mark

on the back side of the strip of balsa or on a former or rib until it's glued into place. My experience is that those marks are tough to sand out. Reader Mike Moskow in Maryland builds beautiful rubber scale models. He has a solution for those black marks in the wrong places. He suggests that you go to an art supply store and get a tube of titanium oxide white artist's paint. It will cover all other colors and when dry, is a near match for balsa.

He says that you can use it to cover laser burns as well. Using it for that purpose may save you a lot of time expended in either bleaching or sanding the laser burn off kit parts. But you'll still need to sand the laser burn off the joint areas because glue doesn't stick as well to the laser-burned material as it does to bare wood. Using the titanium oxide should speed construction on laser-cut kits.

—*From the Southern California Ignition Flyers, Glendale, California*

The Know-It-All Modeler

A very knowledgeable modeler with a know-it-all arrogant attitude challenged club members that he could answer any model related questions. For a small \$5 bet, he would go around and ask each member to ask one question. If he answered wrong, he would lose the bet. True to his words, he could answer all questions until finally no modelers would take up the challenge.

Always on the lookout for a new victim, one day the arrogant modeler came across a new novice member. "I challenge you that we will take a turn to ask model-related questions," said the modeler. "But because you are a novice, if I can't answer your question, I'll pay you \$100 dollars. But if you can't answer my question, you'll pay me \$5."

The novice just wanted to get on with his flying and refused the bet. However, after repetitive, annoying words from the arrogant modeler, the novice just wanted him off his back so he accepted the bet.

The novice asked his question first: "What airplane has five wings, three tails, and one aileron, fitted with only an O.S. 28 and can go up to 250 km/h?"

After a long thought, the arrogant modeler concluded for the first time, he did not know the answer and paid the novice \$100.

"So what's the airplane called?" asked the arrogant modeler.

"I don't know," said the novice. He handed over the \$5 and pocketed the remaining \$95 for himself. Then he got on with his flying!

- *From the Windom Eagles Model Airplane Club, Windom, Minnesota*



How I see it

It has been a couple of daze since I wrote an article for the news letter so I'll give it a shot again.

In the last two months not much has gone on in the world of model airplanes other than the dome flying. I've been out of town and missed the last several dome flying sessions. I was told that there was a low turnout for the five hour fly. Guess it is getting time for outdoor flying to start!

Speaking of turn outs, we had a fair turnout at the meeting Wednesday night. The meeting was to be at the field but the river water was lapping at the north side of the runway so the decision was made to hold it at the Carriage House.

We discussed a number of topics at the meeting. One discussion was about how to grow our club back to what it has been in the past. We talked about the misconception that has keep members from flying from the "new" field. Let me first say that this has been one of the craziest years with the snow melt and rains causing the river to flood us out. This I'm sure has not helped the situation. I don't want to dwell on this too much but I will give some of my thoughts. I'm not sure where the misinformation came from or how it got started but it was rumored that our field is surrounded by trees and is too tight to fly from. **FACT:** Our runway is actually 100 feet longer than the runway at the old field, wide open to the east and is a long distance from houses to the west. The tree line to the north is a bit closer that we might like but is very sufficient for the over fly area. **PLUSSES:** We don't have to drive a long distance to fly. The cost to the club for the field is \$1.00 a year. The city has gone along with just about anything that we want to do. So if anyone can find a better field by all means let us know about it!

We hit on something that we used to do and will start doing again. Have a club night "trainer night". It will be on Tuesday evenings starting around 6:00 PM till dark.

June 15th will be our first PICNIC of the year. Details to come at the next meeting and by e-mail.

Don't forget our Fly In, Aug.10th and get a set of pontoons ready for the Float Fly, Aug. 24th.

We had a clean up day Saturday May 17th and the field looks good. The toilet is in operation now. Life is good again!

Rain Rain Go Away Come Again Some Other Day!!!!!!

What is going on with mother nature?

Have a good one

Rick Haney

Humor Corner

Pilot: "Folks we have reached our cruising altitude now, so I am going to switch the seat belt sign off. Feel free to move about as you wish, but please stay inside the airplane until we land... it's a bit cold outside and if you walk on the wings it affects the air flow over the wings." from RC Gulls Tale-Spinner, Banger ME.

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