



Plane Talk

May 2010

Next Meeting

Wednesday May 12th, 2010 @ 7 PM
 At the QCSkyraiders flying field
 Moline, IL
 In case if rain, it will be at the Deere Wiman
 Carriage House

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Minutes of the April Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Haney at 7:00
 There were 16 members present, with one guest.
 The Secretary's report was accepted as read.
 The Treasurers report was accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rick reported that the lease has been paid for the year. A field clean up date was set for April 24. General clean up ,painting, and cutting of fly over area stump growth. Rick reported that the June Float Fly sanction has been recieved from AMA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Non-Profit information has been sent in. A May 15 th. date was set for the club's weenie roast. Start time 2:00, will eat at 5:00 and fly till dark, or till everyone get's tired of flying.

SHOW AND TELL:

Dan brought in an Aeroworks 120 Size Yak 54. He will use an OS 160 for power. Kelley brought in a Minus funfly airplane powered by a Webra .32 size engine. Both sharp looking airplanes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted: Larry McWorthy Sec.

Calendar of Events

May 2	Pylon race Sod Farm
May 12	QCSR Meeting
May 15	QCSR Weenie Roast/Night Fly
June 6	QCSR Float Fly
June 6	Pylon Race Sod Farm
June 19-20	Sneek In Freeport
June 26	DRCS Scale Meet
June 27	Fun Fly Streater RC Flyers
July 18	Pylon Race Sod Farm
July 25	DRCS Flying Weenie Roast

HOW I SEE IT from the Prez

For May



The weather is nice!! The field is nice!! Lets use it!!

Several of us have been out to blow the dust off our "new" planes. The weather has been quite nice. The winds or lack of wind has made it as good as you could ask for. Now, Friday April 23, we are having the April showers. Looks like it will rain off and on for the next week.

Keep in mind that our Weenie Roast and Night Fly will be May 15th and our first Float Fly of the year will be Sunday June 6th.

I've talked to several members about lighting our planes and there seems to be a number of good ways to get the job done. One way is be sure to get fresh sticks. The old leftovers from last year will not last long. Another way is LED lights. They are more

expensive but really put out the best light. And last is the battery powered Christmas tree lights. The clear ones are what I use and I just tape them to the bottom of the wing and fuselage.

I gave out info on flying from the water at our last meeting. If you give it a try you will wonder why you didn't give it a try sooner. It is addictive. I've been hooked for quite a number of years.

Work day turned out not to be. One person besides Les came out to the field. Weather played a large roll in the lack of participation. We do need the growth on the tree stumps trimmed. A chain saw will be the way to go. This needs to be done whenever the help is available. Also the painting of the shed can be done whenever someone can do it. An invitation is not needed. Just do it if you have the time.

Wife and I were on the way to Atlanta the first of May but due to the flooding in Nashville we had to return home and will do the trip at a later date. It was hard to believe that I-24 was shut down due to high water. They showed a portable class room floating down the highway.

Don't forget the meeting will be at the field Wednesday the 12th. Bring a plane and have some fun before the meeting.

Have a good one.
The Prez.

DeCaps Corner



SIGN OF THE TIMES

We were in the Iowa City area and had a little free time, so I decided to take a detour and drive to North Liberty and drop in on the hobby shop there. I usually will stop in several known hobby shops just to see if they have anything that I just cannot do without. I generally will find something and if I don't, I at least get a chance to just touch base with them.

You probably know where this is going... As we approached Mid America Hobbies, I did not see any cars in the lot. There did not look like any of the lights

were on, and I thought that maybe they had changed their hours, or had to close for the day. I got out of the car, and looked in the front door and windows and saw that the building was bare.

I did not think that they would be closing or moving since they had just built and moved into this location within the last year or so. Since there wasn't a sign on the door, I don't know what happened, other than the most likely reason of not enough business to keep the doors open.

Other hobby shops that I have stopped in, have all said pretty much the same thing, people are not spending as much in hobby shops and they cannot carry the stock that they used to. They also attribute some of this to the internet. It is so easy for people to just order on line and have their purchase arrive at their front door.

We can also account for some of this just by looking at our own club's membership roll. At present we have 41 active members. How do we keep their interest and possibly get previous members back? And how do we get more young people to take interest? The following is a couple of articles I ran across...

TIPS FOR CLUBS

The Club Corner

By Jim Wallen, *Insider* Club Column Editor

One of the things to keep in mind is that our hobby is all about having clean, wholesome, safe fun. Maintaining a positive, interesting atmosphere at our club meetings and at the flying field is what it's all about. Anything club officers or members can do to promote this atmosphere makes our hobby enjoyable for all our participants.

How can we best accomplish this?

Shake things up a bit. The same old routine at club meetings can get a little boring. Add a new and different fun-fly at the field. Bring in a guest speaker. Conduct one of your club meetings in a new place that perhaps you have never thought about. How about a senior citizens' center?

Our hobby thrives through diversity. We can focus on warbirds, Scale, helicopters, static displays, gliders; the list goes on. Bring some diversity into your club membership. Strive to recruit some females and youth. Initiate a fun-fly specifically for teams of spouses or "significant others." Think out of the box. Your club will grow and benefit from your efforts.

From the District X Newsletter

Getting Kids Interested in Modeling

By Mike Brown, Interim District X Vice President

Today's youth have "more choices" of things to do, such as video games, which for the most part are done indoors. But many still like to do outside things.

So why don't we see them hanging out watching us fly, asking question after question? I think

it's because clubs are not in towns the way they used to be. Kids can't watch modelers fly right in their own neighborhoods, becoming interested the way I am sure many of you did when you were young.

So, because most clubs are way out past the edge of town, how can we introduce kids to modeling?

One way is at events where we advertise something such as buddy-box flying, or free rubber-powered airplane building. Parents will bring their kids to those events.

I thought the Park Pilot program would be huge. With very low-cost insurance, pilots could have another club in town, flying little stuff. Then once again we would introduce modeling to kids. If you've ever flown a small airplane or helicopter at your local ball field I am sure you know what I mean. I bet you've had kids (of all ages) come by to watch and ask questions.

Another way is to go to schools and talk with teachers about our clubs. Invite them out for a field trip or offer to come to the school with a couple club members and build and fly gliders or rubber-powered airplanes. This way we can reach classrooms full of students all at the same time.

That is what this article is about, getting kids interested in aviation, modeling, and learning a little science, math, and a few other things, all at the same time.

The AMA has a program called AeroLab. It is a set of two DVDs, that teaches folks like us, or school teachers, how to teach kids how to build and fly a few simple rubber- and glider-type airplanes (even a paper helicopter), and learn some basic concepts in physical science at the same time. Now before you say, "I can't teach that stuff," I never learned it as a kid myself. That is why the DVDs are so good. They teach you how to do it, and it's simple, basic stuff.

I thought I'd let you know about one part of the program I am going to use soon. It's been raining every day here lately and it's something we can do inside a classroom, or several at the same time in a gym. This is the simplified version, but if you get the DVDs it goes into detail with a video of everything.

You build a slide-together, rubber-powered balsa plane. One end of a two-meter piece of string is attached to one end of the wing, the other end is attached to a nail (by means of a paper clip). The nail (in a piece of wood) is taped to something such as an upside down garbage can (to hold the string in the air). You wind the rubber band (the same number of winds each time) and place the airplane on the ground. One student has a stop watch, another will count laps. The airplane is released and within a lap it will take off and the time started. The laps are counted and the time stopped when the wheels touch down. Figuring the distance around the circle and the time flown will give speed. Weight can be added and

the effects of drag taught, or two airplanes can be put on the same nail and you have Pylon Racing!

The DVDs are helpful. It's a simple way to get kids started in modeling and inviting them to the field for a field trip will provide even more fun.

The fun ideas on the DVDs can also be done at the field, but so can others. Take a simple Delta Dart build. It takes about one hour for a group of 40 people to build and balance their creations. That is of course with a good group of volunteers and setting up properly at the start.

If you plan to do this with a larger group, or if you need to get the build done faster (like at a mall show), stick to a glider or simple, slide-together, rubber-powered airplane like the DVDs talk about. These can do the trick nicely.

For a more challenging build, the Delta Darts are only \$41.99 for a pack of 35 through the AMA store. All you need to supply are pins, single-edge razor blades (supervised of course), glue, and a building board (which is a small piece of cardboard).

The Northern California R/C Unlimited Flyers like to have the builders meet in the center of the runway at noon for a mass launch.

Remember to read the directions and balance your airplanes. Little rubber planes, such as the Delta Dart, don't fly worth a hoot if they aren't balanced!



The May meeting will be held at the flying field at 7pm. Come early and bring a plane along for a little fun before the meeting.

We will be having a wiener roast and night fly on Saturday May 15th. Come out early to enjoy some daylight flying and to trim out your night flyer. We will be starting to eat around 5 pm, bring a dish to share and your own tableware. At dusk we will start our night flying. If you have never tried this before, now is the time to try. If you're still apprehensive, come out and enjoy the sights. It really does give one a different perspective on flying aircraft.



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