



# *Plane Talk*

November 2009



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## *Next Meeting*

Wednesday November 11, 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

Due to Meeting at Dean Mopin's Mt. Joy aircraft hanger(s), all business was suspended until next month.

Those in attendance were treated to seeing several of Dean Mopin and Don Gunstrom's aircraft.

## NOTICE

Since our last meeting had all business being tabled until this month, this meeting we will have our nominations and election of officers. Anyone who wishes to hold any of our offices should be in attendance. Also this is yet another time in which your voice can and should be heard. We thank all our officers who have given their time to help make our club successful.

## Calendar of Events

Nov 7 Indoor Flying in the Davenport Golf Dome 9-11pm  
Nov 11 QCSR Meeting 7pm at Deere Wiman Carriage House  
Nov 21 Indoor Flying in the Davenport Golf Dome 9-11pm  
Dec 9 QCSR Meeting 7pm at Deere Wiman Carriage House  
Dec 12 Indoor Flying in the Davenport Golf Dome 9-11pm



## How I See It – by Rick

I didn't get my article to Mike in time to get it into the new letter so I'll start over again for this letter.

Erie's contest was a rain out. Try again next year.

I have noticed quite a few cigarette butts in the pit areas.

I don't smoke and don't like picking up after the folks that do. If you are guilty please take care of the problem.

Elections will be next month. Be sure to let us know what office you would like to run for.

Two loads of dirt was used to fill most of the holes in the runway. Don't have to worry about stubbing your prop going down the runway.

I was told the E-Fly was a good event. I was unable to attend the E-Fly but was told it was a good event.

I did make it to the Bud Miller Fun Fly and had a good time as usual. Lots of excitement due to the cross wind. One plane bit the dirt. The crash was done almost right! The plane was not rebuild able but it crashed way to far out to hear the sound of destruction. The impressing crash happened when the pilot attempted to fly the limbo inverted and hit the ground several feet beyond the poles. The impressive part was, even the engine mount was broken and the vertical stab was broken off, the plane was repaired and flew in two events later in the afternoon.

I will say it again. If you don't enter a contest you are missing out on a good time. If you can take off and land you will be able to participate in most contests. At least go to one to see what it's all about. By the way you might take a plane so when you see how simple it is you can sign up to give it a try.

I will not make the DRCS's night fly. I'll be in Wisconsin that weekend kicking back and taking it easy. This is another one that you might want to go see what's going on. They had good turn out and fun for all.

I purchased a new 2.4 Ghz radio and am having a problem pulling out the antenna when I'm going out to fly. It's an old habit. I kind of like the radio.

Our meeting was held at the Davenport Airport. We were invited to see the planes that Don Gunstrom and Dean Mopin fly. Don purchased a Waco and an AT6 in the last year. They also have a Setabria, Cristian Eagle, Great Lakes and a Stearman. Of all the planes the Waco is probably the most beautiful plane you will ever feast your eyes on. It is actually an experimental plane. It was built from original factory plans and over a period of twelve years it was completed. The attention to detail is very evident.

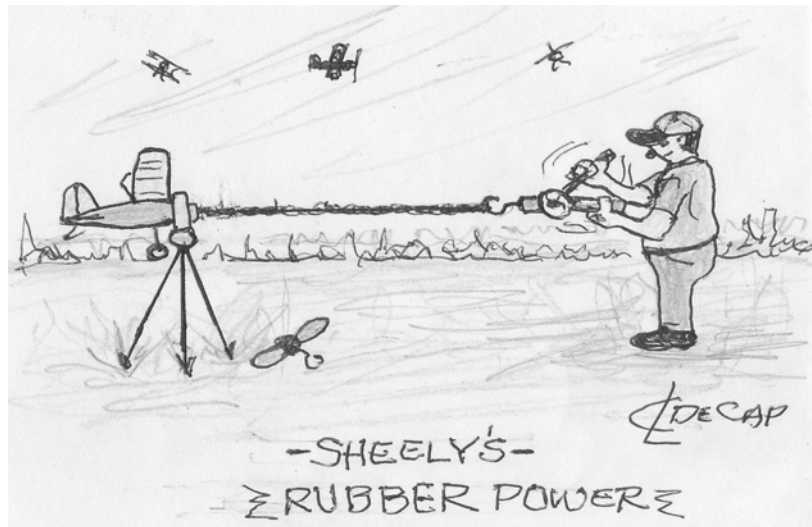
Went to the hobby expo in Rosemont, IL. Didn't see as much stuff for airplanes as I had expected.

Are you ready for winter?? I'm not either.

Have a good one.

Rick

## DeCaps Corner



Don Gunstrum and Dean Mopin's Waco and Christian Eagle



### For Sale

The estate of Bill Vidmar will be auctioned off November 21st at 3939 4th St. East Moline. Watch for the auction bill in the papers. There will

be quite a bit of airplane stuff. Kits, engines, parts, tools and other related stuff. He was a long time modeler years back.

### Indoor Flying

It's that time of year again. The management of the Davenport Golf Dome has again open their doors to let us enjoy our hobby during the winter months. So far the following dates have been secured: November 7<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 til 11pm. We have a choice between December 19<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have a preference between either of these two dates, either let Phil Vernon know ([big.phil@mchsi.com](mailto:big.phil@mchsi.com)), or show up the first night of flying and express your choice.

The fee of flying will be the same as previous years, \$10. Also the rules for flying are the same as in past years.

- **AMA Valid Membership card**
- **\$10 flying fee**
- **Plane size less than 16oz. flying weight**
- **Must use AMA card to get frequency pin**
- **Must have frequency pin to turn on TX**
- **No bare prop shafts (should have some sort of spinner)**
- **No carbon props**
- **All planes should be fully checked out, and deemed flight worthy before taking off.**
- **Aircraft motor(s) only started at the flight line, not in the prep area**
- **Announce take offs and landings**
- **Must have regard for other flyers**
- **Fly in a safe manner**
- **No flying behind the flight line**
- **Helicopters: Blade CX or smaller (no 3D helis)**

The Golf Dome is:

Orthopedic Specialists Sports Complex

5003 North Brady St.

Davenport, IA

If you have never been there before, come out and join the fun. If you would like to come out and just watch, there is no charge to just watch.

### Tips and Tricks

*From the Eugene Prop Spinners, Eugene, Oregon*

#### **Using Kitchen Appliances**

I used to soak pieces of balsa in a pungent mix of ammonia and water in order to bend them around wing tip forms, or other compound curves, like a cowling form. Now I use the microwave.

Soak the balsa (or even plywood) in water for a few minutes, then zap it in the microwave. It comes out limp as a noodle, and ready to form into complex shapes.

Also, Kraft used to sell little plastic clamps with parallel faces. The tension was by a rubber band. These can be adjusted for any amount of pressure depending on your rubber band.

Don't overlook small spring-loaded electrical battery clamps available from Radio Shack. These make nice clamps to hold things in place while the glue dries.

Got a wing warp? A finished model is usually too big and cumbersome to hold over a steaming kettle on your stove. Soak a bath towel in water and put it in the microwave until it is steaming hot. Wrap this around the warped wing. Have some books handy to use as weights to stress the structure in the proper direction a bit more than you would think; this is because the structure will spring back somewhat when it is all over. I hope you realize that even the finest and straightest building board is not much use if a warp creeps in after covering and painting. Butyrate dopes especially keep on shrinking and pulling at the structure.

If you don't have a MonoKote hot air gun, you can use an ordinary hair dryer. It might take a bit longer, but it is safer and you are not likely to melt the plastic film.

An easy way to cut large pieces of MonoKote is with a pizza cutter. You know, this is a wheel with a handle. This works well for irregular shapes of MonoKote. →

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If you cannot attend the meeting you can fill out the following application and send it, your check, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Treasurer to receive your access instructions, membership card and a copy of the by-laws.

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