

Plane Talk

November 2008



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Next Meeting

Wednesday November 12, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
at the Deere Wiman Carriage House
817 11th Avenue
Moline, Illinois



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Minutes of the October 8th, 2008 meeting

President Rockne Brosman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM
9 Members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, appended, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Announcements and Business:

1. It was decided to postpone getting a building permit until spring.
2. A new weed trimmer has been purchased. It is stored in the shed at the field.
3. The club will take on the responsibility of getting a portable toilet for the float fly next year.
4. It was voted and approved to donate money to a charity yet to be determined in honor of our good friend and life long club member Donn Huggins.
5. Winter flying at the dome was discussed. We are looking for ways to boost attendance and revise the general flying rules.
6. Branding and locking the picnic tables was discussed.
7. November 8th there will be another cookout and night fly – weather permitting.

Show and Tell

Mike Cobert showed a 3.1 oz biplane he setup for night flying. It has a 16 inch wingspan and uses an Airhog battery to power the lights.

Program

Everyone shared their thoughts and expertise on how to correctly wire connections for electric powered airplanes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Bryant - Secretary

Calendar of Events

Nov 8	QCSR Night fly and Weiner Roast
Nov 12	Club Meeting Deere Wiman 7:00 PM
Dec 7	Freeport Swap meet and Auction Cedarville, IL
Dec 10	Club Meeting Deere Wiman 7:00 PM

NIGHT FLY and Wiener Roast

Come join in the fun! We are having another night fly and wiener roast on Saturday Nov. 8. The club will be providing the wieners and buns. Bring a dish to pass, plates, silverware and your own beverages.

There will be prizes for the brightest plane, worst landing and most flights.

If you don't want to fly, come out and just enjoy. With any luck the mosquitoes will not be with us this time.

JUST A REMINDER

There still is some flying time left this year, so take advantage of the remaining good days left. Remember, do not fly or fire up your gas/nitro powered planes or helicopters before 9a.m.

Dome Flying

The dome schedule this year has not been set as of yet. Management at the dome has told us that there are no nights available until probably the middle of January. They have said that if there is enough interest that they do have some Saturday mornings available from 7a.m. to 9a.m. If you are interested in flying on Saturday mornings please contact Mike Cobert or Phil Vernon (big.phil@mchsi.com). It would be a shame to lose this indoor flying site due to lack of interest.

How I See It – by Rick



Our weather is changing and the winter building time will be here before we know it. This doesn't mean that we have to stop flying. It just means that we will be doing it a bit differently. At the last meeting we

discussed flying in the Dome and that some changes might need to be made to insure that everyone has a good time

Speaking of building. For those of you who have not entered into the world of building, it is a great relaxation time. Once you start building a plane you will find that time will fly while your at the work table.

Whether you are a first time builder or an accomplished builder the end

result is the same. You can say I did it myself. So give it a try and if you get stuck give someone a call. There are many years of building knowledge and experience in our club and I'm sure that help is just a phone call away.

You know what is neat about this hobby? You can stretch your imagination and design a plane for a specific purpose. Whether it flies to your expectations or not will depend on how well you did your homework. A group of us are in the process of designing a combat plane for use in the Dome. It will be electric (of coarse), have a 36" span (give or take) be very maneuverable, light weight, very strong and above all be easy to build and quick to repair. Shouldn't be too hard to do. I hope.

The club has lined up another wiener roast and night fly Saturday November 8th. I was not here (I was in the Atlanta area) for our Night Fly and was not able to attend the DRCS Night Fly (I was in the Wisconsin area). I was on vacation! I think it is neat to participate in this type of event. It's also a fun thing to watch. I was told that the mosquitoes were out in monumental numbers and kind of spoiled a bit of the fun. The reason for the November date is the likely hood that we will have had our first frost and hence the mosquitoes will not be a factor. I was told it is hard enough to fly in the dark but swatting mosquitoes at the same time makes for some interesting flying.

TAKE NOTE:

Just talked to a friend of mine in the Atlanta area and he told me of a situation that one of their members had happen while charging lithium batteries. I will pass it on so hopefully the same will not happen to one of you. While charging several batteries he started to charge a battery that had already had a full charge in it. The charger was one that detects the number of cells automatically. In that the battery already had a full charge the charger mistakenly thought that it had four instead of three cells. The charger began its charging process and guess what? Lithium batteries burn violently when over charged! So if you have this type of charger be sure to check that it picks up the correct number of cells.

The Cobb County RC Flying Club has a neat contest coming up next month. They will see how much weight they can carry with a 40 size plane. I heard quite a few ideas, some were not so go if you stopped to think of what they had in mind. The weight will be 3 X 4 pieces of steel of different thicknesses. One of their members said he would send info and pictures to me. What we can't think up to do with model airplanes.

Have a good one.

Rick Haney



Donn Huggins
1926 - 2008



Last month we lost one of our builders, a good friend and above all a great story teller. Donn Huggins passed away. His passing is like a library burning to the ground. All the stories, some fact, some fiction and some fact that was sprinkled with a bit of fiction were all worth hearing. He delighted in saying "Let me tell ya" and then out came a story. Some were pretty wild.

Huggy flew PBYS on missions over the eastern coast line of the US looking for enemy submarines while in the Army Air corps, during WWII. He had many interesting stories about his service time.

If I remember correctly, Huggy was an AMA member back in the forties. His building skills were very good but he had to use yellow glue. We often teased him about using yellow glue rather than the new super glues. He said he liked to pick the glue off his fingers after it dried. He enjoyed gliders, probably more than anything. Many times he told about flying the gliders with his son Mark.

Huggy was always at the field to fly and later on to watch or give some words of "wisdom".

Huggy will be missed by many.

Rick Haney



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

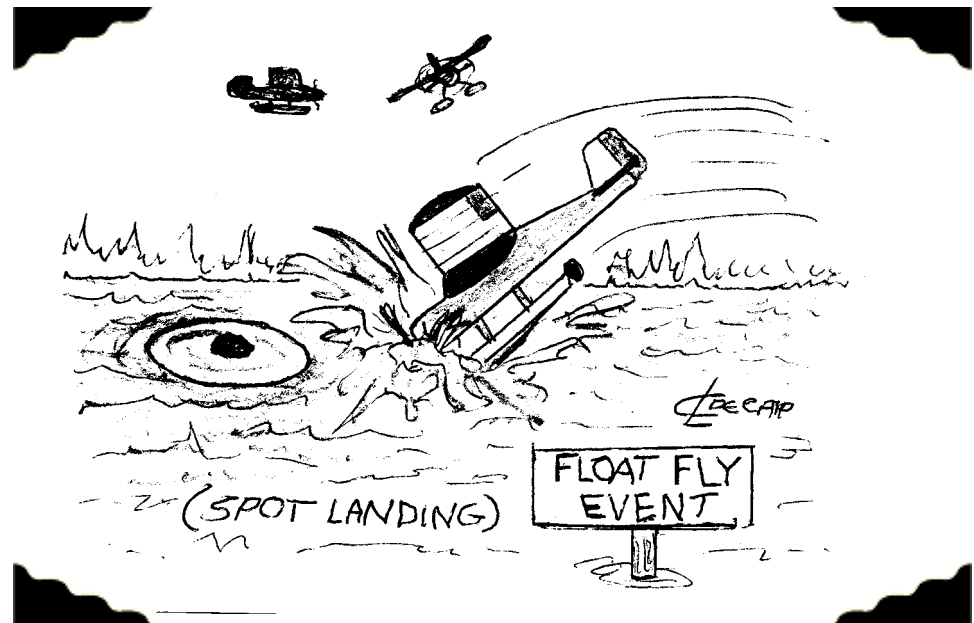
November is here and once again it is time for nominations for our club officers. So if anyone out there is so inclined to volunteer to serve as one of our officers, please let it be known. Election of officers will be at our December meeting.

Club dues can be paid anytime now also.

And your AMA dues notices have been sent out and can be sent in anytime now. If you plan on flying in the dome or partaking in any of the events that are normally scheduled around the first of the year, you must have your new AMA card. It would be a shame that you may not be able to fly because your new card had not arrived in the mail yet.

On another note, as many of you probably already know, HobbyTown USA in Davenport has closed. There are various reasons for why businesses close, but it usually comes down to dollars and cents. Local hobby shops can only exist by those of us who enjoy our various hobbies supporting them. I know that sometimes the local hobby shops may not have what you are looking for in stock, but most times they can have it for you in a couple of days. By supporting our local hobby shops, we are helping to promote and grow our hobbies.

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