

# *Plane Talk*

November 2007



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## ***Next Meeting***

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
at the Deere Wiman Carriage House  
817 11th Avenue  
Moline, Illinois



## 2007 Officers

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## Minutes of the October 10th, 2007 meeting

President Les Schjelderup called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

1. 10 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:**

4. The current condition of the flying field was discussed. The park gates are open and the grass is growing again. Still plenty of nice weather ahead to get out and fly.
5. Mike Cobert gave a report on the first dome fly of the season. The dome flying schedule for November – March will be the same as last year, 10-Midnight on the first and third Friday of each month.
6. A nominating committee was formed for the upcoming election of Officers. Rick Haney, Mark Chronister, and Les Schjelderup volunteer to be on the committee. Please let one of them know which Officer position you would like to be nominated for.
7. The DRCS Night Fly will be held Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Show and Tell**

Rick Haney show a photo from the Dubuque Fly-In. It was of his crashed Sig Senior #10.

It has already been rebuilt and is now label Senior #10 ½.

Glenn Williams show a picture of his 20 year old Astro Hog that he outfitted with floats.

He was very disappointed that the Float Fly had to be canceled.

### **Program**

Rick and Mark showed various methods of setting up an airplane for night flying.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

*Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Bryant - Secretary*

## Calendar of Events

Nov 2	Dome Flying 8PM to 10PM
Nov 14	Club Meeting - Deere Wiman 7:00 PM Nomination of Officers
Nov 16	Dome Flying 8PM to 10PM ? check for times - <a href="http://www.ossportscomplex.com">www.ossportscomplex.com</a>
Dec 7	Dome Flying – check for times
Dec 12	Club Meeting - Deere Wiman 7:00 PM Election of Officers
Dec 14	Dome Flying -



### **Hanger Talk – *From the Prez***

The Davenport flying club annual Night Fly was held on the evening of October 13, 2007 at the Seven City Sod Farm and it was a good evening for it. There were very light winds, no rain, and even the temperature was not bad for this time of year. Believe there were 8 pilots with 9 aircraft this year. And I believe this is a first, there were no injuries to either pilot or aircraft. There were a couple of rough landings but no crashes. As usual, there were a lot of spectators at this event. Photos of these fearless pilots can be viewed at the Davenport club web site: <http://sharepoint.davenporttrc.org> Go to their site, click on gallery and then select “Night Fly 2007”. There is also a neat photo submitted by Kelly Bryant where he has combined 28 separate images of night flights into one photo.

Although not getting an exact count, there must have been 15 – 20 pilots flying at the Dome in Davenport Oct 19. The air was kept busy for at times there were 6 planes in the air at a time. Toward the end of the evening there was a combat flight with 3 aircraft mixing it up. They used similar planes so no one had an extreme advantage. The evening produced several minor “incidents” but no major crashes. My intent had been to go for a few minutes to watch but ended up staying for the entire 2 hours. It is interesting just to watch so if you have not tried flying at the dome yet, you may try going there to watch. And who knows, you may become interested enough to try it. Keep watch for the published flying times since they are subject to change.

Personally, I was finally able to get out and fly for a couple hours. Met Rick Haney at the field and we each put in a few flights. It was rather cloudy and a bit breezy and gusty. Rick flew his Kadet Senior 10 ½ and I flew my modified Ace 4-60. I had taken my Tequila biplane to the field but decided not to take a chance on flying it with the breeze.

The main upcoming event is the election of club officers. People like Rick Haney and Mark Chronister have done an excellent job leading the club in the past several years but it is not fair that they do most of the work. Please

come to the November meeting considering throwing your hat in the ring for one of the offices or at least nominating someone else that would be willing to take on the challenge. There was an excellent turnout for things like the pre-annual Fly-In work detail, so there are willing people to help.

What types of programs are you interested in having at our monthly meetings? Are there any procedures that you would like to learn? Or are there any building techniques that you have learned that you could share with the rest of the group? Just because you may have done something for years does not mean that everyone else has had the same experience. Share your knowledge with others. For either your program requests or program offers, contact any of the officers or e-mail [les.schjelderup@mchsi.com](mailto:les.schjelderup@mchsi.com)

*Les Schjelderup*

### **How I See It – by Rick**



How about it! Another month has come and gone. Flying is slowing down and so am I! I've been to Missouri, Iowa, Georgia and Wisconsin to fly. Way too much fun.

Just went to the DRCS Night Fly. If you haven't been to a night fly you need to go even if it is just to watch. I can't hardly think of anything dumber than to fly in the dark but it is sure fun. Usually there is some carnage but the airplane gods were good to us this time. Not that we didn't temp fate. You always want to fly your plane before it gets dark so you don't have any surprises in the when it does get dark. Mark Cronister took off with full flaps and the plane jumped almost straight up, about twenty feet in a heart beat and he leveled off and the engine quit. No problem because he did every thing right. He landed the plane without mishap. I did something a bit worse. I didn't check the control surfaces and took off with the ailerons reversed. Du!! I went to low rate and used the rudder to make it around and landed with out any problems. I'm sure there were other stories like forgetting to bring the battery for the lights and so on.

The next thing coming up will be the swap meets. Look in Model Aviation for a swap meet near you.

For all of you that know Huggy, he now lives in Wisconsin. Huggy is doing well and is getting all around town on his scooter. When I stopped to see him he hadn't driven his car yet but will be driving shortly. He was unhappy to leave his friends here but now lives close to his son and daughter. He'll make friends at the first coffee shop that he stops at. Give me a call if you want his phone number.

My wife and I and friends of ours went to Wisconsin for a weekend get away trip. Along with closing their cabin for the winter we went to Oshkosh. We dropped the wives at the shopping mall across the highway from the museum where Ted and I went. We spent five hours there and didn't see all of it. We took the tram to the hangers across the grass runway and to my great

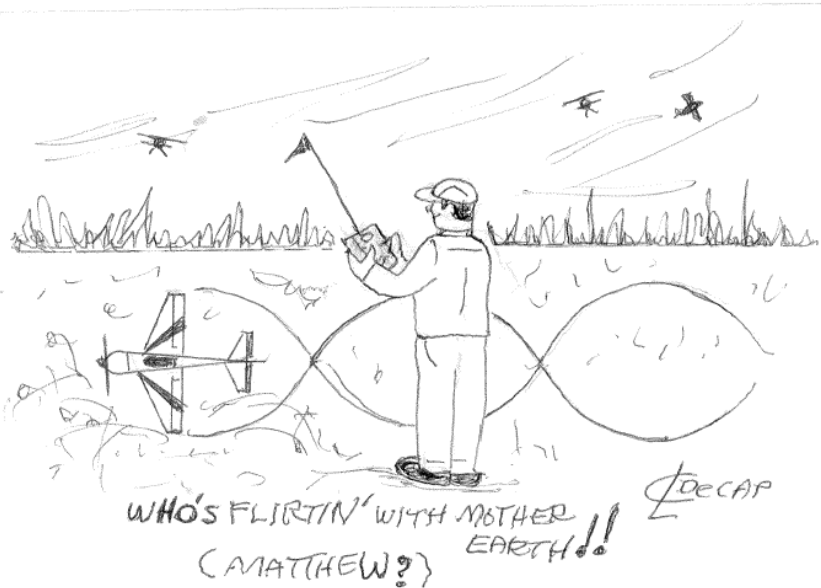
surprise there was a Pitcairn Mailwing plane on display. I'm in the process of building a 1/4 scale Pitcairn Mailwing plane. I DID take a bunch of pictures. I could spend a week once a year at the museum with no problem.

I missed the first Friday night of Dome Flying but was able to get to the dome for the last fifteen minutes of flying the second Friday night. My wife was able to see the craziness that we are involved in when we fly combat. If I had known that they wouldn't fly the combat until the later part of the night I would have brought a plane. Looks like we have another pilot flying combat now so it will be better yet. The more planes in the air the wilder it will get. Love it!!

We had a little get together at Bob McKay's to fly gliders. What a blast! I think there were eight of us that gave it a try. It was a warm day with a dab of wind. Not a perfect day but sure close. We may not be able to get out to Bob's again this year but will have to see if we can meet again next year. Just another shot of fun before the snow flies. The field is now usable so go out and take advantage of the good days that we are having now and then. The field is slowly coming back to life. The new grass on the runway is growing quite well.

Have a good one

*Rick Haney*



*Quad City Skyraiders*  
*Flying Field*  
*Looking for a future by Rick Haney*

We, the Board of Directors of the club, have discussed the low participation and use of the “new” flying facility. We also discussed it with the ten members that attended our last meeting. We had some ideas of what may be causing the low numbers but we need your help. I write this letter to ask the club membership for input. What do you think we need to do different or is it just the sign of the times. I know that when we need help to prep the field for events we have the volunteers that are needed to get the job done but when it comes to using the field the numbers are not there.

At our Fly In this August I spoke to several fellows that told me that they would have brought planes to fly but had been told that the field was surrounded by trees and was hard to take off and land because of the tight field area. I know that we have had over our fair share of bad mouthing about the field, even coming from our own members, some of whom don't fly nor come to meetings, shame on you.

I don't know how many times I have heard, “We can find a better field” or we didn't have to move so soon. As to the moving part. We were told by the new owners that we could no longer use the land. Just that simple. As to the new site. I'm sure there is a better field out there somewhere. If someone can find it I'll be the first to go. But at this time no one has found it! The city offered a wide verity of land to us and we chose what we thought would be the best site for use. The field is good. Our fly over area is not what we might like but we can deal with it. The runway is better than most. It is 40 feet wide 700 feet long and laser graded flat. The best part is that it costs the club a dollar a year and is in the city limits of Moline. We don't have to drive forty five minutes or more to get there. It doesn't get much better than that. Yes we got flooded out this summer but that is life when you are close to the river. I guess all I ask is to build our club not tear it down.

While I was mowing the field today a member stopped by and we were talking about what I just wrote about and he suggested that we have a club evening fly like we used to. I know that other clubs do this and they have a good turn out. Maybe we need this along with several other outings.

**COME TO THE NEXT MEETING AND LET'S TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN MAKE OUR CLUB BETTER AND STRONGER.**

## Dome Flying

Flying in the dome has again taken off at the OS Sport Complex in Davenport. Anyone interested in flying, the fee is \$10, and spectators are free. In order to fly you will need your AMA card. Bob Herrmann will be posting flying nights and times on their web site, [www.ossportscomplex.com](http://www.ossportscomplex.com). Bob said that he would be doing this as a convenient place to inform everyone in case of future scheduling conflicts.

### For Sale Corner

Jayco Popup camper converted to an airplane hauler. First \$75 takes call Mark Chronister 309-236-3324, or e-mail [machonister@mchsi.com](mailto:machonister@mchsi.com)

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I still have some of John Shay's planes and kits as well as the two gliders of Huggy's call Rick Haney - 309-737-8342

## Tips and Tricks

### Installing Control Horns

Your airplane is done and covered and now we have to put holes into that perfect job you've done. That's not bad because the horn and base will cover them. But, now we have to take a small, fine-head Phillips screwdriver and struggle getting those little self-tapping screws to bite on the back. It will happen, the driver slips off and a third hole is in your covering. Here is the tip and kind of input we can all use. Simply take a piece of cardboard, or plywood if you wish to make it permanent, trace the outline of your horn, trim it out, place over the horn and you have eliminated that possible third hole!

—*from John Neilson, the Sun Valley Fliers, Phoenix, Arizona*

**GLAD Press 'N Seal** plastic wrap makes a great masking medium for spray painting. It is sticky on one side and will stick to itself, or the item you want to paint. It is much easier to work with than paper because it clings to the surface without lifting the paint off when removed.

—*From Flightline, Casper Airmodelers Association, Casper, Wyoming*

**Protecting Hinges**-Petroleum jelly often has been used on pinned hinges to prevent epoxy glue from sticking to the hinge joint; however, it is difficult to get just the right amount on the hinge and to make sure the hinge is completely coated. A very cool way is to melt the petroleum jelly in a small dish such as a dessert dish (an oven safe type, of course). Use only enough to melt to a depth of about 1/6 of an inch. Fold the hinge and dip the pinned end into the melted jelly. Remove and touch the hinge to a paper towel to remove excess. In a couple seconds, the petroleum jelly cools and has penetrated the hinge. You now have a completely coated hinge joint that epoxy will not stick to.

—*from Schoolcraft Skyhawks R/C Airplane Club, Schoolcraft, Michigan.*

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