

PLANE TALK

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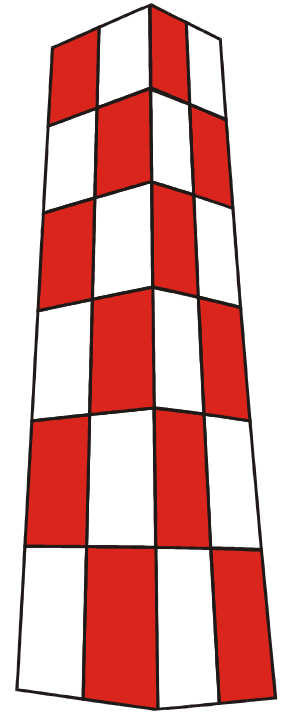


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Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 PM

at the

Deere Wiman Carriage House

817 - 11th Avenue

Moline, Illinois

Program - All about IMAC Competition by Roger Russell



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Minutes of the September 13th, 2006 meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Haney at 6:57 PM. (18 members present)

1. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Old and new business:

3. The next meeting will be at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 - 11th Avenue, Moline.
4. Our Fly-In on August 13th was a great success. We had 30 pilots participate, the weather couldn't have been better, and Hy-Vee Catering was happy with the number of people buying food.
5. The re-dedication of Prospect Park static model display went well. Thanks to the pilots who brought their models out for display. Rick Haney flew his electric Slow-Stick until he was asked to stop because it was frightening the Donkey at the petting zoo.
6. The Erie Flying Club's annual Fun Fly Event was held August 19th and 20th. 8 of the 19 pilots participating on Sunday were from our club. Everyone had a great time.
7. 13 pilots signed in at our annual Float Fly. It was held on Sunday, August 27th, which turned out to be the best weather day of the weekend. We had a few prizes to give away and only witnessed a couple of spectacular crashes.
8. Some of our club members attended a Fly-In over Labor Day weekend in Taylor, Missouri. They reported that it was a very nice event with a large variety of planes. Definitely worth attending next year.
9. The E-Fly Iowa event was held September 9th and 10th at the DRCS Sod farm. A couple of our members tied streamers on their GWS Slow Stick airplanes and tried their hands at a little combat competition.
10. The Park Program for Kids had been canceled. Only two kids signed up to participate. Rick Haney has volunteered to contact those interested and invite them to our field.
11. We have decided to donate some money to a charity that is yet to be determined.
12. Keep in mind elections for new leadership will happen in December. Glenn Williams, Rockne Brosman, and Skip Chick have volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in leading this fine group of R/C pilots please contact one of them as soon as possible.
13. Rick Haney is looking for a couple of people to help give a R/C flight demonstration on September 15th at the Illini Restorative Care Center in Moline. If you can help, please contact him.
14. If you can help with mowing the field during the months of September and October please contact Rick Haney.

Show and Tell:

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bryant, Secretary

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

**Application for Membership
 Quad-City SkyRaiders**

Name

Address

City

State & Zip Code

Phone

Email

AMA #

Frequency #s

**Make checks payable to:
 Quad-City SkyRaiders**

Mail this application along with your check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

**Mark Chronister
 402 - 2nd Ave C
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- Single membership - - - - - \$20
- Senior membership - - - - - \$15
- Junior membership - - - - - \$10
- Family membership - - - - - \$20
 for each dependent - - - - - \$5
- Associate membership - - - - - \$5
- Initiation fee - - - - - \$10
- Junior initiation fee - - - - - \$5

DeCap's Corner



HANGER TALK

from the PREZ



On September 2nd Mark Chronister, his wife, my wife, and I went to Taylor, Missouri to participate in their fly-in. What a bunch of fun! For as many pilots that were signed in, there was ample time to fly as much as you wanted. The landing fee included a rib-eye steak dinner and a chance at many door prizes. We left home at 6:30 AM and arrived in plenty of time to look around and make the pilot briefing. It's about a three hour drive. There were plenty of BIG planes and one really big, 1/2 scale, plane. There were several crashes and only one of those was done correctly. It wasn't rebuildable. We were treated to a full scale Cessna 195 that stopped by to give rides for a twenty dollar bill. When he was making one of several fly-bys we heard a loud bang and saw feathers fly. He had hit a dove and made about a \$6,000+ dent in the wing. There was a video showing the bird being hit. (Right place at the right time.)

There was a young fellow that put on a show with a chopper that made the guy that I thought was so good in Atlanta look like a rookie. Very impressive to say the least. Also, another young fellow had a foamy that didn't use more than a twenty foot box to really put on a show. Don't know how they do it! Young and fearless, I guess.

It's been hard to believe how much rain we have had. Sun - Rain - mow!! The grass has grown so fast that it looks like we should bail the cuttings. The runway looks good and is a treat to use.

The next event was the E-Fly at the Sod Farm. I'm not really into the electrics, but I took two planes to participate. Kelly Bryant and one other individual, that I can't put a name to, and I put our Slow Sticks in the air with streamers attached and did some combat. I was at a disadvantage because I had only a two cell battery and they had three cells. I also found that I was on low rates instead of high rates. We had a ball! Streamers were cut and I was involved in a mid-air. I'm looking forward to doing it again. Maybe we will do more in the dome this winter.

On September 15th, Charley DeCap, Skip Chick, and I went to Illini Restorative Care facility in East Moline to put on a presentation for the elderly folks there. It was a bit windy, but I did fly a Senior, an LT25 on pontoons, a Formosa, an IFO, a Slow Stick and the Air Hog Biplane. The residents really liked the outing. One woman, who was 98 years young, asked more questions than all the rest put together. I flew in the area north of the hospital and had no problems except getting the LT25's pontoons to slide on the grass.

Then there was "The Bud Miller Fun Fly". It was WINDY to say the least! I think everyone knew going in that there was going to be some carnage. There were two planes destroyed and quite a few flipped over because of the wind. Out of 6 events we were to participate in 4 of them. Because of the wind (20+mph) there were some modifications made to the tasks to be performed. Many, many prizes were given out. By the way, there were two sun shades that gave way to the wind.

The next event to happen will be the DRCS Night Fly at the Sod Farm. It might be a good idea to go take a look at what night flying is all about, or even give it a try so you can be ready to participate in our event the following Friday night. ****NOTE** Don't forget to make plans to attend our Picnic / Night Fly on October 20th.** Bring a plane with lights, a dish to pass, your meat, drink and table service. Might be a good idea to bring warm clothing.

Seeing how the next meeting will be held indoors, bring a Show-and-Tell.

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER MEETING. Nominations will be taken up to election time. Please get involved.

Have a good one.
The Prez.

Information for the November newsletter must submitted by October 23rd, 2006.

For Sale

Plan to attend our Picnic / Night Fly
on
Friday, October 20th.

****NOTE****

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 11 Club meeting - Carriage House
- Oct. 13 DRCS Night Fly - Sod Farm
- Oct. 20 QCSR Club picnic - Night Fly**
- Nov. 8 Club meeting - Carriage House
- Dec. 13 Club meeting - Carriage House

Combat Philosophy

by Neil Simpson

I would like to talk about Combat philosophy, that is to say, what represents a good philosophical approach to a Combat match or competition and what doesn't. I suppose when I'm done more folks than usual will suspect I'm full of it; however, for those who will "drink the grape juice," perhaps some of this can be helpful. I will discuss practice techniques, airplane trim, a philosophical approach to conditioning, and equipment preparation.

Remember that for almost all of us, flying Combat model airplanes is an avocation, a hobby, something we should have fun doing. A veteran Combat pilot recently told me that most of us set our goals too high. If your goal is to win every contest, you may have the bar set too high. Unless your name is Stubblefield, Wilcox, or Mears, a goal of winning every time out is not achievable.

This veteran pilot suggested that a more realistic goal would be to fly to your maximum level of ability, and when that is accomplished be satisfied with the outcome regardless if it lands you a spot on the trophy stand. I agree with this. More Combat matches are lost by trying too hard than for any other reason. I see people who should know better, close their eyes (at least figuratively), aim for the noise, and hope for a good outcome. The Combat gods are spiteful; they will let you succeed with this technique once in a while just to encourage more of it.

On your circuit, when you draw certain people for a match do you feel an inevitable mid-air collision is on the horizon? Try looking at that match as a challenge, not as bad luck. Challenge yourself to use a different approach or flying style that might change the outcome. Assume at

least part of the responsibility when the outcome is bad. Mr. Stubblefield or Mr. Wilcox would have found a way to avoid that collision that you keep blaming on the other pilot.

"Neil," you say, "I can't fly both airplanes." Maybe not but, you can challenge yourself to always know where the other model is. The most common physical — not philosophical — mistake I see is one or both pilots not knowing where the other's airplane is. That is where the subjects of practice techniques, airplane trim, equipment, and (believe it or not) physical conditioning come into play. If we need to watch the other pilot's airplane, we need to be able to fly our airplane without looking at it.

Practice Techniques

When you're testing airplanes and engine setups or just plain practice flying, don't waste time with a bunch of figure eights; practice flying your airplane without looking at it. Practice flying inverted so that you don't think of it as upright versus inverted — simply turning one way or the other with equal ease. Fly all of your level laps inverted changing altitude constantly to simulate inverted passes at your opponent's streamer.

Airplane Trim

Don't confuse a touchy trim setup with an airplane that is trimmed to be responsive. If an airplane's center of gravity is correct, you have maximized its ability to turn. From there, adjust your handle spacing to change how much handle movement you need to make it turn. We want the airplane to turn tight and feel responsive, while still be able to be flown eyes off. This needs to match your personal taste and ability, but if you can't fly it without looking at it, you need to slow up the controls.

Another indication that your trim is too touchy for your ability is if, in the heat of com-

petition, you turn a three-foot loop when you were trying for a six footer, or you do three quarters of a loop when you were trying for a switch-back or half loop.

Conditioning

We don't have to be trained athletes to fly model airplanes; however, a little conditioning doesn't hurt. After all, we may need to run around in a tight little circle while looking up for several minutes at a time. Swiveling your neck like an owl is sometimes a requirement, so a little pre-match stretching is good for us older guys. I'm not a proponent of hats either. They're fine between matches to keep balding heads from getting sunburned, but lose them during the match; they restrict your overhead vision.

Equipment

No one wins with unreliable equipment. Keep your setup as simple and as bulletproof as possible. This is where your philosophical approach to a match or a competition ties back to your equipment. If you truly fly to your level of ability, without exceeding it, you won't be pounding the ground all day. If you stay out of the ground, tanks and fuel lines won't get punctured and develop leaks, needle valves won't get bent, engines won't fill with dirt, and airplanes won't weaken (only to fail in subsequent matches).

See how much more fun your day can be with the right philosophical approach. It sure was easy to say, a little tougher to actually accomplish; however, it's a goal much more achievable than winning every contest.

*From the
Miniature Aircraft Combat Association
Waconia, MN*

Planning For Our Future

As you may have heard by now, Rick Haney, our esteemed leader and President, flying field boss, fun fly and float fly organizer, picnic supervisor, contest director, training manager, Park Board liaison, free fence finder, monthly meeting coordinator, flying and building consultant, out of town fun fly representative, crash counselor, and all around nice guy, says he needs some space from the Club. Geez, and we thought things were running so smoothly!

So now we are faced with trying to find someone who can step into Rick's size 14 shoes. Anybody have any good ideas?

The first reality we must face as a club is that there will never be another Rick to do everything for us. Therefore, we must come together as a club and support ourselves. We have some great ideas on how this can come together. We need to talk about them and get some consensus among all of us. Please come to the next meeting and hear how this can work. See you there.

Glenn Williams, Rockne Brosman, Skip Chick

Special thanks, again, to Steve Bush. On Sunday, September 24th, Steve reworked the runway — sowing grass seed and fertilizing. We should have a GREAT runway next year!