

PLANE TALK

November 2006



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Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM

at the

Deere Wiman Carriage House

817 - 11th Avenue

Moline, Illinois

***** Program - Slow, Survivable Combat *****



c/o Rick Haney
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Minutes of the October 11th, 2006 meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Haney at 7:09 PM. (15 members + 1 new 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. George Johnson was welcomed to the Club.
4. The runway was reseeded and fertilized on September 24th. Thanks to Steve Bush and Company.
5. The DRCS night fly will be Friday, October 13th at the Sod Farm.
6. The SkyRaider's Picnic and Night Fly will be Friday, October 20th at 6:00 PM. The Club will provide Brats, Hot Dogs, and Buns, as well as a grill to cook on.
7. Mike Cobert will check on flying at the Dome again this winter. Details to follow soon.
8. The portable toilet will be locked for the winter on October 23rd. The park gates will also be closed on or about the same date.
9. Rick will contact the city about possibly putting a building at the field.
10. Movie Review: Everyone at the meeting that has seen the movie "Fly Boys" gave it two thumbs up.
11. We are going to put a container at the field filled with salt water to deposit spent LiPo Batteries.
12. There will be an Officer meeting in January to go over, and append if necessary, the By-Laws and Field Rules.
13. The Nominating Committee — Glen Williams, Rockne Brosman, and Skip Chick — gave an update on the work they have been doing.

Show and Tell:

- Rockne showed a F-27 Stryker that he just finished building.
- Pete Cone brought a small glow engine plane that he rigged with lights for the upcoming Night Fly.
- Roger Russell showed a World Models 1/3 scale J3 Cub ARF he just purchased. He is going to put a G62 motor in it.

Program:

Roger Russell put on an excellent presentation about flying IMAC (International Miniature Aerobatic Club) competition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bryant, Secretary

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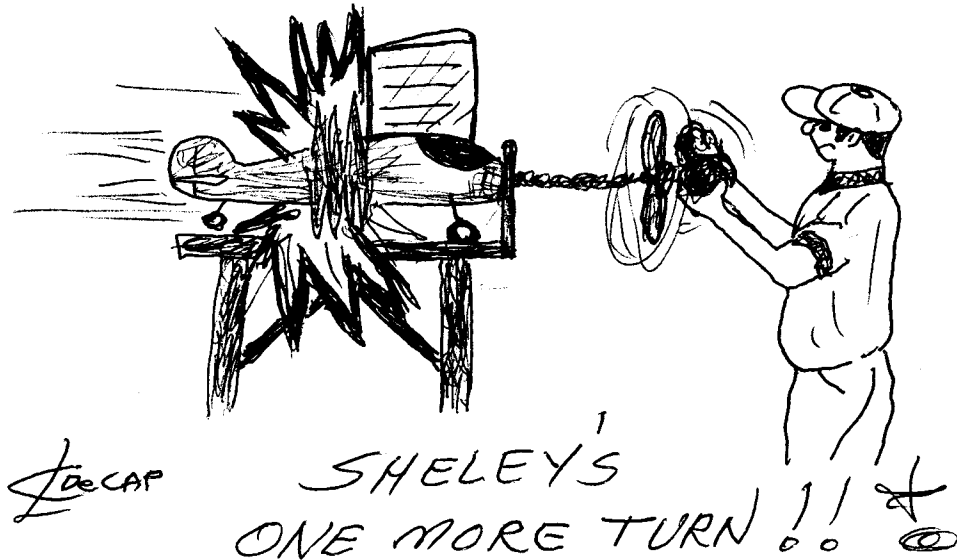
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- Single membership ----- \$20
- Senior membership ----- \$15
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- Family membership ----- \$20
 for each dependent ----- \$5
- Associate membership ----- \$5
- Initiation fee ----- \$10
- Junior initiation fee ----- \$5

DeCap's Corner

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HANGER TALK

from the PREZ

Here it is another month gone, winter is knocking at the door, and our flying is going to be slowing down.

What a bummer! Not to fear for I have good news! The dome is allowing us to fly, as we did last winter, on the first and third Friday of the month from 10:00PM till midnight. If you do not have a small electric plane you might want to look into spending a few dollars and purchase one. Other than being past my bedtime, it sure has been fun to fly and watch others do their thing.

With winter coming, the Park gate has been locked, but we will be able to get in on the west end of the Park using the same combo as for the portable toilet. You will have to lock the gate after you drive in so no one other than Club members can get into the Park. Also, the toilet will be left in place, but the door locked until next spring.

At this coming meeting I would like to set some dates in stone for some events that we will have, like picnics, maybe a Club contest, night fly or whatever. The date for the Fly-In is Sunday August 14, 2007 and the Float Fly will be Sunday August 28, 2007.

Elections will be held at the meeting after this coming meeting. If you have any input as to who you might like to see run for an office or if you might want to run for an office please come and voice your wishes.

We have started out with some pretty good programs so far. At the last meeting Roger Russell gave an informative program on IMAC flying. I'm not into that kind of flying, but was very interested in how they flew the maneuvers and how they were scored. Glen Williams just happened to have a video of IMAC flying and we could see what Roger was explaining.

This coming program will be about Slow, Survivable Combat. Here again, I don't think I will ever do it, but it will be good to learn what it's all about. I am going to try to get something going at the Dome along the lines of combat with maybe the Slow Sticks or the like. Could be fun.

Like I said, even if you don't have an interest in any one aspect of the hobby it is good to find out what else is going on in our hobby. You might just find out that you could get hooked on something you didn't think you liked to do. I didn't think I would like to get into the "little" planes, but I gutted an Air Hog biplane and built a balsa glider and gave it some power and am having a ball with it. It's just something different to do.

The Picnic and Night Fly went well! The weather didn't look too good around 5:00PM, but by 6:00 it was OK and got better as the night went on. If you didn't attend you missed a good time, and some really good food. We had more damage to planes not related to flying in the dark than you could imagine. I don't know if it was the placement of lights on the wings that changed the airfoil or the CG got changed by battery weight and was unnoticed. I did fine flying in the dark with the exception of the lights going out while in flight. My biggest problem was after I got home and was unloading the plane. I closed the van door on the plane and broke the tail feathers.

It will soon be SWAP MEET TIME. The DRCS swap meet will be good again, I'm sure, and the Freeport swap meet is growing as well. The dates for these will be forthcoming.

Got to get going for now. I got planes to build and planes to check out after a flying season's use.

Have a good one.

The Prez.

P.S. Dues can be paid any time now. Don't wait till the flying season starts to pay the Club dues. Also send in for your AMA card so you have it when you want to fly.

Information for the December newsletter must submitted by November 26th, 2006.

For Sale

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 8 | Club meeting - Carriage House |
| Nov. 23 | Thanksgiving |
| Dec. 13 | Club meeting - Carriage House |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas |

The Planning Continues...

The last newsletter included an article about how the QC Skyriders need to have a plan for the future. You may remember, our current president has indicated that this is his last year in the pilot's seat.

A presentation was made at the last meeting by our nominating committee co-chairs, Rockne Brosman, Skip Chick and Glenn Williams. They gave an overview of how the club can continue to have a first class flying site and all the fun we possibly can for the unbelievable price of \$20 a year for dues.

It is obvious that to find someone to replace Rick means someone is going to have to quit their current job to be our president. In the past half dozen years or more the president of the skyriders has been charged with doing it all. Well, that cannot happen any longer. No one has that much time to donate while the rest of us simply hand over \$20. The Skyraider bylaws define the duties of our club officers and nowhere does it say they do it all.

Here is the proposal we discussed at the last meeting. We believe that about four teams need to be formed that do all the things that the officers are not specifically charged with. Here is a short list:

1. Flying field care - mow the grass, trim the fence line.
2. Fun events - Fun Fly, Float Fly, Cross Country Fly
3. Social events - Summer picnic, Fall picnic & night fly, Winter banquet

4. Competitions - Club contest, FARTS (electric pylon racing)

You don't have to look real hard at the fact that all the heavy lifting for these teams is already done. The "how to" is the easy part - all we need is for the teams to come together, pick a date for the events and then make them happen. Example, the field has been laser graded, the grass is growing nicely, we have a state-of-the-art John Deere lawn mower (it's actually fun to mow with this baby), the only thing missing is a team to plan a mowing schedule and make it happen. Another example, the Fun Fly in August is in the record books as a grand success. Carbon copy last August's effort for next year. And the same goes for all the other events. To repeat, the heavy lifting is done - we simply have to copy success.

We are going to need some team leaders and some team members to step in and make things work. Some team members may be on multiple teams and some team leaders may be team members on other teams. Many of us do this now - it's just not formal. To make it work it needs to be formal. And to make it work, we all need to be part of it.

Is it asking too much of each member of the club to be on at least one committee? With about 45 flying members and 40 non-flying members we would have plenty of help if everyone were on one of the teams. Maybe the flying members should be on two teams. One thing is sure, if this were to happen the QC Skyriders would be an awesome group of pilots having about as much fun as our hobby/sport would allow. We

think this would be a great drawing card for new members, too.

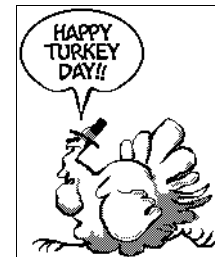
The nomination committee offers the following names for officers for 2007: for

- President - Tom Wise
- Vice President - Les Schjelderup
- Treasurer - Mark Chronister
- Secretary - Kelly Bryant
- Safety Officers -
 - Rockne Brosman
 - Les Schjelderup
 - Glenn Williams.

Newsletter Editor will continue to be John Shay. Please note that the nominations are not closed and anyone may step forward to be considered for an office. If you would like to be a safety officer or work on the newsletter please let us know.

Please come to the next meeting and let's discuss all these things in more detail.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Nominating Committee
Rockne, Skip and Glenn



Truthisms

- Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of takeoffs you've made.
- There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
- You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
- Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.
- Remember, gravity is not just a good idea—it's the law and it's not subject to repeal.
- It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
- In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero, the ground has yet to loose.

From *Space City Crash*
Space City RC Club
Mike Crotts, editor
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