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We have contracted with the Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 hall in Naperville www.napervfw3873.org for our new meeting location. We will switch to this new location starting in December 2009. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, December 29th** for our meeting and annual Christmas Auction.

Dave West from the Barnstormer's and www.wingedshadow.com joined us at our August meeting to demonstrate how our annual battle will be performed. The challenge is to climb as close to 400 feet without going over. We will use provided equipment from Dave. Please see Ivan to arrange a time for you to practice with the units, he will bring them to the field whenever he is there. Thanks again to Dave West for his generous donation of two How-High units to our club raffle.

September is a busy month for us so mark your calendars with the following dates:

September 9th - Monthly Club Meeting.

September 13th - Fun Fly -victorious win over the Barnstormers at our field.

September 20th - Annual Club Picnic

You should be flying any available day in between these dates because Christmas is just three months away! ☺

I was able to attend the Fox Valley "Windy City Jets" on Saturday, Aug 22nd. What a nice job they do putting on a show for the crowd. The jets were of all types and Faasssst! Baby! If you have the "need for speed" make sure you schedule to attend this event next year. I got confirmation from JT from Fox Valley about another inter-club fun fly. We are shooting for Saturday, October 10th 2009. I will get some more details about the event but mark your calendars now. We both agreed that the type of contest really doesn't matter because any day we can go fly planes at their field is going to be a great day.

I also saw one of our longtime members there with a smile from ear to ear. Bill Brown got a chance of a lifetime (and \$1200) to take the ride of his life. The pictures below say it all!



"I took a ride in the Commemorative Air Force Mustang "Red Nose." We flew out of Fond du Lac. The pilot, Jim Buckley let me take the controls for a little straight and level flying to get a feel and then I did two 360 degree turns, one left and one right, std 30 degree bank and two 360 turns at 45 degree bank. He then demonstrated the AF landing brake, and on the way back to the field he rolled it. Quite an experience..... once in a LIFETIME!" – Bill Brown



President's Letter Continued

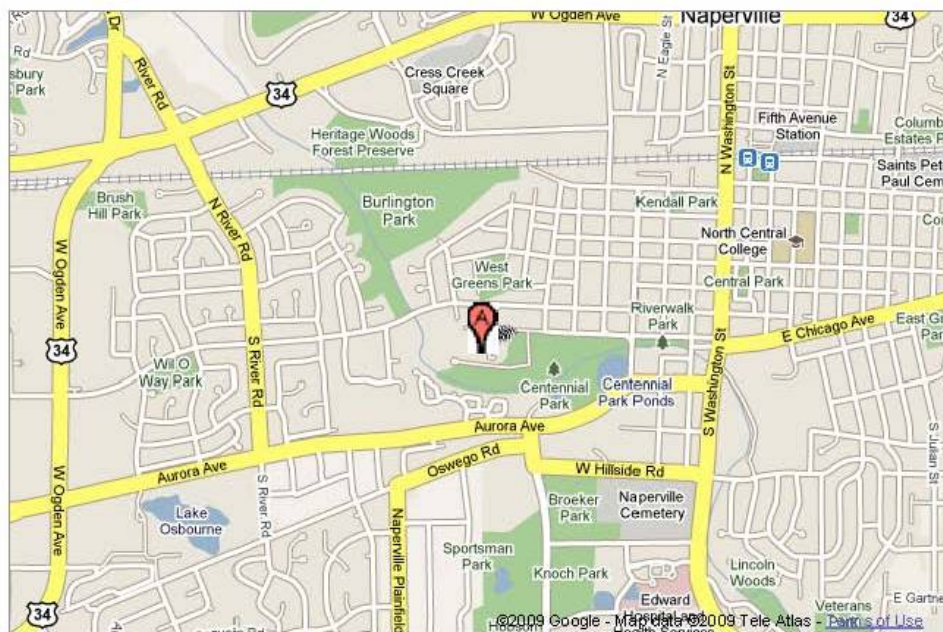


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Fly safe, and HAVE FUN!

Regards, The Pres.



Financial Report

By Marv Luebbert



Financial Report September 1, 2009

Field Fund		Operating Fund	
Balance August 1, 2009	\$ 2,861.34	Balance August 1, 2009	\$ 2,003.01
Dues, one (1) new member	65.00	Income	
Maintenance, Fertilizer & Weed killer	-127.03	Dues	40.00
Balance September 1, 2009	\$ 2,799.31	Hat Sales	10.00
		Donations	5.00
		Total Income	55.00
		Total cash available	\$ 2,058.01
		Expenses	
		None	
		Balance September 1, 2009	\$ 2,058.01

Newsletter Contributions

Send articles or pictures of interest to the club to:

newsletter2009@propmastersrc.org

The deadline for submissions is the 21st of the month.

Club Newsletters are posted at the club website:

www.propmastersrc.org.



Meeting Minutes

By Dave Cotton



Meeting minutes, August 12, 2009

Opening:

The meeting, held at Dean's Dugout, started at 7:30 pm and ended at 8:40 pm. The July meeting minutes were approved as published and July's Treasury Report was approved as presented at the meeting and published in the Newsletter.

Committee

Reports:

Newsletter

Ray Luchetti reported that everything with the newsletter was going well.

Safety

Fred Page mentioned that each pilot should have an established starting procedure and consistently maintain that procedure each time they start up an engine. Consistency is the key; don't deviate from your system.

Rich Schaeffer cautioned everyone to watch your step when carrying an airplane to the flight line. Rich cited a close call he had when he tripped and fell narrowly missing a spinning prop and airplane. No damage was done to body or airplane thanks to Rich's nimble moves!

Members were reminded to call "Clear" when they are no longer on the field.

Fun Fly

Dave West and Stan from the Barnstormers announced that this year's inter-club competition will be the "Glass Ceiling" contest. Dave explained that the object of the contest is to reach an altitude as close as possible to 400 feet but no higher. The top ten scores from each club will be used to determine the winner.

The pattern contest Fun Fly will be held on August 16th, refer to the club's website for a description of the maneuvers.

Forest Preserve

Bob Mosinski mentioned that he has noticed that the Dog Parking Lot has been unlocked and cars have been parking in it. Bob will check with the Forest Preserve to see if they have officially opened the lot.

Bob also mentioned that he will discuss the possibility of brush hogging 10 feet of the grass and tall weeds with the Forest Preserve.

Website

Nothing new to report.

Library

Dave Carlson reported that the simulators are back and available.

Instruction

Ivan Cankov distributed a training log form to be used by each student in order to document their progress.

Ivan congratulated Kip on his solo – great job Kip.

Ivan also mentioned that a current list of instructors will be published in the newsletter and posted on the web-site.

Fundraising

Thanks to Ivan we have some small 12 volt batteries for sale. See Larry if you're interested.

Publicity

No report.

Picnic

Don't forget to mark your food preference on the picnic signup sheet.

Nomination

No report.

Air Show

No report.

Old Business:

Bob Mosinski reported that the rental agreement for the Naperville VFW Hall has been finalized and that our first meeting at this location will be held on December 29th (Annual Christmas Auction).

Bob also mentioned that anyone waiting for their name tag should see him.



Meeting Minutes By Dave Cotton



New Business:

It's been busy; Bob's covering seminar has been moved to next month.

Don't forget, the Windy City Jets demonstration will be held on August 22nd and 23rd at the Fox Valley Aero Club.

Dave West from the Barnstormers gave a demonstration of the How High Altimeter showing how the unit functions and how to mount it on an airplane. Dave gave Ivan two units to use for practice for our upcoming inter club contest.

See Wingedshadow.com for more information.

New Members & Guests:

Thanks to Vince and A.J. for coming to the meeting.

Lost Horizons:

The SAD Patch was contested by the following parties: Dave Engel (put your antenna up); Mick Pfeifer (stall turn spinout); Harlan Davis (Ultra Stick spin); and Jack Macpherson (who went that away?). Congratulations to Dave Engel for his antenna mishap, he won the patch. ☹

Show and Tell: (See photo section)

Dave West	Taylorcraft by Jerry Jeski – scratch built from comet plans with a 15 size motor in a orange and red color scheme.
Ivan Cankov	Shoestring by Hanger 9 with a 60 size motor in a Yellow and Red color scheme.
Mel Ziska	Electric powered Eratiz by E-Flight in blue and white.
Dave Engel	J3 Cub ARF by China Models with a 120 size engine in Cub Yellow.
Bill Hickey	Control line PT-19 by Cox with a ½ A engine in blue and yellow, - nice clean-up Bill.
Harlan Davis	Black Baron Special kit with a 40-46 size engine.
Dan Nosek	Black colored P-51, in pieces and ready for assembly.
Rich Schaeffer	Aspire by Hanger 9 with a 600 brushed motor in a violet color scheme.
Mick Pfeifer	Jet Fire – with two 25 size engines.

Raffle:

Rich Schaeffer handled the raffle which consisted of a P51 Mustang ARF, engine test stand, battery and charger, flight box, Magnum motor, tee shirt and of course the glue.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held at Dean's Dugout at 7:30pm on September 9, 2009.



August 12th. Meeting Photos By Ray Luchetti



Dave West – Taylorcraft and “How High”
Demo



Harlan Davis – Black Baron Special



Ivan Cankov – Shoestring by Hanger 9



Mel Ziska – Eratix by E-Flight



Dave Engel – J3 Cub by China Models



Mick Pfeifer – Twin powered Jet Fire



Rich Schaeffer – Aspire by Hanger 9



Bill Hickey – Control line PT-19



Dan Nosek - P 51 work in progress



Fun Fly Committee



August Fun-Fly Report “Glass Ceiling”

Your fun-fly committee decided to cancel the pattern contest due to strong and shifty cross-winds. This month everyone who showed up at the field in this inclement weather earned 25 points (thank your President)! We decided to start practicing for the inter-club event with the Suburban R/C Barnstormers. This year's event utilizes altimeters with the objective being to fly as close to 400 feet without going over.

Unfortunately, there was still plenty of damage to models simply taking off and landing even though we scratched the pattern event.

The Barnstormers call this the “glass ceiling” event and have been practicing. Some of the Prop Masters have purchased altimeters; they were available for sale from Winged Shadow systems at a discounted price at the August meeting. The Barnstormers also lent us one unit (Ivan has volunteered to keep it with him so ask to borrow it at the field and get some practice!). Winged Shadow also donated one for our raffle this month, which earned a round of applause, thank you!

Hank Bourassa used the wired altimeter version that accepts an auxiliary input for logging several altitudes and he took some data points. Flying above the trees is about 60 feet.

Dave Engel ran away with first place flying at 394 Feet! Ivan Cankov and Mick Pfeifer tied for 2nd at 359 feet each, and Hank Bourassa took 3rd at 337 feet. The altimeters work great and are fun!

NAME	Total Points Earned	Attend	Scoring Points	Altitude	Placement
Dave Engel	55	25	30	394	1st
Ivan Cankov	45	25	20	359	2nd-tie
Mick Pfeifer	45	25	20	359	2nd-tie
Hank Bourassa	35	25	10	337	3rd
Bill Barclay	25	25			
Larry Dudkowski	25	25			
Mark Froelich	25	25			
Rich Schaeffer	25	25			
Ed Slanina	25	25		351	
Dave Newberry	25	25		437	
Dan Nosek	25	25		304	
Marv Luebbert	25	25			
Bill Froelich	25	25		264	
Jason Boettcher	25	25		552	
Dave Carlson	25	25			
Jim Lang	25	25			
Jack Macpherson	25	25		326	
Tom Camp	25	25			
Andy Widlacki	25	25		449	



Fun Fly Committee



Barnstormers Fun-Fly 2009 The Glass Ceiling

On Sunday, September 13th, we will be hosting the annual competition with the Barnstormers at our field. This year's event utilizes altimeters with the objective being to fly as close to an altitude of 400 feet without going over.

The Barnstormers call this the "Glass Ceiling" event and have been practicing. Some of the Prop Masters have purchased altimeters; they were available for sale from Winged Shadow systems at a discounted price at our August club meeting. These altimeters are called How High's and will be provided for the event by the Barnstormers. You will have to give them back at the end of the event, unless you decide to buy one. The Barnstormers also loaned us one unit (Ivan has volunteered to keep it with him so ask to borrow it at the field and get some practice!). We are using the best ten scores from each club, so there is no way for anybody to negatively impact the club score so please come out! The more pilots we have the better our chances of winning!

Here's how it will work. After each flight the pilots' altitude will be recorded from the How-High device. When everyone has flown, we will select the top 10 pilots from each club, those who flew closed to the 400 feet ceiling without going over. We will then total the differences between the pilot's scored altitude and the 400-foot ceiling and add these up for each club. The club having the lowest total score, just like golf, will be the winner.

FYI the 'Dog Lot' should be open for this event.

Let keep our winning streak going!

The Fun-Fly Committee

Prop Masters' Annual Family Picnic

Mark your calendar for Sunday September 20th. This is the date of the annual Prop Masters' Family Picnic. The picnic takes the place of the monthly Fun-Fly on the weekend after the Barnstormers event. The idea is to bring your family out to the field and spend the day together. Show them what Dad does when he runs out of the house on Sunday mornings. There is open flying all day. (Dave Cotton suggested that, weather permitting; we make it a Cub day. So if you have a Piper Cub bring it to the picnic.) We will have buddy-boxes and instructors available if any of your family members want to take a test flight.

Lunch will be served starting at about 11:30. There is no charge for the picnic. The club will provide food and drink. The menu is typical picnic fare, hot dogs hamburgers, fixings, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and pop. If you would like to bring a dish to share, feel free.

If you need something special grilled, like chicken or ??, bring it along and let either Bob or I know so we can allow time and space for cooking it.

The Picnic Committee, Larry Dudkowski and Bob Mosinski



Ivan Cankov Chief Instructor



Listed below is the current roster of club instructors. Weather permitting our in-season training program continues on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at about 6:00 pm. All instructors and club members are welcome to come out and fly or help out if you can.

Instructor	Pre-Flight	Basic	Electric	Pattern	Scale	3D
Tom Camp	•	•				
Ivan Cankov	•	•	•	•	•	
Dave Carlson	•	•				
Dave Cotton	•					
Larry Dudkowski	•	•	•	•		
David Engel	•	•			•	
Marv Luebbert	•	•				
Victor Miller	•	•				
Bob Mosinski	•	•	•	•		•
Blee Nichols	•		•			
Scott Olef	•	•	•			
Fred Page	•	•				
Mick Pfeifer	•	•				
Rich Schaeffer	•		•			

Instructor Categories:

Pre-Flight: Instructor would inspect a newly built/assembled and un-flown model airplane to deem it airworthy or not. He may perform adjustments needed to make the plane airworthy.

Basic: Instructor provides basic training to beginners using a buddy box and a plane suitable for initial training, for example a high wing trainer airplane.

Electric: Unlike the other categories, this includes club members with extensive knowledge in and experience with electric model airplanes – so-called “*electric advisors*”. They provide advice in electric airplane configuration, equipment and setup.

Pattern: Instructor provides help to intermediate and advanced pilots in order to improve their skills in Precision Pattern aerobatics.

Scale: Instructor provides advice on flying a plane in a scale-like manner.

3D: Instructor provides help to intermediate and advanced pilots in order to improve their skills in 3D aerobatics.



Hints Information, Tips and Stuff

By Larry Dudkowski



Swap Meets

The fact that this article appears in the September edition of “*Plane Talk*” is meant to coincide with the start of the fall and winter swap season. Generally, the swap meet season begins in September and lasts until early spring, and I believe the last one in our area is usually held in April. Two of the bigger events are held at the DuPage County and Kane County fairgrounds. Your best bet to find out when and where swap meets are scheduled is to check the AMA magazine, under the non-flying calendar of events section towards the back of the magazine. The events are listed by state and by date within each state. So now I’ll bet you’re asking, “Why go to a swap meet?” Well here are three good reasons.

- First, it’s fun, especially if you go with friends. The last few years Bob and I have gone to most of the area swap meets to run our club’s table. But we do get a chance to walk around, check out the stuff and compare notes. Also it’s nice to have someone to ask, “What do YOU think its worth?” or to talk you into or out of buying something. We usually stop for breakfast; after all we need to fortify ourselves for that long day of selling. Besides it’s just a nice way to spend a Saturday morning talking about flying and R/C stuff with friends and folks you meet at the event.
- Second, you may pick up a bargain. You just might find that dream plane you’ve been looking for and at a bargain price. Or you may talk the owner into selling it for a bargain price. You might find that extra receiver you’ve been looking for or some servos or a new engine or a good used one. You just never know what’s available until you look. Don’t get the idea that everything at a swap meet is used. Generally there’s a good mix of new and used stuff to choose from.
- Third, you can make some cash. For some events you need to call and reserve a table. At others you can buy a table at the door. There is a small fee per table but that usually includes the entry fee for you and sometimes a helper. There’s an advantage in being a seller. The sellers are usually let in an hour before anyone else to set up. So you get to see the merchandise before the crowds arrive. I’ve bought and sold many an item before the doors even open. But don’t expect to make a killing. Remember, like you, the buyers are looking for bargains.

Now if you don’t feel like going through the hassle of selling your stuff and you just have to clean out your shop, you can always donate your no longer needed equipment to either Bob Mosinski or me. Remember we’re the “Fund Raising” Committee. We take your items and sell them at the local swap meets. Whatever profits we make go to the club treasury and usually winds up helping to finance the Christmas Auction. In this case R/C stands for Re/Cycling.

Never been to a swap meet? Here’s what I do. I walk through the whole meet from beginning to end, just to see what is available. Remember, you don’t have to buy the first thing that grabs your attention. You never know that very same item maybe available at another table, for a better price. Tour the whole meet first. Don’t worry about something being sold before you get back. “If it’s gone when you come back, it just wasn’t meant for you to have it”. That’s one of Bob’s famous quotes. But if you just “GOTTA HAVE IT”. Then you’d better buy it when you see it. But beware of “Buyer’s Remorse”. That’s the feeling you get just after you bought that “GOTTA HAVE IT” item and realize that you really didn’t “GOTTA HAVE IT” after all. P.S. Swap meet sales are usually final.

Worried about getting ripped off? The worst deal I made at a swap meet was when I first got into the hobby. I bought a used engine for about \$50; a new one ran \$150 at the time. I thought it was a bargain but I never got it to run right. Don’t get me wrong. I’m not saying that the sellers are out to cheat anyone, but they ARE there trying to sell their stuff. The ancient Romans had a saying. “Caveat Emptor”, which translates to “Let the buyer beware.” That’s a good motto to take to a swap meet. It’s also a good reason to go with someone, especially if that someone is more experienced.



Hints Information, Tips and Stuff By Larry Dudkowski



Here are some general rules I follow:

- I stay away from expensive electrical items, unless they're new, in the box. Transmitters and receivers are probably OK, if the price is right. Most manufactures will check these out for about \$10. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Remember use common sense and beware of "Buyer's Remorse".
- When dealing with non-professional sellers (not hobby shops), as a general rule prices are negotiable. Feel free to bargain. That usually isn't the case with a hobby shop table, but it doesn't hurt to try.
- Generally, the later in the day it gets the cheaper things become. Most sellers don't want to take their stuff home. Just remember in most cases, there is no inventory. If the someone else buys that item you've been looking at, that's usually it, it's gone

So take some time this fall and hit one or more of the area swap meets. You'll have fun and may pick up a bargain too. And don't forget that Bob and I are always looking for those "Club Table" donations.

2009 CLUB CALENDAR

Monthly Meeting	Fun Fly Date	Fun Fly Event
September 9 th	September 13 th September 20 th	Barnstormers Competition at our field. Annual Club Picnic
October 14 th	October 18 th	Qualification Sunday
November 11 th	November 15 th	Mystery Contest
December 29 th (Annual Christmas Auction) held at the new Naperville VFW Post 3873 location		No Fun Fly – Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Hints Information, Tips and Stuff

By Larry Dudkowski



2010 - A year of change

Get ready for some changes next year. Starting in December '09 the location of our monthly meeting will change from Dean's Dugout to the Naperville VFW Hall located at 908 W Jackson St. In addition, the established day of the meeting will change from the Second Wednesday of each month to the **Last Tuesday of Each Month**. To help everyone plan ahead listed below is the tentative 2010 Club Calendar which we'll update as plans are finalized.

2010 CLUB CALENDAR

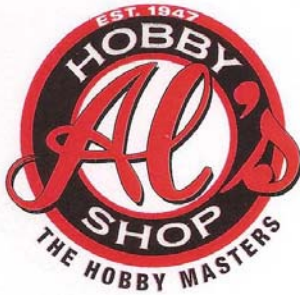
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December 29 th (Annual Christmas Auction) held at the new Naperville VFW Post 3873 location		No Fun Fly – Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	
	January 1 st	Annual Polar Bear Club Event 9:00 am	
January 26 th		Virtual Fun Fly at the meeting	
	January 31 st	Fun Fly #1	
February 23 rd (Flight Box Beauty Contest)	February 28 th	Fun Fly #2	
March 30 th	April 4 th	Fun Fly #3	
April 27 th	May 2 nd	Fun Fly #4	
May 25 th	June 6 th	Fun Fly #5	Fun Fly moved one week later due to Memorial Day Holiday
June 22 nd (Annual Beauty Contest)	June 27 th	Fun Fly #6	Monthly meeting moved one week earlier due to VFW Hall conflict.
July 27 th	August 1 st	Fun Fly #7	
August 31 st	September 12 th	Fun Fly # 8 Annual Contest with the Barnstormers	Fun Fly moved one week later due to Labor Day Holiday
	September 19 th	Annual Prop Masters Club Picnic	
September 28 th	October 3 rd	Fun Fly #9	
October 26 th	October 31 st	Fun Fly #10	
November 30 th	December 5 th	Fun Fly #11	
December 28 th (Annual Christmas Auction)		No Fun Fly – Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	

Fly Smart, Fly Safe, Larry Dudkowski

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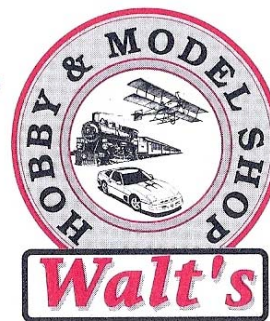


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