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Meeting Highlights

by *Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary*

On Tuesday, May 11th, the Wright Flyers held the monthly membership meeting at Montissippi Park flying field. It was the first of five meetings that will be held at the field in hopes of mixing flying with club business. This night was not cooperating with cold wind and rain all making for a quick meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne VanDenBoom at 7:09 PM. There were 11 members present including four out of five club officers.

Leo Davids reviewed the minutes of the April meeting as published in the May issue of the club newsletter. The minutes were approved as published.

Perry Dziuk gave the treasurer's report. There was a deposit of \$250 of collected dues. Another \$150 in dues was collected at the meeting. Expenses of \$68.05 were paid for the first month rental of the portable toilet. Expenses for the field cleanup lunch of \$67.63 went to Wayne for the food he purchased. The current treasury balance is \$4390.97.

As part of the logo shirts purchase, Wayne got 6 extra large t-shirts for the club. It was approved that the club pay Wayne for them (\$90) and they will be club property to use in raffles or club fun fly prizes.

Wayne put out a request for a leader(s) to schedule and organize a club fun fly picnic. The event has usually been held in August but the exact date should be agreeable to the club member(s) volunteering to put the event on.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for
7:00 PM on Tuesday, **June 8th**, 2010. It
will be held at the Montissippi Flying Field.

Float Plane Flying off to a Great Start

by *Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary*

Even though I didn't get to the TCRC Float Fly in May and the WFRC event was blown out on two attempts, I still have gotten more float flying off the lake than land flying, even counting the Grassfield Electric Fly.

Whoever said water and electricity don't mix hasn't flown electric aircraft off the water. Since early April, I have been "down to the water with planes" at least a half dozen times, logging upwards of 20-25 flights. Flight durations of 10-12 minutes are typical with multiple takeoffs and landings each flight. The aircraft that we (long time flying buddy Hugh Lampert and I) fly are two carry-overs from previous years, a Multiplex MiniMag and the Great Planes SeaWind. Both of these easily have over 100 flights already logged going into their third year of service.

This Spring, I added another plane, a scratch built Taylor Craft. Essentially, it is nearly identical to the MiniMag in dimensions but has a more classic look as opposed to the modern lines of the MiniMag. My T-Craft even uses the same float set that Multiplex produces for their MiniMag. These two planes offer a very similar flying experience with satisfying aerobatic capability but docile takeoff and landing characteristics.

For more of a sports car experience, the SeaWind has great flying ability. But when it comes to takeoff and landings, you have to be a little more precise and selective about the smoothness of the water surface.

So whenever the boat traffic and the winds are down, I'd rather be float flying. For me, it's that addictive.



Above: Leo's Great Planes SeaWind
Below: Hugh Lampert's Multiplex Minimig and Leo's new Taylor Craft



Report on Grassfield Electric Fly

by Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary

On Saturday, May 15th, the Grassfield RC club hosted an electric fly on one of the nicest days of the Spring, if not the entire flying season. The WFRC club supplied two flyers for the event, Leo Davids and Joel Dirnberger. The event included a drawing for prizes and Joel won a small flat foam Pitts Biplane. There were three other airplanes and some accessories given away as well. With a field of 42 pilots registered and each having flown to qualify for the prize drawings the odds still weren't good enough for Leo to score a win. Joel did earn his win with an engine-out crash of his P-38 and a literal engine "out" on his F-22.

There was a great variety of aircraft flown throughout the day, especially multi-engine and EDF powered, including a special hybrid, ME-163 Komet. This WWII scale model featured an electric prop drive supplemented by a rocket motor. True to scale, it ROG'd from a dolly and belly landed after a long impressive flight that included a rocket burn of about 10-20 seconds.

The premier flyer among the multi-engine group was undoubtedly the Lockheed P-3 Orion. It flew 3-4 mesmerizing flights but did have a crash on an engine out that resulted in an outer wing panel being torn off on the landing.



Another great multi-engine was the Hobby Lobby B-25 Apache Princess which gave a good scale performance as well. About a half dozen different EDF jets put in flights that confirmed that they are the equal of any electric aircraft type that streaks through the sky.

Thanks to Don Granlund and his fellow Grassfield club members for a the great event, prizes, fine weather and food.

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Monticello Senior Hobby Day

by Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary

On Tuesday, May 25th, the Senior Center in Monticello put on its annual Hobby Day show for the students of the Pinewood Elementary School. On behalf of the WFRC Club, Leo Davids exhibited on the sport of RC flying for the students. During a 4-hour session, upwards of 500 students reportedly visited the Community Center to take in about a dozen different hobby exhibits on display in the expansive Mississippi Room. The RC flying display consisted of a mock-up RC plane that the students could “control” with a transmitter, four different style aircraft and video of flying (by Jean Davids) along with model aviation magazines for the taking by any students who were interested. With donations of magazines from Wayne VanDenBoom, Dave Nims and Leo Davids, we had nearly 100 copies to hand out and all were gone before the last of the students filed through. A few students and their chaperoning adults recognized our

club from having seen RC planes flying at Montissippi Park where the club flying field is located.



Upcoming Events

Marcee 2010 Electric Fly - The annual all electric fly-in is scheduled for June 25th to June 27th at the 3M Flyers RC Club field in Cottage Grove. Times are 5 PM to 8:30 PM on Friday, 9 AM to dusk on Saturday and 9 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. Landing fee is \$10 for Marcee members and \$15 for non-members. AMA is required for all. Raffle for all registered pilots at Saturday, 3PM. Visit www.marcee.org for details.



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Great Minnesota Air Show - Scheduled for June 26th & 27th at the St. Cloud Airport with the headlined act of the Navy Blue Angels. Check the event web site for details as the show dates approach. <http://www.thegreatminnesotairshow.com/>

American Barnstormers Tour - July 3-5 at Chandler Field in Alexandria. Twenty meticulously restored vintage aircraft from the 1920's and 1930's will stop here as part of a seven-city nineteen-day tour through the northern Great Plains states. Admission is free. The program includes a professionally narrated Barnstormers Parade of Flight. Air rides can be purchased and these vintage biplanes will be on the ramp for display. Check for details on www.americanbarnstormertour.com.

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Blue Sky Fun Fly - The Paynesville RC club is holding this annual event on July 17th and 18th at their expansive field on County Road #33 just north of the city of Paynesville. The landing fee is \$15. AMA is required. Saturday night dinner is \$5. There is primitive camping on the field, campfire and night flying. For information, call Mike at 320-250-9509 or Loren at 320-290-2237.

Waverly Fun Fly - The Crow River RC club is scheduled to have their annual fun fly on September 18th at their club field north of Waverly. More info should be available as the date approaches.