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Meeting Highlights

by Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary

On Tuesday, September 14th, the Wright Flyers held the monthly membership meeting at the Montissippi Park flying field. It was the officially the last meeting of the season to be held at the field. It was by far the best weather we had all season for a meeting night. Flying started well before 5 pm and continued, with a short interruption for the meeting, to past sunset.

The meeting was called to order by president Wayne VanDenBoom at 7:14 PM. There were 12 members present including five club officers.

Leo Davids reviewed the minutes of the August meeting as published in the September issue of the club newsletter. The minutes were approved as published without any additions or corrections.

It was noted that Nate Ewing had mowed the field Monday and Tom Springer joined in with the trimming chores. That mowing is either the 7th or 8th of the season. Nate said he can have his uncle spray the field for weed control in a week or two.

Perry Dziuk gave a treasury report. Wayne VanDenBoom received \$64 from the treasury to cover the flowers he sent on behalf of the club to the reviewal/funeral of Milt Olson. Wayne also got \$124 from the treasury to cover the cost of materials he bought to build the two new field safety tables. The current balance in the club treasury is \$3924.47.

Tom Springer pointed out the initial work he has done on the inside east gable end of the shelter to mount the weather station equipment.

Chris Martin brought a friend, Jason Brehmer, that he is helping get into RC flying. Jason joined the club

The next meeting is scheduled for **7:00 PM** on Tuesday, **October 12th**, 2010. It will be held in **Room 29** of the **Monticello Middle School**.

after the meeting.

A head count and email responses put the number for the Crow River RC Club picnic fly this coming Saturday at 8-10 people from our club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Maple Lake EAA Chapter Fly-in Dinner

by Leo & Jean Davids, WFRC Secretary

The Maple Lake EAA Chapter held its annual pork chop fly-in dinner on Sunday, September 12th. Once again, WFRC displayed a number of aircraft and had a display. John and Joyce Kossieck brought their laptop again this year and helped people try their hands at the flight simulator. Thanks to Leo, John, Garth and Mike



Joyce Kossieck behind the table. John helped out in front of the table.

Ackerman for bringing in planes for display. Thanks John and Joyce for manning the display for the afternoon. You did a great job and it is appreciated.

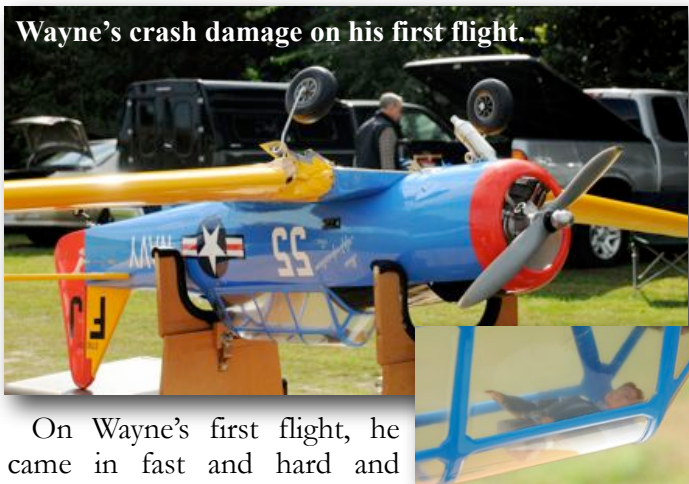
Their was a good crowd again this year with numerous planes. The highlight was this Stinson Trimotor.



Crow River RC Club Picnic Fly

by Leo & Jean Davids, WFRC Secretary

On Saturday, September 18th, the Crow River RC Club held its annual club picnic. Once again, they invited members from our WFRC club to attend. Attending were Leo and Jean Davids, Garth Landefeld and his wife Kay, Wayne VanDenBoom and his wife, John and Joyce Kossieck, Dean Monteith and Al Amundson and his wife. It was a great time flying, even though it was a bit more windy and cold than we cared for. The food was plentiful and tasty.



On Wayne's first flight, he came in fast and hard and crashed into a fence pole along the runway, killing the small scale pilot, as you can see in the photo above. Garth managed to do some great landings despite being photographed. Last year he tended to fail on his landings when Jean took photos and only had nice clean landings when not being filmed. Great job this year.

Some of us were surprised to find out what Al Amundson has been up to lately. Turns out his health took a big downturn earlier in the year and after many medical visits and hospitalizations, they came up with

his treatment for congestive heart failure. He is now on a heart pump, called an LVAD, just like Dick Cheney. He showed it to us and it is quite the impressive unit. Al was able to fly his airplanes again thanks to this great technology. He's building back his energy and able to resume many things. He carries spare batteries and a spare unit with him, just in case. It has a power cord to plug into at night and charger units to keep all those batteries charged while on the road. The batteries are carried in a vest and worn off to the side, under his coat in this case. Al was more than happy to show us all how this setup works. The more people that know how it works, the more that can assist him if needed in an emergency. So, next time you see him, feel free to wish him well and check out this modern marvel of technology keeping our good friend and WFRC member alive and flying.



Al Amundson and his LVAD unit.

The unit he uses is made by Thoratec. Check out their website (<http://www.thoratec.com/>) to learn more about it.

More photos are shown below.



Leo Davids, shedding his wing tips. No worry. They are held on by magnets.





Wayne VanDenBoom's with a more typical landing.



John Kossieck hand launching a Blue Foam Wonder.



Garth Landefeld and Leo Davids prep Garth's plane.

Show & Tell

by Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary

We have a variety of photos the Leo took at the last meeting. This first one shows John Kossieck's first Blue Foam Wonder after it burned up when the motor and speed controller proved to be too much for it.



Garth Landefeld flying above. Below, he had Jean Davids take photos of both him and his airplane to see if she could work some Photoshop magic to combine them. Didn't do too bad.



Joel Dirnberger's latest creation. Unfortunately, it wanted to fly upside down more than right side up.





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Wayne VanDenBoom picked up two more of these umbrellas when they were on sale. Discussion will be held at the next meeting regarding use of these for club purposes.



Garth Landefeld flew his maiden flight on his great looking P-38. Unfortunately, he has minor repairs to

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do now. We look forward to his next flight.

