

# The Wright Flyer



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## Meeting Highlights

by *Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary*

On Tuesday, August 10th, the Wright Flyers held the monthly membership meeting at the Montissippi Park flying field. It was the fourth of five meeting that will be held at he field to afford and opportunity to mix some flying with club business. The weather was very rainy up to meeting time so no one had brought anything to fly.

The meeting was called to order by president Wayne VanDenBoom at 7:12 PM. There were 8 members present including four out of five club officers.

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

There was no treasury report.

Latest update on the field mowing was done by Tom Springer. A sixth cutting was added on the Friday before the club picnic-fly.

Tom Springer reported that he has the weather station for the field tested and ready to install. He hopes to start the installation in about a week and a half.

Wayne conducted a drawing among members in attendance for a t-shirt. It was won by Brad Maas.

Garth Landefeld proposed that to get more members to volunteer to mow the field that anyone doing so would get credit for a club membership renewal. Tom Springer who has mowed 4 times so far this year felt his contribution would not be influenced by monetarily incentives. Nate Ewing was one of the pre-season volunteers who is waiting for a call to take

The next meeting is scheduled for **7:00 PM** on Tuesday, **September 14th**, 2010. It will be held at the Montissippi Flying Field.

a turn. Since the field has been judiciously cut throughout the season so far, the incentive Garth proposed will be tabled for consideration if needed next season.

Tom Springer proposed an added table at the far east end of the flight line. Currently if someone needs to do extensive engine running on the existing tables, it can be disruptive to the people in the pit as well as those on the nearby flight stations. Wayne volunteered to turn out a pair of safety tables with possibility of making them with taller and wider wing stop posts to accommodate twin engine and larger scale high wingers.

Jeff Nelson made the reservation with the Monticello Community Ed for a meeting room starting in October. Garth will notify the toilet rental that we will run our rental to the end of October.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

## The Report from the WFRC Picnic

by *Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary*

Although a light rain was falling at the scheduled 10 AM start time, the sky began to clear off within the hour. Tom Springer was the caterer extraordinaire with his hot dogs, hamburgers and bratwurst. Coffee, soda and rolls were also available. Two prizes were provided

for the participant drawing, one a Parkzone Micro J-3 Cub by Hobby Zone (2415 Annapolis Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441-3649, 763-551-1159), which was won by a visiting heli flier Dustin ? of 3DRC club. Dustin graciously traded with the winner of a club tee-shirt, Lucas Leiferman. The other donated prize was a Park Zone Micro Champ from Hobby Town (7916 Brooklyn Boulevard, Minneapolis, 763-424-5900) won by Chris Conigliario. A limited amount of open flying was done in spite of the oppressive heat and strong breezes. No competitive events were staged.

An estimated 18 people participated in lunch, flying and prizes. Extra tickets for the raffle netted \$50 for the club treasury.



## Pit Area Changes at the Flying Field

by Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary

As a result of discussions that were generated by activities at the club's picnic fly and the last meeting, Wayne VanDenBoom volunteered to build two addition safety tables for the pit area. They include

some features that were not on the previous design. The wing block posts are slightly taller to better accommodate large scale high wing airplanes. Also one of the two new tables has a wider bench to handle twin engine aircraft.

Both the new tables, as well as most of the old ones, now sport a block of wood with a “precise” hole that allows the Home Depot type beach umbrellas to be mounted on them. Wayne and maybe a couple other club members have these umbrellas that are a good stand-in for the more common pop-up tents that a lot of people use to provide some shade for working under in the pit area.

One other change to the pit area is that one of the safety tables is now located on the opposite (east) end of the shelter from the normal pit area. The purpose of this lone table is to provide a place for someone to run in, troubleshoot or tune their IC engine at full throttle without subjecting others to noise, fumes and prop blast. Full throttle operation in the west side pit area should be limited to short mixture adjustment checks or if you are the only one in the pit area.



## Upcoming Events

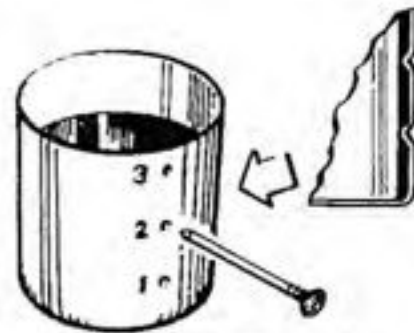
**Maple Lake Airport Fly-in Dinner** - The Maple Lake EAA chapter is holding their annual event on Sunday, September 12th. The pork chop dinner service starts at 11:30 AM, running until 2:00 PM or until the food runs out. There will be airplane rides available, door prizes and a raffle for a prop clock. WFRC club members will have an area in the main hanger for model aircraft display.

**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.

**TCRC Fall Float Fly** - The Twin Cities RC Club is hosting another float fly at Bush Lake in Bloomington on Saturday September 18th. The event starts at 10 AM and requires AMA to fly any water capable aircraft.

## Tips & Tricks

*from the newsletter for the First Weed Wacker Aerosquadron, Lakeside, California*



### NEAT MEASURING CAN

A smart way to calibrate the inside of an empty soda can so that the correct proportions of epoxy can be poured in for mixing—just indent on the outside of the can with a blunt nail, taking great care not to perforate the can.



### PAINT DETAIL

Make a little pile of fine pencil dust, then smudge this onto your model with a finger. This makes very realistic exhaust and gun soot marks. Seal with a spray of matt varnish. You'll get more control if you use a soft, dry brush to apply the soot marks.



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### Aviation Quotes

*From the Jan 2010 AMA Insider*

“Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.”

—General Douglas MacArthur

“You, you, and you ... Panic. The rest of you, come with me.”

—USMC Gunnery Sergeant

“Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing.”

—At the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan

“You’ve never been lost until you’ve been lost at Mach 3.”

—Paul F. Crickmore, test pilot

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“The only time you have too much fuel is when you’re on fire.”

“Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky.”

“If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it’s probably a helicopter—and therefore, unsafe.”

“When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.”

“Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club.”

“What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; If ATC screws up, the pilot dies.”