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Meeting Highlights

by Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary

On Tuesday, May 10th, the Wright Flyers held the monthly membership meeting at the Montissippi Park Flying Field. This was the first outdoor meeting of the 2011 flying season. For the next four months, the meetings will be held at the Montissippi Park Field

It was a stormy evening. As the dark clouds rolled in and the rain started, President Wayne VanDenBoom called a business meeting to order at 6:58 PM under the cover of the field shelter. There were 10 people in attendance, including 4 club officers, 4 members and one guest.

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

Perry Dziuk gave the club treasury report. He collected \$350 in dues and paid the first month's rental on the portable toilet (\$77.05 with a fuel surcharge) and reimbursed Wayne for the food cost he incurred for the lunch he supplied on the field cleanup day. The current balance in the treasury is \$4796.72. The club membership stands at 31 paid.

Steve Wester was seen at the field last weekend and told Joel Dirnberger he is interested in rejoining along with his son Jason.

A vast crop of dandelions is emerging on the field and will soon be a problem for RC flight operations. Tom Springer said he would mow the field later in the week but would like to spray for the weeds so that mowing will last for more than a couple of days. Tom has a sprayer and trailer but needs a tank to bring in the 300 gallons or more of water that would be needed to cover the field with an application of herbicide. Leo will check with Garth Landefeld to see

The next meeting is scheduled for
7:00 PM on Tuesday, **June 14th**, 2011. It
will be held at the Montissippi Flying Field.

if the one Garth borrowed two years ago is still available. Otherwise, the club may need to buy a tank and find a suitable place to store it.

Wayne brought up the scheduling of a club fun fly and picnic for a date in June. Of the four Saturdays in June, the second and third were both proposed but Wayne would not be able to support the third (June 18th) and the second Saturday was before the next scheduled monthly club meeting making it difficult to get organized. It was decided to see if there would be more interest at the June club meeting to select a date and get members to attend and put on the fun fly picnic.

Tom Springer is hopeful that his research and testing of the field's radio transmitter will allow some kind of a video feed to the internet. He will report back when he finds out how it might be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Although stormy weather arrived as our club meeting commenced, after the meeting the precipitation and ominous clouds quickly moved through so a few members (Leo, Alex and Joel) stuck around and flew until sunset in quite favorable and calm conditions. The only down side was that all of us were electric fliers so the inclement weather had dissuaded us from putting batteries on charge so we couldn't take full advantage of the beautiful flying conditions that greeted us at the conclusion of the meeting.

WFRC Float Fly on Lake Orono

by Leo Davids, WFRC Secretary

After skipping the annual springtime club event in 2010 due to awful weather, this Saturday, on the 7th of May, was an absolutely perfect day for any kind of flying. It was the first time the club officially gathered at the Elk River city park on the west shore of Lake Orono to put on a float fly.

By 10 AM, Scott Leiferman had arrived and was preparing to launch his boat for retrieval duty. It took



until about 10:30 AM before the sun was high enough in the eastern sky to safely start flying. Flying continued until 11:30 AM when the lunch that Tom Springer and Wayne VanDenBoom prepared in a nearby shelter was ready to serve. After lunch, the lake was still dead calm so flying was still ideal. In all, there were six pilots flying during the event along with seven club members who came out to view the action, learn something about float flying, check out the park facilities and have some lunch.



Upcoming Events

Black Hills Huckfest - June 16-19th - Sturgis SD. Open flying 24 hr/day. More information at www.blackhillshuckfest.com.

Marcee Electric Fly-in - June 24-26th - Cottage Grove 3M field. More information at www.marcee.org/marcee2011.html. Hosted by the 3M club RC Flyers.

Anoka County RC Fun Scale - July 9th - Club field, East Bethel. A day for scale and semi-scale planes of all sizes to fly in competition. www.anoka-rc.com

Paynesville Blue Sky Fun Fly - July 16-17th - See their website for the downloadable PDF regarding this event (2.7mb) http://paynesvillerc.com/Home_files/Funflypdf.pdf

TCRC Big Bird Fly-in - July 23rd - Jordan field. www.tcrconline.com.

Watts Over Owatonna - July 29-31st - http://www.smmac.com/WATTS/WATTS_over_Owatonna/Welcome.html.

Monticello Senior Hobby Day

by Jean Davids, WFRC Newsletter Editor

On May 6th, Leo Davids represented WFRC at the Monticello Senior Center's Hobby Day. A number of

“seniors” demonstrate a variety of hobbies to the Monticello Elementary School kids and their teachers. Hugh Lampert, our Big Lake float plane flying friend of many years, was kind enough to assist.



The day started at 9:00 am and finished around 3:00 pm. The display consisted of our usual flight simulator board that allows people to view how the controls work for an RC aircraft, a variety of model airplanes, old RC magazines for the kids to take with, and a couple of demonstration models; a mini helicopter that Leo flies and a Vectron flying orb that the kids can try. The lines grew as the kids waited their turn to fly the Vectron. Lots of kids enjoy trying out the simulator board too, especially standing behind to get the prop wash in their faces. All in all, it was a big hit. Once again, a lot of kids participated and enjoyed learning about all the hobbies.



The kids and Hugh Lampert all enjoyed watching Leo flying his mini helicopter.



The kids liked to try and catch the helicopter but fortunately, they never did.



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Leo Davids turning over the controls of his Vectron flying orb to the line of kids waiting their turn to try and fly it.



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