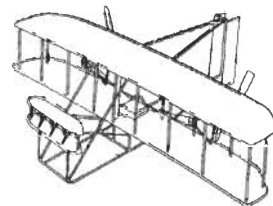




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NEWSLETTER OF THE WRIGHT FLYERS R/C CLUB

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

On Tuesday March 8th, the Wright Flyers held the monthly membership meeting at the at the Monticello Middle School. There were 10 members including five officers in attendance. Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved. A treasurer's report was given. As of the meeting, the treasurer has received dues from 21 members for 2005. There are 12 members from 2004 who have yet to renew and there are 2 or 3 perspective new members that could join this season.

Rich Johnson said that he needs a copy of a club logo to give the Wright County Park Commission so they can get a sign made for the park entrance. The cost to the club would be the material for the sign.

A number of members said they would like to have copies of the official club brochure to hand to people they encounter while flying who express interest in our club. Leo Davids will email a copy to the people who currently get the newsletter by attachment to their email so they can print copies as necessary to carry with them and hand out to spectators wherever they fly.

It was suggested that we adopt a common practice of many of the AMA chartered clubs and require that you post a copy of your AMA or club membership card on the frequency board when you are flying. The members at the meeting agreed that it should be required to fly at the Monticello field. So a sign on the frequency

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 12th, 2005. It will be held in room 30 of the Monticello Middle School.

board will be made to remind everyone of this requirement.

The AMA club charter package is complete and will be sent into the AMA this week. We are getting insurance certificates for both the Wright County Park Commission and the nuclear power plant.

The members at the meeting voted to accept the offer of Garth and Christian Landefeld to provide the lawn mowing for the field this summer at the same rate that we were charged last year by Carefree Lawn Service. Carefree had proposed increasing their charges by 55% for this year. The Landefelds will be asked to try a 9-10 day cycle of mowing for the early part of the season and then as needed later in the summer when the normally drier weather sets in. John Kossieck volunteered to head up an effort to push back the gopher infestation so that flying and mowing will not be effected by the encroaching mounds and holes we experienced last year.

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The members at the meeting voted to switch to EZ-Flush for the portable toilet rental vendor this season. The rental period of mid-April to mid-October as suggested by Wayne VanDen-Boom was accepted for this year's rental as well.

The annual field cleanup was discussed. The date selected is Saturday April 23rd. Last year the roller carriage was damaged during its use and needs to be checked out prior to the 23rd to insure it is usable for that day. We normally pull it behind a pickup truck. Rich Johnson and Buzz Plante offered to check over the roller and get it ready to use.

Scott Leiferman was able to get to Menards during their 11% off sale and purchased enough material to build a pair of safety tables for the pit area at the flying field. Rich Johnson suggested we should also repair as best we can the three 4x8 tables that we have in the pits now.

Milt Olson has contacted the coordinator of the Arts & Crafts Show that is held for the Monticello grade school at the Monticello Community Center each year. They have not set a date for this yet but it will be early May and Milt will be contacted to give the club an opportunity to have a display at this show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM for a show & tell session by John Kossieck, Buzz Plante and Joel Dirnberger.

SHOW-AND-TELL

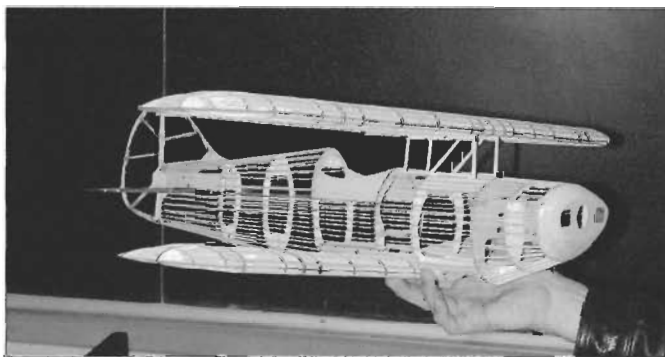
Buzz Plante brought in his recent acquisition from the TCRC auction. It is a model of the Cessna Agwagon which he hopes will reprise his successful flying of the dearly departed Kyosho version he enjoyed a few years back. It is a built-up wood kit of unknown origin covered and painted. Buzz has put one of his old standby favorites in it for power, an OS 52 4-cycle. The plane has a bomb drop feature built into it.

Could it be a little known military version of herbicide or pesticide control?



Buzz Plante's Cessna Agwagon

Joel Dirnberger brought in his latest ultra-light build for electric park flying. He bought what is known as a laser short kit of a Pitts S-1 biplane. The framing up that Joel had accomplished so far represented a couple of days work. The short kit includes all the laser cut formers, ribs and other sheet balsa parts but no balsa stringers, canopy, landing gear, covering or non-balsa parts. It will be powered by a custom made brushless (a.k.a., CD ROM) motor that Joel will fabricate. The whole plane should weight around 10 ounces covered with Solite covering.

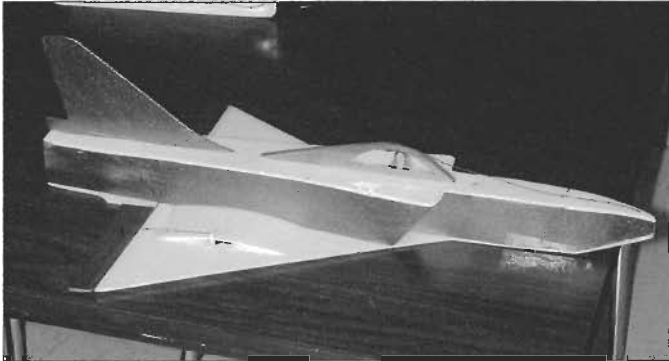


Joel Dirnberger's ultra-light Pitts S-1 Biplane

John Kossieck brought in a electric park flyer micro-jet. It was scratch built from plans downloaded from the internet. The jet is constructed of Depron flat foam and powered by a GWS electric ducted fan (EDF). One of the keys to its awesome performance is using the little Feigao brushless motors in the GWS EDF unit.

THE WRIGHT FLYER

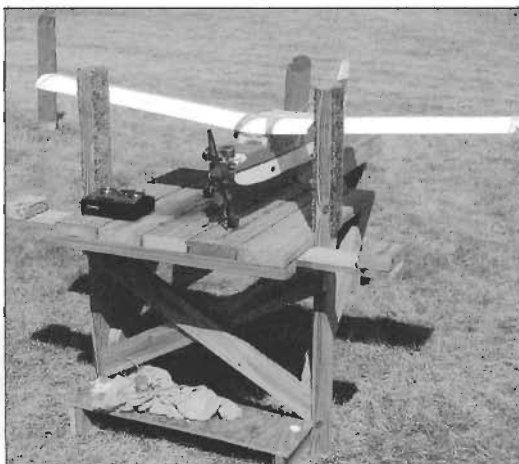
John has it powered by a 3s Li-Poly battery which give him about a one-to-one static thrust to weight ratio. Not surprisingly, the little jet can be launched with a underhand toss, flies well at half throttle and climbs at 60 degrees forever or flies straight & level at 50 mph at full throttle.



John Kossieck's electric park flyer micro-jet

WFRC DAYLIGHT SAVINGS? FLY-IN

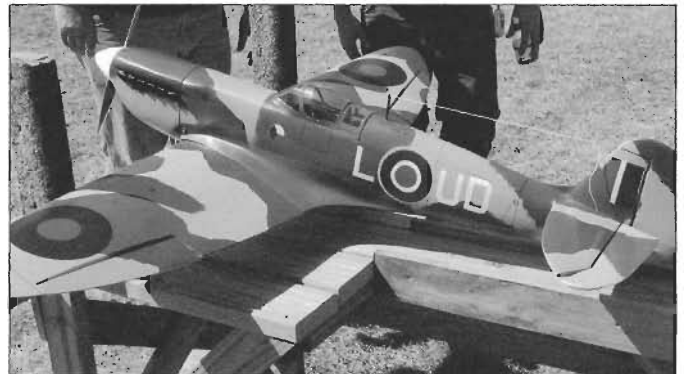
For some reason, there was a great turnout at the field on Sunday, April 3rd. Maybe daylight savings time isn't that big a deal to the members of WFRC but the 70 degree, calm, clear day certainly could have been. All the flight tables in the pits were taken as well as a couple spots on the ground. The two new tables that Scott and Wayne had built recently were given a good christening. Wayne VanDenBoom was also handing out some frequency pins with members names and AMA numbers to encourage people to identify themselves better when they pin the frequency board.



New safety table — one of 2 built this spring by Scott and Wayne



The flightline on April 3 — need more tables?



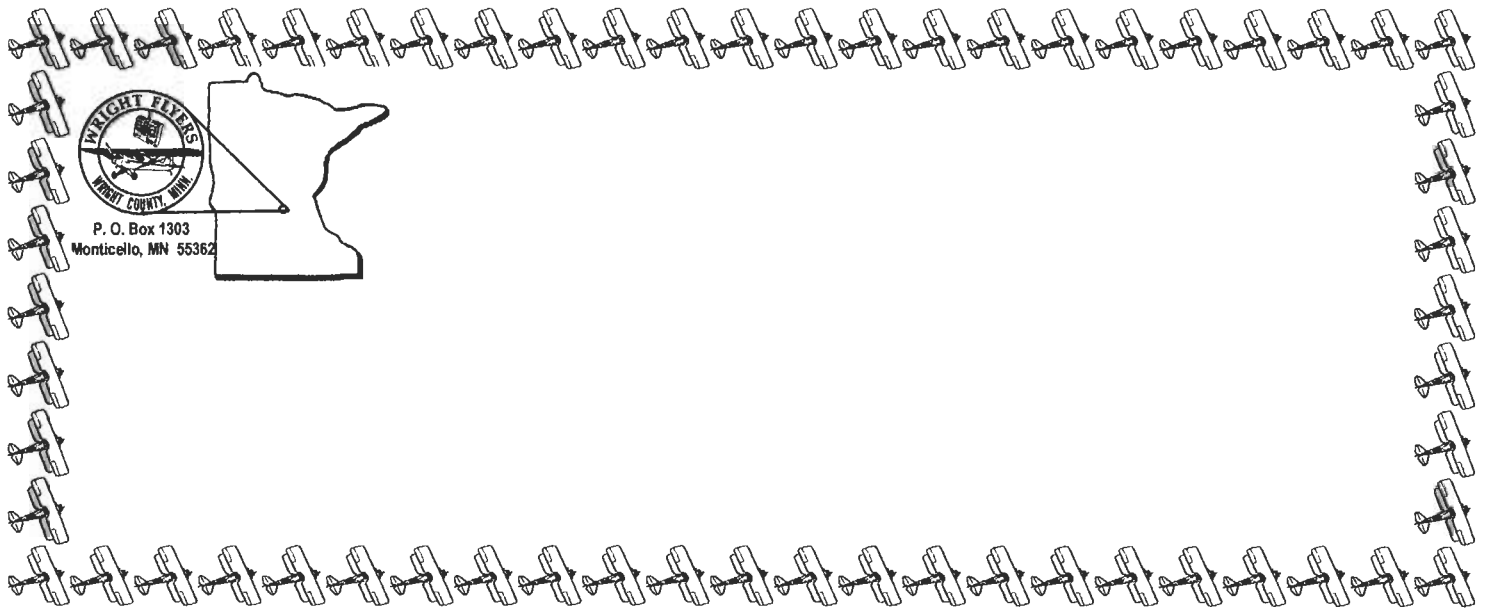
Garth Landefeld's maiden flight of his Spitfire

Some noteworthy flying included a couple flights by Wayne with his twin engine Twin Star. And Garth Landefeld brought out his new 4-cycle powered retract geared Spitfire for its maiden flight. It flew very well after getting the control throws reduced. It did turn out to be a handful to land because the engine idle wasn't slow enough apparently due to the engine breaking in and leaning out as the fuel tank ran down.

John Kossieck had a couple of his electric powered wings up giving awesome high speed pass and vertical climb demonstrations.



Leo's airplane and new flight box



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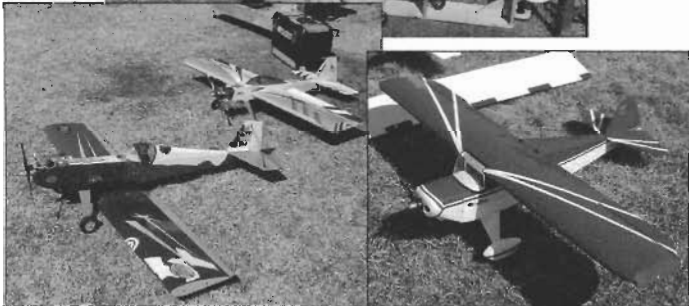
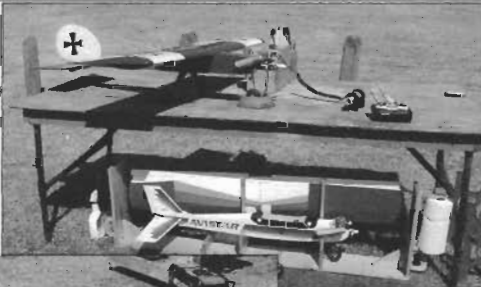
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ANNUAL FIELD CLEANUP DAY AT MONTISSIPPI PARK

The club is holding the annual field cleanup day on Saturday April 23rd. Anyone who can help should meet at the field at about 9:00 AM.

Bring a shovel and rake for grooming. Buckets would also help to haul rocks and stones off the field around the gopher diggings. We typically can use a lawn tractor and or ATV with a utility cart to haul some dirt (typically a yard or two) from the back of the parking lot to fill any ruts or holes in the field. The cleanup secession is usually concluded with the ceremonial field rolling parade with the roller being pulled over the entire field with a pickup truck. Buzz Plante has done a major rebuilt of the roller frame and it now has a ball 2" hitch instead of the bolt pin which figured in a nasty accident last year.

Normally, the cleanup activity is wrapped up by about 1:00 PM so if the weather is conducive for flying, bring a plane or come back after a lunch break.