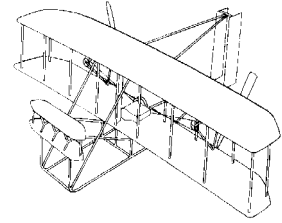




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NEWSLETTER OF THE WRIGHT FLYERS R/C CLUB

Meeting Highlights

On Tuesday June 12th, the Wright Flyers held the monthly membership meeting at the at the Montissippi Park flying field. The weather was great for flying so the meeting was kept very short.

The meeting was called to order by president Scott Leiferman shortly after 7:30 PM. There were 16 members present including two club officers. There was no treasure's report. The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved.

Our field mowing contractor, club member Garth Landefeld, reported that since being paid for the first five mowings, he has done three more to date. The field is very dry and the grass has turned brown so there won't be much to do for the next few weeks anyway.

There was a discussion of the upcoming Cub Scout flight demo to be held on the 26th. Mark Verburgge reported he has about 20 scouts that have confirmed they will be here for the demo. Mark got a sign-up sheet of volunteers so he could call everyone just before the event to remind them of their commitment.

The club family picnic and fun fly was also discussed. Garth Landefeld committed to get the food, beverages, and water balloons and gliders. Buzz Plante was invited to be the head chef. Rich Johnson and Scott Leiferman were working up some events for the fun fly.

Jeff Nelson had brought in some of his old patio blocks for marking pilot flight stations on the flight line.

The meeting was adjourned with enough daylight for about another ½ hour of flying.

The next meeting is
scheduled for 7:30 PM on
Tuesday, August 9th, 2005, at
the Montissippi Flying Field.

Cub Scout Night at Montissippi Field

On Tuesday July 26th, Mark Verburgge invited a Cub Scout pack from St. Michael to our field to get a demo of R/C flying. In addition to some exhibition flying by some of our members, we hoped to let the scouts try flying with some buddy box trainer systems.

The first WFRC members to arrive at the field prior to the 6:30 PM start time found the conditions to be difficult with a gusty 15+ mph crosswind. However, predictions were that the wind would subside as the evening progressed. Some of the scouts were already showing up early, so air show boss Mark Verburgge made the call to let any members willing to brave the conditions do some exhibition flying.

As the official start time arrived, there were almost two dozen scouts accompanied by parents and siblings milling about in the pit area. The parking lot was getting quite congested with vehicles as well. While some of our members either flew some of their aircraft or held little seminars around the pit benches for the growing audience, we also started

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a ground demo of R/C principals with the mockup on a board that we had used at the Monticello grade school show this past spring. Eventually, about 35-40 youngsters had gotten a chance to wiggle sticks on a transmitter and see how the control surfaces and engine on the mockup airplane responded.

Meanwhile, the crowd continued to swell in the pit area and the wind subsided enough that some of the airplanes with buddy box trainers were put into the air. Mark Verburgge got his Ryan STA flying with a line of youngsters about 8 deep waiting for their turn. Rich Johnson had his 40-size high wing trainer going as well with a similar line waiting for turns at it. Both Jeff Nelson and Wayne VanDen-Boom were getting their trainer aircraft set up to share some of the work load.

John Kossieck finished his photo mission of getting some aerial shots of the goings on and Leo Davids finished up with the board mockup so each got their airplanes configured for buddy box trainer work as well. For about the next 45 minutes, there were 4-6 planes in the air on buddy box setups giving each youngster in the crowd and possibly a few of the adult chaperones a couple minutes of stick time. The aviating conditions were a bit challenging for these novice pilots if for no other reason than they had to really pay attention to tell which of the planes over the field they were flying.

Originally, we planned to hand out certificates of achievement for each scout that flew. However, with such overwhelming crowds, we had no time to even attempt that.

By the time sunset was approaching, the largest crowd ever to congregate at the field since it changed from baseball fields to R/C had been exposed to some facet of the R/C sport. Judging from the flight-line activity, an estimated 40-50 youngsters must have taken turns on buddy box controls of flying aircraft. At times there were over 50 vehicles in the parking lot and all but a dozen that belonged to club members were spectators. For all we know, people could even have come off from the park's walking path to join in the action.

In addition to the WFRC members previously mentioned providing the aircraft and acting as safety pilots on the buddy box trainers, there were a number of other club members who flew exhibition

flights and assisted the youngsters at the training flight stations. These include Ron Bredeken, Al Amundson, Joel Dirnberger, Scott Leiferman and Mike Munoz. Special thanks to both John Kossieck and Hugh Lampert for their photography work.

The club had performed this same "show" for a Cub Scout pack last year but the attendance for this one had to have been at least double that of last year. Had we foreseen the onslaught of people for this event, we may well have panicked. Nevertheless, we had enough aircraft and pilots to support this event and make it an unqualified success. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this such a successful event.



Arial Photo early in the evening by John Kossieck





Scouts flying with a little help.

WFRC Family Picnic

On Saturday, July 30th, the club held a family picnic and fun fly at the Montissippi field. The setup crew had a couple of Garth Landefeld's pop-up tents in addition to the shelter set up for the picnic facilities. The grilling of hamburgers and hot dogs was accomplished and food service began at noon.

After lunch, Garth organized his favorite non-flying activity, team water balloon tossing. About twelve pairs of contestants took to the sunny, hot and dry field and played catch with water balloons across an ever widening gap until the final pair had outlasted the rest. As hot as it was, the winners were more likely the ones who errantly fielded a balloon early in the round.

Rich Johnson and Scott Leiferman had arranged a couple of lines air inflated balloons on the field for the first of three fun fly events. Breaking balloons with your airplane was the object of the first event. Only three of the seven competitors were able to complete this event by breaking a balloon, taking off, landing and then breaking a second balloon.

The second event was easier to complete in that you had to do as many loops in 20 seconds as you could get your plane to do. Everyone was able to do some loops.

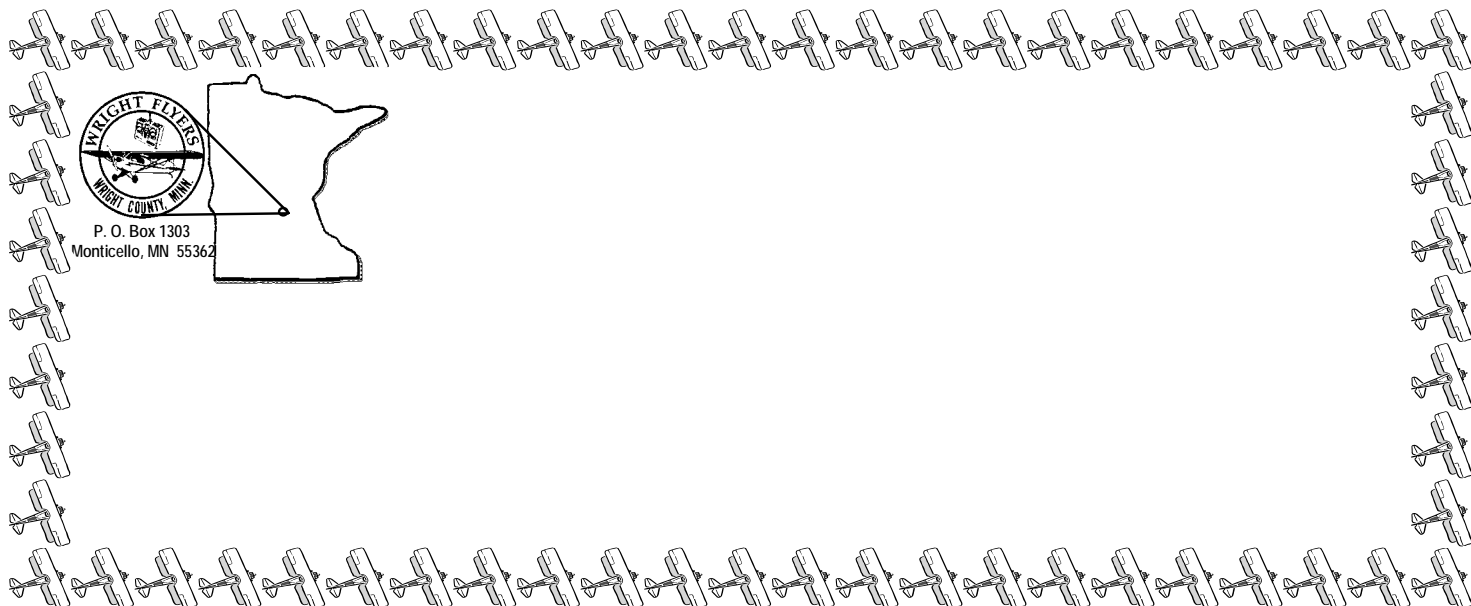
The third event was a streamer cut on a free rising helium balloon. With the strength of the wind, a balloon would travel about 100 feet horizontally for every 10 feet it rose. Not surprisingly, no one was

ever able to cut a balloon streamer even though you got two balloon launches to try.

When the points for each event were totaled, Rich Johnson, Scott Leiferman and Garth Landefeld were on the podium. They each got gift certificates from donations of the hobby shops, either Hub Hobby or Hobby Warehouse. John Kossieck and Jeff Pederson each got gift certificates for notable escapades during the contest.

The thanks for the picnic goes to Garth, Rich, Scott, and Buzz who put much of the work into making it a success. Also thanks to everyone for participating in the events and those who brought desserts to pass.





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Alexandria Invitational Fun Fly - On August 12th, 13th & 14th the Alexandria R/C Flyers are holding a fun fly which will include over \$1,000 in prizes to give away. The entry fee is \$20 and requires AMA to fly. The entry includes a hog roast on Saturday evening. There is free camping with campfire Friday and Saturday evenings. For information or to pre-register contact Bob Steidl at 320-852-7970. If you want a copy of the event flyer which includes driving directions emailed to you (PDF, 72KB) contact Leo Davids by phone or email.

Electric Fly - The Anoka County R/C Club is hosting their annul open fly-in for electric powered aircraft on Saturday September 3rd at their field in East Bethel. The CD for the event will be Paul Rono. In the past they have had door prize draw-

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ings and food. Word this year is they want to keep it on little less ambitious scale and not have prizes, just include lunch with the landing fee. They have a beautiful open flying site with had surface runway. AMA membership is required to fly. Check their web site at:
www.mninter.net/~jsvare/acrc/ACRCHomepage.html for more details.

Maple Lake EAA Fly-In Dinner - On Sunday September 11th, the EAA Chapter 878 will host their 19th annual pork chop dinner at the Maple Lake Municipal Airport. Dinner will be served from 11:30 Am until 2:00 PM. There is always a good variety of aircraft that fly into this dinner and there are static displays including model aircraft from our club, the Wright Flyers which you are encouraged to contribute to. Door prizes and a prop clock raffle provide even more incentive to attend.