

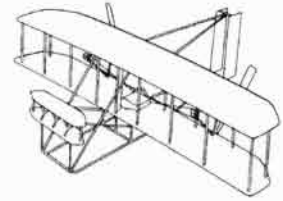


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NEWSLETTER OF THE WRIGHT FLYERS R/C CLUB

Meeting Highlights

On Tuesday May 9th, the Wright Flyers held the monthly membership meeting at Montissippi Park. This was first monthly meeting of the summer season at the flying field.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Scott Leiferman. There were 13 members present including four club officers. The secretary presented the minutes of the April meeting and they were accepted as read. There was no treasurer's report given.

Scott Leiferman noted that most clubs with internet web sites have their newsletters and other material openly displayed with club officer phone numbers. Joel Dirnberger had initially set up the WFRC web site so that only club members with a password could get to the newsletters on the site. Scott suggested we should drop the password access and it was agreed to by the members at the meeting.

Joel Dirnberger announced that he has added a forum to the club web site to allow discussions, event postings and buy/sell postings. It is open to anyone to view and requires a signup for anyone to post any of the defined topics that Joel set up.

Leo Davids announced that the club has received booth assignment for the upcoming Monticello Community Walk'n Roll festival on Saturday, June 10th. We will need two or three volunteers to staff the booth and some aircraft for display and demo flying.

Jeff Pederson, the coordinator of the club Fun-fly and picnic on June 3rd, had a Hanger 9 Twist ARF NIB that he is donating to the fun-fly. He wanted input as to whether to offer it as a prize in the event competition or run a raffle to select a recipient of this item. It was decided to run the fun-fly as no

The next meeting is scheduled for **7:00 PM** on Tuesday, June 13th, 2006. It will be held at the **flying field at the Montissippi Park.**

entry fee, pot luck food and sell raffle tickets to get some revenue for the club treasury from the event. Jeff will get some other items to award based on the competition in the flying events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM

As advertised, before and after the meeting an informal swap and sell was held. About a half dozen members brought in items ranging from aircraft to batteries, motors and the assorted "drawer fillers" that reside in every shop. Some sales were made but there was still much that has yet to find a good home.

Senior Hobby Day

The Monticello Senior Center hosted their annual hobby day for the students of Pineview Elementary School at the Monticello Community Center on Friday, May 5th. The program consisted of exhibits by craft and hobby people that numbered at least a dozen different disciplines. The students from the school arrived at the hall in the community center over a two hour period in the morning and again in the afternoon to learn about the hobbies and crafts on display there.

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The display by our Wright Flyers was staffed by Milt Olson, Al Amundson and Leo Davids . We had about 6 different aircraft to display, some model aircraft hobby magazines to give out and the working demo of an R/C aircraft for the students to try. The most popular questions we got were; did you make them yourselves, where do you get these, how much do they cost and how fast do they fly? A very few of the children knew of friends or relatives who had radio control aircraft but to most there was not much previous exposure to this hobby. Some of the students remembered us from last year's Senior Hobby Day event.

The Community Center organizer said that around 400 students made the rounds among the various displays. It seemed that a majority of them visited the WFRC display and many of those tried the sticks on our R/C aircraft demo transmitter. Even the dozens of magazines we brought were all gone by the end of the morning session. So for the students deprived of magazines during the afternoon session, Leo Davids flew the Hirobo Lama helicopter until an "out of tether reach" maneuver forced a hard landing from which damage was too great to continue flying.

The overall reaction to what we had to show was anywhere from amazement to amusement. It was hard to gauge if any sparks from our display would ignite a fire for aviation in these students but at least they had something challenging to think about early in their lives.



WFRC Fun-fly Picnic

This year's Fun-Fly Picnic was held Saturday, June 3rd at our field in Montissippi Park. Total attendance was 19 people for the picnic, 14 flyers of aircraft and 11 contestants in the flying events. The event coordinator, Jeff Pederson, had lined up as many as 8 possible events to compete for Hobby Warehouse gift certificates. Garth Landefeld had manicured the field the day before and the weather was superb.

Pot luck food consisted of chicken drum sticks, hot dogs and brats on the grill. Sid Insixiangmay and Wayne VanDenBoom served as the chefs on the grills. There were plenty of chips, beans, salad and desert to go with the main course. The sun beating down along with the dry hot wind made the refreshment coolers very popular.

Tickets were sold to raffle off the Hanger 9 Twist ARF NIB that Jeff had donated for the event. The ticket sales garnered \$132 for the club treasury. The raffle winner was Dave Martin. Jeff also drew tickets from the raffle to give out some hats and tee shirts that he had gotten for the event.

The fun-fly competition consisted of four events staged over the day between rest and food breaks. The pace of each event was quick until the climb and deadstick glide event. The combination of power climb capability, thermal activity and skillful flyers got some long glide times. This event alone easily exceeded an hour to get through all eleven of the contestants.

At about the 3 PM mark, Jeff Pederson asked if the flyers wanted to continue with a fifth event. The consensus was to total the points for the four events completed and conclude the afternoon with some



open flying. Jeff added up the scores and awarded first place to John Kossiek, second to Chris Martin, third to Gary Dahlheim, 4th to Leo Davids, and fifth to Wayne VanDenBoom. The first five place finishers received gift certificates for Hobby Warehouse.

As a footnote to the competitive events, the first place winner John Kossiek was flying electric powered aircraft which won him two events of the four. (John also used his electric aircraft to immortalize the days activity with some aerial video). The next four places were conventional glow powered aircraft. The second and third place fliers each won one event.

Thanks to Jeff Pederson and everyone who assisted him setting up, judging, cooking and cleaning up for the fun-fly picnic.



A great time was had by WFRC members at the Fun-Fly Picnic. Several of the wives attended as well. Good to see you all there!!



Dave Martin wins the Hanger 9 Twist ARF NIB



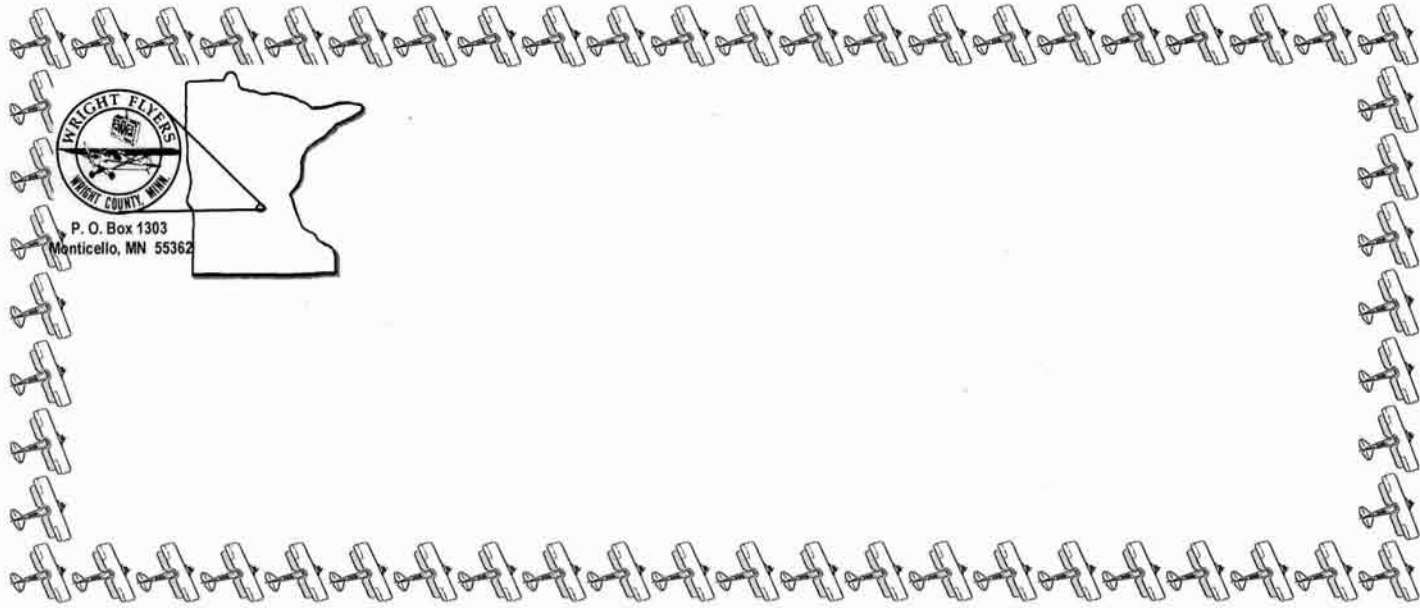
Topped Toilet—need we say more?

Life and Trials of a Portable Toilet

Apparently during the Memorial Holiday Weekend, the portable toilet at the field in Montissippi Park was vandalized. The Wright County Park Police reported the damage to the vendor, EZ Flush, who in turn called the club contact they deal with, our very own Garth Landefeld. Garth realized we had the fun-fly picnic coming up so he had EZ Flush come out and repair the toilet ahead of their scheduled maintenance visit. The resulting cost of \$25 was incurred to get the toilet back in useable form.

The police didn't apprehend anyone involved with the vandalism. We have been anchoring the toilet's base to the ground to prevent the simple tip-over vandalism that we use to suffer. It is possible that someone used a vehicle to ram the toilet and tear it from its base. Based on that assumption, there have been suggestions to install some posts in

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front of the toilet to deter this method of vandalism. If the rental unit is extensively damaged, the club could be liable for many hundreds of dollars for its replacement cost. So if we can come up with some additional protection for our portable toilet it may well be worth a small investment of our club resources.

Upcoming Events

Monticello Community Walk'n Roll - The annual city wide event will be held on Saturday June 10th. The WFRC Club will participate with a booth near the Eastview Elementary School on School Blvd. Our booth will be set up between 9 AM and noon. If you can display models, fly demos or hand out promotional literature to the public contact Leo Davids.

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MARCEE 2006 All Electric Fly-in – This annual event is scheduled for June 23, 24 & 25th at the 3M club field in Cottage Grove. The field will be open at 5 PM on Friday and 9 AM on Saturday and Sunday. The event fee is \$10 for Marcee members and \$15 for others (AMA is required for all fliers). Huge prize drawings for entrees on Saturday at 3 PM. Check web page- <http://www.marcee.org/official-business/marcee2006.pdf> for the official event flyer.

Anoka RC Pattern Contest - The annual event is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th. No further details available.

TCRC Electric Fly-in & Campout - The TCRC club is holding their annual electric event at their Jordan field on July 8th & 9th. The CD is Gerry Dunne. Check <http://www.tcrconline.com>.