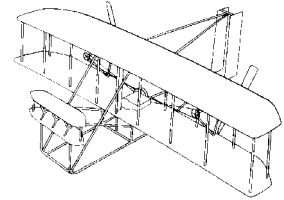


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NEWSLETTER OF THE WRIGHT FLYERS R/C CLUB

Meeting Highlights

On Tuesday, May 8th, the Wright Flyers held the monthly membership meeting at the Montissippi Park flying field. This was first field meeting of the summer flying season.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Scott Leiferman. There were 15 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.

The field has only one of the two caution signs along the south perimeter so Rich Johnson will order two more to install along the south side. A more substantial mounting will be devised to discourage theft of these signs.

John Kossieck asked if there were any objections to his use of poison to eradicate gophers on the field rather than the smoke bombs he had used in prior years. John received the OK to go with the poison pellet gopher food.

There remainder of the 5-gallon container of stain purchased and applied to the shelter and picnic tables was used on the posts along the south border of the field. There were still some posts that didn't get fresh stain so Wayne VanDenBoom was authorized to obtain another gallon of the stain to finish these posts.

It was discussed and approved at the meeting to have the club buy food for the upcoming Float-Fly at the Twin Lakes Park on the 19th of May.

Leo Davids reported that he read that the Monticello Community Walk & Roll had be moved from the 26th of May to the 16th of June due to low response of organizations providing display

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007. It will be held at the **Montissippi Flying Field.**

booths. After some discussion Leo will check with the coordinator of the Walk & Roll to see if it would be worthwhile for our club to reconsider our initial pass on the first date.

Scott Leiferman related that he had been contacted by a Mr. Bruce Yeager to see if our club would be interested in R/C equipment and planes the Mr. Yeager wished to dispose of . Scott will see if he can get a list of items from Mr. Yeager that could be auctioned off at a club meeting sometime this summer.

Mark Verbrugge announced that he gave the St. Michael Cub Scout troop the evening of Tuesday, July 24th, at the field as what has become the club's annual scout flying night. Mark will be looking volunteers to let their plane be flown on buddy box setups with the scouts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Radar Speed Trap Night at the Field

Instead of the usual show & tell associated with a monthly meeting, there was an opportunity this night to have your plane judged by "the gun". Be-

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fore and after the club business meeting on Tuesday, May 8th, Wayne VanDenBoom provided his new Bushnell Radar Gun to clock ground speed of members' aircraft. Scott Leiferman's giant scale glow powered Extra made it into the low 90 mph range. Wayne VanDenBoom got his Great Planes Sportster over 80 mph. John Kossieck pushed his single engine electric powered flying wing to almost 80 mph. A number of the 40 to 60 sized 2-cycle nitro powered planes attained speeds nearing the 80 mph range. Leo Davids had his Twin Star electric 2-engine plane squeaking into the lower 50 mph range. But leave it to John Kossieck with his twin engine electric powered flying wing to put the exclamation point on the evening with a pass reaching 107 mph. Of course none of these speed passes were conducted with any sort of sanction rules to compensate for effects from non-level or tailwind effects.

Club Membership Report

As of June 1st, we have we have 33 members who have paid their club dues for 2007 and have current AMA membership as well. There are two members from last year that have AMA memberships for 2007 but have yet to pay WFRC club dues. All 35 of these are listed on the June club roster. Still, there are 3 members from last year that have not paid club dues nor renewed their AMA membership for 2007. They have been dropped from the club roster list.

Club Float Fly

On a very nice Saturday on the 19th of May, members of the WFRC club gathered at the Twin Lakes County Park between Elk River and Nowthen to fly float planes and picnic. Wayne VanDenBoom was the event coordinator. With members, family and friends, there was a turnout of about 15 people at the park for the food and flying. The club provided food in the form of hot dogs, hamburgers and pork chops with salads, desert and a broad selection of cold beverages. Chief

cook Garth Landefeld got the grilling underway for a noon lunch in the pavilion near the beach.

Starting a little after 10 AM there were about eight pilots flying about a dozen different float or amphibious planes. All the aircraft flown were glow engine powered. There were no electric, gasoline or turbine powered aircraft, nor any helicopters. Four aircraft of the dozen that flew had their maiden flights that day. Still there were only two notable mishaps during the missions flown over the water throughout the day. One involved Gary Dahlheim losing orientation of his plane on the far side of the lake such that it made a rather hard impact in the water. It was recovered by a Good Samaritan fisherman. Otherwise it was going to be a long row into a stiff wind to retrieve Gary's plane.

The other incident involved Leo Davids exercising some poor seamanship with a tipsy retrieval boat after picking up his plane whose motor had killed on landing. Trying to prevent a gust of wind from blowing the plane out of the boat, Leo capsized the boat on top of his plane. Also, Leo's transmitter which was in the boat went to the bottom in about 10 feet of water.

A spectator swam out to the capsized boat and helped Leo drag it all into shallow water. The plane sustained a broken float and was heavily waterlogged from being pinned under the capsized boat. Another spectator swam out to the spot where the boat had capsized and dove for the transmitter and retrieved it.

Despite the ugly boating incident, flying continued for a while more before everyone began packing it in. For the most part, the day was a good experience for the many pilots that participated. Now that we see the number of water-ready planes in the club, we might look forward to more activity organized for float flying.



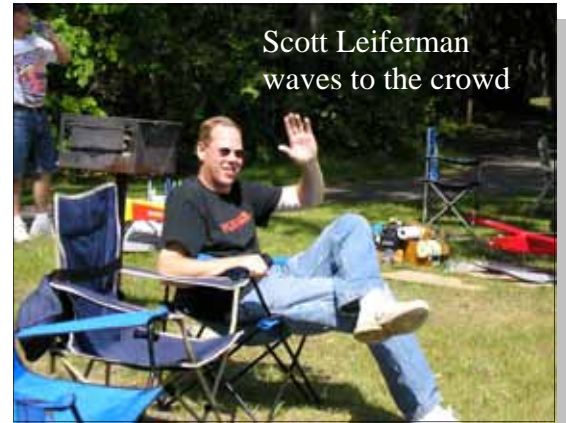
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Rich Johnson gets his new Plane ready for its maiden flight



Buzz Plante and his wife with Mike Ferretti



Scott Leiferman waves to the crowd



Dave Nims gets his airplane ready to go.

Thanks to Garth for all the photos shown on this page.



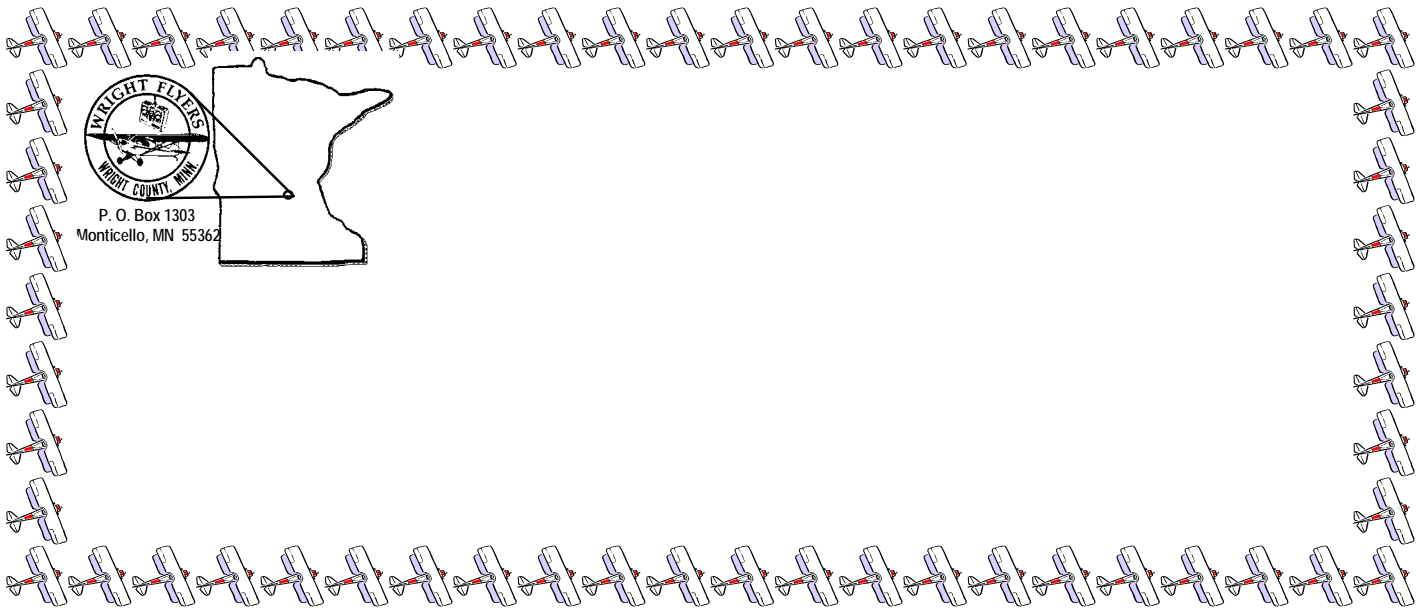
Ken Storie retrieving his plane.



Rich again with his plane



Leo Davids before and after the swim.



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Coming Events

WFRC Cub Scout flying Night - The annual event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24th, at the Montissippi Park flying field. Club member Mark Verbrugge is the organizer for hosting the cub scout troop from St. Michael. The program has consisted of an orientation session for the scouts to obtain a briefing on how to operate the R/C aircraft they will be flying. Then depending on the number of scouts and aircraft set up for buddy box control, each scout will get 2-3 minutes of stick time with an aircraft aloft. Mark and his volunteer staff of WFRC pilots usually get to the field by 6 PM for setup and test flying of the buddy boxed

aircraft. The event typically will run to sunset.

MARCEE Fly-In – The tenth annual MARCEE sponsored electric aircraft fly-in is being held at the 3M club field in Cottage Grove from June 22nd through June 24th. The flying starts at 5 PM on Friday and 9 AM on Saturday and Sunday. The event is AMA sanctioned and requires AMA membership for pilots. Landing fee is \$10 for MARCEE members and \$15 for non-members. The huge drawing for prizes for registered pilots is 3 PM on Saturday. See the website at <http://www.marcee.org/marcee2007.html> for details and directions.