

PULSE

Upcoming Meetings and Events

The next meeting will be at the EAA Building on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

SPMRC will be hosting Scout Troop 408 Model Aviation Weekend on Saturday, September 29, 2007

Important: In an effort to reduce expenses for postage and printing, SPMRC will only be mailing the newsletter to members without e-mail. This began with the May 2007 issue. If you would like to receive the Pulse by snail mail contact Stan Zdon and you will be put on the mailing list.

From the President

By Ed Ryan

Hello All - Welcome To September

Well the corn is at full length now and is turning browner every day.

Every one loves to talk about how bad the corn is. I don't think it's affected my flying at all. I have seen enough people go into the corn to make the observation that most of them have faired better because the corn is actually softening the impact. If there were beans or dirt these planes would have a lot more damage. To me that's a plus; the only problem I see is the difficulty of locating a lost plane. One of our club members has turned me on to a locating device that is hand held and uses buttons that you put in the plane. At this point I have been trying to see how much interest members have in this and will discuss it more at the meeting.

This months meeting is very important because we will be nominating people to be board members. There are four positions that we will be nominating for and in October we will vote. The board members whose terms are up are Wally Barko, Dan McArdell, Steve Roman and John Kletzin. Now the only rule for nominations is that who ever is nominated must accept in order to be put on the ballot. Remember you can nominate who ever you want as long as they are members in good standing; you should keep in mind that the people you nominate will help make decisions that will affect every one in our club. Being a board member is not a large commitment, an extra meeting an article here and there. More than anything it's a great experience.

Some of you may have been fortunate enough to see our sign that was up for almost a week. It was beautiful and I would like to thank Ellie and Doug Pflager for a wonderful job. Unfortunately some one had a problem with its location and we are working out the details and hopefully we will have it back up soon.

The days are getting shorter so make sure your observing the out of gate times; they are posted at the field.

Remember the meeting is at the EAA building on Wednesday, September 12, at 7pm. See you there.

Ed Ryan

Contests/Events

By Paul Rono

Hi Ya'll!!!!

I attended the 7th annual Rotary Ring Out held at the Marion R/C club field August 24-26. The Marion club

has a really nice runway that is actually a private airstrip 2,800 ft long. Even with the deluge of rain the southern part of the state got (12+ inches) the field held up although a bit soggy. Your humble events director even had to help a few stuck vehicles out of the mud with his trusty FORD!!!! Any who, there was a heli flight school held by Todd Bennet on Wednesday - Friday for people who wanted to improve their flying skills. The actual event ran from Friday through Sunday. Some how I got roped into running the events for the RRO. We held a timed flight event in which the CD gave you a certain time and you tried to fly/hover for that exact time. A spot-auto in which the participant flew up high, cut his motor, and glided/auto'd down to hit a spot (closest to spot wins). Also we held a heli Drag Race with T-rex, 30, 50, and 90 classes. The T-rex class was a real hoot. In the 50 size the T-rex 600 was hard to beat. The power of these electric helis is awesome to behold. Then just for giggles we had a spot auto for the little T-rex 450s. There was one hitch they had to land on a step stool (plastic)!! We had two takers for the contest and one of them actually hit the step stool!!! This was very difficult as T-rex 450s don't auto so well. One other highlight of the RRO is Night Flying, believe it or not night flying heli is not difficult if you have a good light rope setup and night blades. I have flown every year at night and get a little better at it every year. Of course there is a huge Raffle with lots of prizes on Sunday afternoon. There was a food wagon there from Roscoe's to get all the food you wanted. All in all the event was two Thumbs up!!! If ever you get to attend a fly in where you can camp it's well worth it!!

Now back to our club. I attended the Surfside Seaplane Base Open House on August 12th. Watching the real seaplanes was cool. There were lots of Cubs, an Otter, and a Grumman Widgeon? I was the only one flying R/C that day and got in lots of flights between the real planes landing and taking off. I did have the misfortune of putting my Raptor80 heli into the drink that day. I found out that a piece of my piston skirt had broken off and got chewed up in the bearings causing a lockout.

Unfortunately our last Wiener Wringout got rained out (boo hiss) but!!!! We have Septemberfest on the 15th

which we will have burgers and dogs for. So cross your fingers and hope that Mother Nature smiles on us. Then on September 16th Sky's the Limit Hobbies will be having their Fall Swapaganza starting at around 8am. ACRC will be hosting a funfly on September 22nd. And the SPRC club will be hosting a Cub Scout fly on September 29th. If you have a trainer and are able to help out that day with the scouts please try to make an effort to do so. Remember these are possible future SPRC flyers!!! And as usual here's the Events Schedule!!!!

Paul

Here's the schedule!!

Sept 8-9	Bismarck Aircraft Modelers(BAM) Open Fun Fly
Sept 8	ACRC E-fly
Sept 15	SPRC Septemberfest -10am-?
Sept 16	Hobby Warehouse Swap-A-Ganza---8am
Sept 22	ACRC Funfly-10am start
Sept 29	SPRC Cub Scout Fly 10am
Oct 6	ACRC Fall Fly Out-10am
Oct 13	SPRC Chili-fly-10am-?
Oct 20	ACRC Funfly-10am start
Nov 23	SPRC Turkey Fly-10am-?
Jan 1	SPRC Freeze Fly-10am-?
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Stan Zdon

September is here and the summer is almost over. An important event that takes place at the September meeting is the nominating of members to run for the board of directors of SPMRC. Four members are

finishing their two-year term in December: Wally Barko, Dan McArdell, Steve Roman and John Kletzin. Come to the meeting prepared to nominate someone you feel will make a good board member. The election is in October and the new board transitions in November and December.

There are still a few activities going on during the rest of the year, most of which are listed below.

- September 8 -- ACRC Electric Fly
- September 15 -- SPMRC Septemberfest
- September 16 -- Hobby Warehouse Swap Meet
- September 22 -- ACRC Fun Fly
- October 6 ----- ACRC Fly-Out
- October 13 ----- SPMRC Chili Fly
- October 20 ----- ACRC Fun Fly
- November 23 -- SPMRC Turkey Fly

The next meeting will be at the EAA BUILDING on September 12 at 7:00 PM.

Stan Zdon

From the Secretary

by Dan McArdell

Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2007

The meeting was held at the field and called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Members present: 27

New Members: 2, Visitors: 0

Board Reports

Vice President: No report

Safety: Spread spectrum radio users still need to put their cards up on the frequency board.

Field Maintenance: No issues to report this month.

Membership: We have 4 more new members.

Events: The events schedule is published in the PULSE.

Treasurer: We have approximately \$15,500 in funds.

Old Business: Steve Scott said that scouts will tentatively be flying at the field on Sept 29th. They haven't committed yet. There will be 5-15 scouts (12-16 years old) and parents. Steve said he needs trainers and buddy boxes so if you can help out, please contact him.

We had a discussion about whether to publish the details of the treasurer's report in the PULSE. The main reason for publishing it was to help shorten the length of the monthly meeting. The board will discuss further.

New Business: Nominations for open board positions will be accepted at the September meeting and voting will take place at our October meeting.

Our September meeting will be held at the EAA building.

Show and Tell: Ed Ryan - showed his Convair Pogo which can take off and land vertically. It's an electric model using a Phoenix 18 ESC, a nippy brushless motor, and a 650mAH 3 cell li-po battery.

Raffle:

1st place: Dave Kreiner, RCD

2nd place: Ron Cota, Chipmunk kit

3rd place: Ellie Pflager, Glow plug charger

4th place: Dave Kreiner

5th place: Ellie Pflager, socket glow plug wrench

6th place: John Kletzin, CA glue

From the Treasurer

by Steve Roman

I mentioned, at the last meeting, that a club member had brought up the fact that he wasn't sure we should be publishing the treasurer's report in the monthly pulse. The feeling was that the Pulse is visible to the whole world on the net.

I got two responses to that idea; that being; maybe we should only make the information available to club members in a printed report or an email report. More conversation suggested that the report only be offered quarterly or semi-annually. It was suggested that a monthly offering was "too much information, too often."

Please contact me or any board member with your feelings. I want to keep everybody happy and informed but not bored out of their skulls.

The board will discuss your comments and make a decision.

I was on vacation in the Park Rapids area this past August. Needing a tiny bit to repair a plane, I searched out the closest hobby shop. Surprise, Surprise, Surprise. I found a fairly fully stocked R/C hobby center in downtown Park Rapids named Area 51 RC. It is part of the local Radio Shack. The owner is very friendly and helpful. He invites all members to visit his store when in the area. For a tiny little town with only 40 members in their local club, it's quite a well stocked store. By the way, their local flying field is just West of town and quite a nice little grass field. I have been graciously welcomed there two years in a row.

From the Editor

by Dave Van Deusen

Here's a note from Steve Scott regarding the upcoming Scout Fly:

The Scout Fly on September 29 is confirmed with the Troop.

We'll start at 10am and would like to start with a short ground school explaining the basics of a typical RC trainer, a typical radio, how to set it up, pre-flight procedures, radio range check, frequency control and field safety rules. I've told the troop we'll wrap up official activities around 1pm but they are welcome to stay, watch and ask questions.

Some of these scouts have completed their aviation merit badges so will have a concept of pitch, roll, yaw, drag, thrust, etc. There will be some younger scouts there as well as some parents.

We will need training aircraft, instructors and buddy boxes. I don't have a head count but expect most of the flight stations to be in use.

The Piston Popper control line club will be hosting the troop at their field on Sunday. I belong to that club and they have a great enthusiasm for working with youth.

Any questions, please call Steve or Alex Scott - 651-604-0919.



From the Ocean County Modelers, Inc., Lakehurst, New Jersey

Windy Days: Good Rudder Practice Days

by Salvatore Piu

One of my friends asked me for some flight training, but canceled a few times because of windy conditions. For student pilots—since student pilots usually are flying on a buddy-box system anyway—take advantage of this: get some buddy-box stick time on a windy day.

There are several benefits for students to do this while still using the buddy-box system. First, in order to keep the airplane under desired and controlled conditions, wind generally forces student pilots to be more active to maintain control during the flight, which equates to a faster learning curve.

Second, we always have some amount of wind at the field, therefore pilots should not be afraid of it. Better yet, pilots should learn how to deal with windy conditions, provided the model is capable of flying in that condition. An electric foamy airplane weighing less than 10 ounces, for instance, should not be flown on windy days, especially by a student pilot or one having recently soloed.

An underpowered or marginally powered model will also be more sensitive to even light wind. The general rule of thumb I use for not flying because it's too windy depends on how hard it is to assemble the model in the wind. If the wind places my model at high risk for damage during assembly, then it's too windy to fly.

I have flown in excessively windy conditions a few times over the years. However, in each case, the flight was no longer enjoyable because I was constantly correcting for wind-related issues, with the landing being the most intensive and nerve-racking part of the flight.

If the wind is a little annoyance during assembly, I will fly knowing the wind will be a little annoyance to contend with in the flight also. I call windy days “good rudder practice days” because rudder typically needs to be used more often on windy flights.

Bottom line: fly a few times in moderate wind conditions while you are a student on a buddy-box system because it will make you a better overall pilot.

Classifieds

Built Eagle II 40 size trainer (no engine or radio)

- Flies well w/Magnum 40 on 10% nitro, and 9x6 prop.
- Good condition (but no wheels).
- No hinge gaps on ailerons.
- Asking Price/Best Offer: \$50.00 (\$70.00 @ Tower Hobbies)

Partially built Long EZ scale model

- Fuselage framed w/nose block glued on w/nose block sanded to final shape. Horizontal stabilizer and elevator sanded to final shape. Cover behind horizontal stabilizer assembled and sanded to final shape. Main wheel pants sanded to final shape.
- Winglets sanded to final shape, fully assembled, and tacked in place on wing.
- Wing (sheeted foam core) assembled w/leading edge and trailing edge, including ailerons, sanded to shape. Wing sections fiber glassed together and sanded. Included are 2 Futaba FP-S133 servos mounted on the servo pocket cover plates.
- Asking Price/Best Offer: \$175.00

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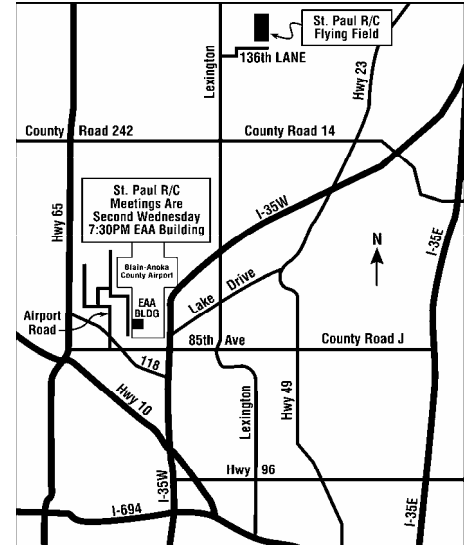
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