

WINDY FLYER

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From the Editor

By Ed Miller

Wow! Is it August



already? Where did the time go? This has been a most unusual summer. It has been the hottest and rainiest summer in history. In addition, it has been crazy windy. John Baderman reported the field is usually in brown-out stage at this time and he can hold back on mowing for about 2 weeks at a time. This year he has had to mow about every 6 days! For you nature buffs, there has been hardly any Monarch butterflies. Also, while I've been flying at our field for 20 years and have seen deer occasionally, this is the first summer I've seen deer on two occasions stop in the middle of the field and watch! Weird times I suppose.

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Woodland Aero Modeler's Flying Field at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, Lemont, Illinois

Did You Know ?

I think we all could use a little humor. After every flight pilots fill out a form, called a "gripesheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are actual maintenance complaints submitted by pilots. ("P") is pilots and ("S") is solutions recorded by maintenance engineers:

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

(See "Did You Know?" On the next page)

Well, there is still lots of good flying to come. September through November often have terrific weather.

On Saturday, August 17th, is our Club Picnic. A rain date, if needed, is set for Sunday the 18th. This event is for members, their families, grandchildren, and friends. In short, invite anyone you want. We will supply the food (Brown's Chicken) soft drinks and water. Bring chairs, a dessert and perhaps a dish to pass if you can. We do need help with setup, take down, etc. (None of these jobs takes more than 15 minutes, points will be awarded). We will have instructors available to take any of your guests up for a flight.

Our monthly Fly/ Burger & Beer is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th. We always have fun at this event.

On August 24th is another SAC Club Float Fly. I went to my first one in July. What a fun time. It's quite a thrill to see your plane lift up out of the water and head off into sky.

Learning about aviation and our social events make for a strong Club. Come out and participate! And have some fun!

Safe flying, see you all at the field!

Ed Miller

Club Secretary

Windy Flyer Editor-in-Chief

("Did You Know" continued)

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine is missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to: straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

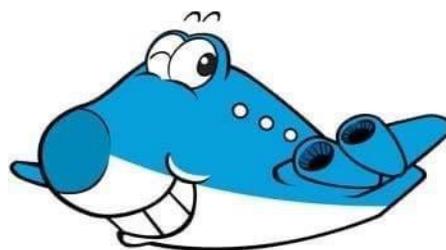
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer:

S: Took hammer away from midget.



Woodland Aero Modelers

Radio Controlled Flying Club

Club Officers

President/membership	Tim Mercier
Vice-President	Brad TerMatt
Executive Director	Craig McKenzie
Secretary	Ed Miller
Treasurer	John Baderman
Safety Officer	John Horwath
Chief Instructor	Craig McKenzie
Instructors	John Baderman
	Ed Miller
	Brad TerMatt
<i>ControlLine</i>	Mark Romowitz
<i>Helicopter</i>	Steve Zielinski

Calendar

August 2024

- 6th Monthly Club Meeting at the VFW; starting at 7 pm.
- 8th to 11th Clow Open House with Ford Tri-Motor
- 15th Fly/Beer & Burger night
- 17th Club picnic, 18th as rain day
- 19th and 20th Chicago Air & Water Show
- 24th SAC Club Float Fly, Twin Lakes, Oak Forest, 8:00am-Noon

September

- 3rd Monthly Club meeting at the VFW; starting at 7 pm.
- TBD Fun Fly competition at the flying field-prizes and refreshments 14th Fox Valley Aero Club Tailgate Swap Meet, St. Charles, IL
- 28th SAC Club float fly, Twin lakes, Oak Forest, 8:00am-Noon (Last one for 2024)

Minutes from the August 6th Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm by John Baderman

Secretary's Report: Report read, and approved

Treasurer's Report: Our checking account is at \$6708, savings account \$4026 for a total of \$10,734. A new budget will be presented at our September meeting. Any suggestions, whether on spending or saving, email or call John Baderman

Executive Director's Report: Not available

Chief Instructor: Not available.

Safety Director: It was asked if flying alone is against our rules. It is not, but, for safety's sake, it is highly recommended you have a friend with you. If you lose your plane in the woods, please do not go out there alone. Also, water, sunscreen and bug spray are a must.

Announcements

- Another Clow Open house with the Ford Tri-Motor, August 8th to the 11th.
- Fly /Burger night is scheduled for Thursday August 15th. We usually start flying around 3pm and quit about 6 or 6:30. Then we head to Chuck's on Cass and have some beers and burgers (they have a complete menu). Lots of fun at our June Fly/Burger night.
- John Baderman has lost a pair of blue sunglasses. If found, please contact him.
- Stan Warden mentioned flying at the Green Valley Hill Slope Soaring in Naperville. They are now open on the weekends from 1 hour after sunrise to sunset. Perhaps we can do a group outing. You must have a valid Dupage County Forest permit if you are flying. If not flying it's still a great experience with a terrific view. No gas or glow.
- Our picnic will be on Saturday the 17th with the 18th as a rain day. We get our food from Brown's Chicken, chicken, beef and pasta. Soda and water will also be provided. We need volunteers for setup and take down. We need someone to help Bill B. pick up the food and we need ice and ice chests. Bring chairs, a side dish to pass, and a dessert if you can. Instructors will be there to take up anyone wanting to experience r/c flying. This event is for members, their families, grandchildren and friends. Invite anyone you wish. We generally start around 10am or 11am and you can stay as long as you like. None of the jobs require more than 15 minutes worth of your time. If you can volunteer, please contact Ed Miller or John Baderman.
- Field maintenance, stand repair, flying station update etc. will be done next year. Thanks to Craig McKenzie for repairing one of the flight stands.
- Dave Ford suggested building a holder for your transmitter and attaching it to the flight stand.
- Stan Warden has an excess of garden fencing material and we discussed the pros and cons of erecting field safety fences. This would be a barrier to protect a pilot from either his plane or someone else's flying directly into the pilot. Several years ago the Executive Committee voted 60% to 40% not to install them. If enough interest, we will revisit this.
- Dave Ford inquired about a sound device that could be put in your electric plane to simulate the sound of a real airplane engine. Check out Google. John Baderman will send out a link.
- Joe Kleifges suggested when opening the entrance gate leave the key hanging on the gate that

doesn't move so the lock won't fall and get lost.

Planes for Points

-Bill Byan showed off his OMP Hobbyt 60 inch 70E Edge 540. Bill noted that the advertised weight was 3 pounds but in fact turned out to be closer to 7 pounds. The plane was very sensitive to control inputs but using low rates should help.

-Steve Zielinski brought in two helicopter kits he obtained from the now defunct "Pat's Hobby Shop". A Competitor and a Cricket. He got them for free and they are apparently very valuable to old time helicopter enthusiasts. He also acquired some old time Fox glow engines which he made available, some free, some for sale.



Here's Steve with the Cricket helicopter kit. And the Competitor.



Fun through Model Aviation

Brad TerMaat brought in his favorite plane, the Hanger 9 Ultra Stick ARF. It has a wingspan of 60 inches and a length of 57 inches. It has 7 servos with quad flap. It is currently powered with a 10cc Evolution gas engine. The engine is in need of some repair.

Brad TerMaat



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-Model Building Hints and Tips: None

New Members: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Flying Control Line at the NATS

By Mark Romanowitz

**Editor's note: Mark Romanowitz is our Control Line flight instructor. This is a letter he sent while participating at the AMA NATS Control Line Championship in Muncie, Indiana.

Hi Ed,

Well, I'm at the NATS. Tomorrow is day one for qualifying. Three attempts for two flights, best flight of the day counts, and two more flights tomorrow. It's been good to renew old friendships and start new ones. Today there were three "unofficial events". Old time stunt (planes and stunt pattern from the 1940s and early 50s), Classic (1959 to 1969) and Nostalgia (1970s to 1994). About 45 flyers total. I was one of the judges for Classic. The weather has been hot and very humid and the wind kicked up today resulting in four crashed planes, which hurt to see/hear.

Regarding the standard official classes, beginner and intermediate, flew Sunday and were well represented. Advanced (that's the class I'm in), and Open Class start tomorrow. My well enjoyed and hangar rash afflicted Sirius garnered 13 appearance points, which I was pleased with all things considered.

My friends and mentors Bob Hunt's and Kenny Stevens's planes were awarded 18 and 19 points respectively. The weather tomorrow is going to be even hotter with "real feel" estimates over 101 degrees. Then the storms are supposed to start and leave us cooler but with higher winds on Wednesday. I'm not going to risk my plane since I'm not going to win this thing and I want to drive home with an intact airplane. Tell the folks in the club I said hello, and I hope to get some RC flying in before August becomes September.

Best Regards, Mark

Photos



Jerry LaBarge and Craig McKenzie with Jerry's P-40 P-40



Chris Brook flew his T-28



Mike Doose with his MXS Superroc



A Sopwith Camel.