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Presidents Report

Here we are mid year already

Hi all

The year is moving right along, we held a very successful Scale Meet. The day was beautiful and twenty or so planes showed up. There was a good crowd all day. Dirk and his wife's food stand were great. A big thanks goes out to all who helped in making it a success.

There is a Heli Meet at Seven Cities the 9th and 10th of July. CR Skyhawks will hold their Warbird Fly-In on the 17th of July at their field in Cedar Rapids, IA. There will be a Pylon Race the 17th of July, weather willing. This will be the first one this year and it will be at Seven Cities.

This sport has come a long way in a few years, when I joined a plane complete was around \$450.00 without field box and you assemble it. Today you can buy an ARF, ready to fly in 15 minutes for \$250.00 without field box. This is called progress.

The meeting this month will be at the sod farm Monday the 11th at 7:00 pm, unless there is inclement weather and then it will be held at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House at 7:30pm.

Bring them home in one piece,
Lar

From The Editor

by Phil Vernon

Some people's kids! I've never had much tolerance for other people's kids, mostly because those same "other people" aren't crazy about me disciplining them. Yet they can't seem to do an adequate job themselves so you'd almost think they'd appreciate the assistance. Anyway, the morons have already come out to Seven Cities for some sport toilet tipping. Here's what to do if you find it dumped again. The phone number for service is on the door. If necessary, don your protective clothing and stand the unit back up so you can read the number and call them. They usually respond quickly to service it. Mike Smith reports that calling him will do little to resolve the situation. We appreciate your assistance since we apparently aren't going to be able to train all the juvenile delinquents who so desperately need it.

Field safety is something I'm sure everyone gets tired of hearing about but is something we also continue to have issues with. If you haven't noticed one of the regular flyers around the field with his finger taped up, I'll clue you in that we had another prop strike at Seven Cities. The individual involved was severely cut and also sustained a fracture. In a separate incident, an individual taxiing in the pits inadvertently hit a large scale composite airplane which caused some very expensive damage. Fortunately there were no injuries and the parties have worked out the damages. Either of these incidents could have potentially had far greater consequences. Please pay attention to what you're doing and maybe I won't have to bore you with this again.

Another safety related issue is the increasing occurrence of radio "hits" at the Seven Cities field. Several flyers, including me, had problems at the scale meet and I have witnessed at least one more incident since that time. I had comparatively short glitches but others experienced interference sufficient to send their plane way inside the flight line. Some even attributed crashes to the interference. Unfortunately I don't have the frequencies involved but I'm not sure that is pertinent. I believe the interference is coming from outside of our frequency band from some high power rf source that is splashing over onto our frequencies so it's possible that any channel could be involved. We were running a monitor on the 72 MHz frequencies and didn't see anything on these monitors during the scale meet even when experiencing hits. I'll be contacting our AMA district rep to see if they have recommendations or potential solutions. In the meantime, be alert for potential interference issues. Strict adherence to the flight line rule is

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MINUTES OF THE 13 JUNE 2005 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 at the Seven Cities Sod Farm field by President Larry Patrick

There were 29 members and 1 guest present.

The Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$5860.72.

The Minutes were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Quad Cities Air Show Phil Vernon reports that Harry Alter has talked to the Air Show and that we are welcome to set up a display. There has not been enough response to several requests in the newsletter and via e-mail to make the show worthwhile.

Scale Meet Bill Franck still has the shelters in their new crates. The fence posts and the post driver are at Kroeger Field. Set up will start at 5:30 Saturday. Dirk and the rest of the food crew are ready. Mike and Phil have the trophies and prizes on hand.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crash Award The traveling Crash Award trophy has been resurrected and issued.

Adjourned at 7:24

MINUTES OF THE 27 JUNE 2005 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 at the Davenport Village Inn by President Larry Patrick.

BUSINESS:

It's been very hot.

Outhouse Tipping Mike Smith says to call the company at 381-1643 when it 'blows' over. They'll set it upright again and clean the mess.

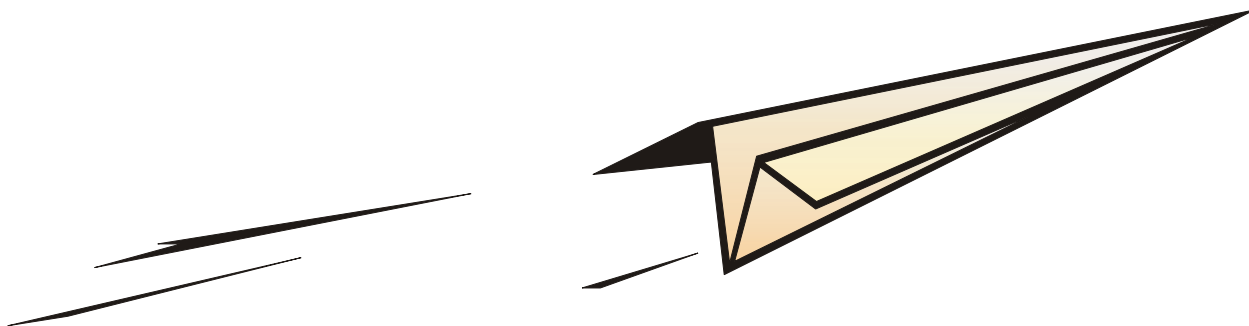
Heli Meet Jim Merritt reminds us that the Whirlybirds' annual meet is July 9-10 this year.

Shelter Crates Chuck has hinged the lids on the coffins and added latches. Some over length screws need to be ground down and Mike Smith has volunteered to take care of them.

Pylon Race Phil Vernon has hopefully found a suitable date for the race. The Kewanee pilots are ready to go on the 17th of July.

Scale Meet Thanks for all the help. We had 26 pilots register 40 aircraft.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.



From The Editor *continued*

essential until we identify and resolve this problem!

Some of the upcoming events will impact normal flying at the Seven Cities Field. As Larry mentioned, the Heli Meet is this weekend, July 9th & 10th which will essentially close the field to open flying all weekend. Next Sunday, July 17th we will be holding the first pylon race so open flying will also not be permitted until after the race is completed. Racing usually winds up around 3:00 pm or so. Plan accordingly for attending or participating in these events and for alternate flying locations.

Also as Larry mentioned, this year's Scale Meet was a big success. I'm including complete results elsewhere in this issue. The weather was beautiful and most everything went without a hitch. The one problem was my own, I turned up sick the day before. I am deeply thankful for the set up crew who did a great job of putting up the shelters and laying out the barricades and gates without me. After missing the setup, I had made arrangements for an alternate contest director to handle the event because I wasn't sure I would be able to actually make the contest either. Sunday morning I was still a bit rocky but as the day passed, I was closer to my regular old annoying self. I've said many times before, I get more credit than deserved for events such as this. No single person can do everything necessary to conduct such an event. I won't mention names here because I'll surely miss someone important and be embarrassed. However, countless people contributed to the success of this event and everyone who benefitted from their efforts can be thankful that we have these dedicated volunteers to help when we need it. Maybe you'll consider helping next time?

DRCS HELPER LIST

Individuals needing help with their airplanes are invited to contact the helper of their choice by phone. Otherwise they should arrive at the meeting ahead of schedule or stay on after the meeting to get the advice they need from the helpers available at the meeting.

ENGINES: Installation, running, troubleshooting.

Bill Whetstine 289-4329 LeClaire
Phil Vernon 386-8205 Davenport

BUILDING: Assistance with choice of model, buying accessories, and actual construction, up to the point where the model is declared ready to fly.

Frank Lang 391-5297 Davenport
Les Schjelderup 799-5678 Coal Valley
Bill Whetstine 289-4329 LeClaire

INSTALLATION: Assistance with correct/safe installation of engine, tank, radio, pushrods, and setup of throws and controls.

Frank Lang 391-5297 Davenport

CHECK-OUT FLYING: This involves assistance with the first flight. Pre-flight checks, performing of a complete inspection and assistance with post flight changes needed.

Phil Vernon 386-8205 Davenport

FLYING INSTRUCTION: This is the traditional teacher/coaching program of training a novice to fly solo.

Scott Glaudel 355-1087 Bettendorf
Bob Miller 386-4756 Davenport

HELICOPTER INSTRUCTION:

Bill Franck 388-9752 Walcott
Jim Merritt 285-4284 Eldridge

Scale Meet 2005

by Phil Vernon

Here's how the trophy competition ended up.

Best of Show- Mike Kaas P-38

Giant Warbirds

1st: Ray LaFrentz - Corsair
2nd: Scott Booth F-15
3rd: Ray LaFrentz Mustang

Giant Civilian

1st: Matt Edwards - Extra 330
2nd: Calvin Schwartz - Spacewalker
3rd: Phil Vernon - Christen Eagle

Sportsman

1st: Steve Thompson - Yak
2nd: Phil Vernon - Corsair
3rd: Scott Glaudel - HE 100

The flying started out for the day with an impressive performance by Scott Booth with his sport jet. Scott demonstrated smooth controlling of this FAST model and the sound has to be heard to be believed. Scott also had his turbine powered F-15 which he also demonstrated his mastery of later in the day.

There were quite a number of other interesting models as well. Ray LaFrentz always has a striking line up of scale hardware and this year was no exception. Ray showed 3 beautiful planes including his new Mustang, radial powered Corsair and of course the C-130. Ray's low passes are right on the deck, literally one time on an extra low pass with the 130.

Bob and Danny Snyder had their usual hanger of 3D machines and wowed the crowd with their dexterity on the sticks. Matt Edwards joined them as well with his impressive Extra.

The crowd was really treated to an amazing flying performance when John Glezellis turned up unannounced. If you don't recognize his name John was a competitor in this years Electric TOC. I saw his performance in that event at Toledo this spring but with a giant scale model under his control, his ability is truly outstanding.

Mike Kaas was flying his remarkable Ziroli P-38 and clearly impressed more than just me since he took home the Best of Show trophy. It's a beautiful plane and flies great too.

I'm a WWI fan and also liked the Newport, Fokker, and Bristol that the fellows from Pekin brought. There were lots of other neat planes but I'm about out of space. If you missed the event, I should have photos on the web site by the time you read this.

This kind of event, gets us as close as possible to actual aircraft yet keeps the rules to a minimum. Our classes allow most any plane to be competitive too so plan to join us next year for the fun.

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Next meeting
Monday- July 11th
7:00 p.m.

Seven Cities Field

Program - FLYING!



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