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Next Meeting

Tuesday
Sept. 2, 2008
7:30 PM
at the VFW

PILOT TO CO-PILOT

A Message From The President



Presidents Message

The season is half over and we have had some good weather for flying. We have had quite a few guests stop by and also picked up several new members. Welcome to all the new members and I hope to meet everyone as I have missed meeting the last couple.

The August Fun-fly at Baugher Field was well attended and the flying went from early morning to late in the afternoon. A good time was had by all.

A few quick reminders and information.

- The next meeting will be September 2nd at the VFW, same time as normal.
- The Float fly is September 14th at Baugher's pond.
- The Crab feast with the VFW is September 20th at 1:00 PM. \$35 per person. We are buying a 16 seat table as we did last year so if you wish to attend let Bob Allen or me know and we will hold your tickets. First come first serve and we are not sure if there are any more seat available.
- The Big Bird Fly-in will be Saturday September 27th and will also be a camping weekend.

September is a busy month and I hope to see most of you at all the functions.

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Minutes of the WAM Meeting August 5, 2008

By Doug Klunk Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Doug Klunk @ 7:37 pm. 14 members, and 2 guests were present at Spiegle field.

Presidents Report –No Report

Treasurers report – No Report.

Vice President Ed Bradley had no report.

Field Reports –

a. Spiegle – All in attendance at tonights meeting will attest to the spectacular shape of the field.

b. Baughers – no report

Instructions – Bill Autry reports all new pilots progressing well!

Carroll County - Reminder to the club, no flying @ Spiegle prior to noon!

Old Business – none

New Business – Both Guests were approved for membership.

FunFlys - Steve Brown supplied an accounting of the fun-fly's to date:

June Fun Fly spent 120.07 rec'd 87 in donations Steve added 13 for a balance of - 20.07

July Fun Fly spent \$75 rec'd \$27 in Donations for a balance of - \$48

Steve rec'd \$200 to begin the year balance to date is \$132

Projects –

a. everyone in attendance had at least 1 flight!

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 pm

Next meeting is set for 9/02/08 at the VFW at 7:30 pm. See you there!

Important Notice!

Please be advised that the hours for flying at Speigle Field are:

12PM to Dusk any day except the
period between Thanksgiving Day and New Years Day.

Thanks!

FUN FLY DATES

The Fun Fly dates have been set as follows. As always things are subject to change due to weather etc.

September 14	Noon	Pond fly
September 27	8 AM	Big Bird @ Baughers
October 12	Noon	Speigle
December 6	6PM	Holiday dinner and elections



FLIGHT INSTRUCTION

With several new members in WAM who may need some help learning to fly, I will continue to provide this list of instructors. The following instructors are available for “flight training” for WAM members. You may call them to arrange a convenient time.

Bill Autry	301-668-7269
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Paul Schaffner	410 429-1911
Wendell Richards	410 374-4970
John Sterrett	410 775-2661

[New Roster](#)

The latest roster is posted on the web page in the members only area.

From the Eglin Aero Modellers, Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Does Radio Control Flying Qualify as Exercise?

Is the flying of Radio Control aircraft considered adequate exercise? Arguments for and against are described below.

1. Almost every flier gets up at 6 a.m. to fly in the mild breezes of dawn. Problem: A person has to get up more than once before they are considered to be doing sit-ups.
2. RC fliers tend to have larger thumbs. Problem: There is no known association between cardiovascular fitness and large thumbs.
3. RC fliers often bend down or squat near their airplanes. Problem: It has been noticed that once they are down, they have a hard time getting up.
4. Some of the terminology sounds like exercise. For example, sport aerobatics, fuel, or gear. Problem: Terminology in and of itself is insufficient evidence of an adequate aerobic exercise program.
5. RC fliers often are seen walking in the woods. Problem: Generally, they only walk in the woods once a quarter, and that is not for exercise but to recover a downed aircraft.
6. Weight lifting involves a buddy to spot the lifter. Problem: Even though club members use a "buddy box" and often "spot" real airplanes, the concepts involved are quite different than those used in body building.
7. In an exercise program, an individual is known to sweat after about 20 minutes. RC fliers also are known to sweat after about 20 minutes. This is the only assertion where similarities exist between exercise programs and RC flying.
8. People who exercise usually have better eyesight. Fliers often have to see at great distances but generally cannot tell whether the object they are looking at is right side up.
9. Persons involved in exercise programs often are fixated on building the perfect shape. Similarly, RC builders are fixated on achieving the perfect shape, but in this case, we are talking about the aircraft, not the person. The individual may actually be way out of shape.
10. Those involved in exercise programs are concerned about weight gain. RC builders are equally concerned about weight gain, but again the focus is on the aircraft.
11. People who are successful in exercise programs generally work out at the same time of day, five times a week. RC fliers can be found at the field on the same days and times.

Conversations among those who exercise regularly often are laced with letter and number combinations, (B-6, B-12, the B complex). Similarly, RC flier conversations contain letter and number combinations (B-52, P-26). →

TIPS AND TRICKS

Captured on Tape

Before cutting steel control cable, wrap it tightly with masking tape to prevent the strands from unraveling as you cut. It makes it easier to solder into a threaded push rod end too. Remember to wear safety goggles.

Paper Circles

Use a paper punch to cut out little circles of gummed paper. Stick these pieces to the backside of firewall blind nuts. Once you do this, you can fuel proof the tank compartment with resin without fouling the threads of the blind nuts.

Pellon

Fabric stores sell a product known as “pellon.” This can be used for general reinforcement and is especially good for wing center sections. Be careful when you do apply it as it does have grain and should be applied in the direction that affords maximum strength.

Firewall Gasket

Where you have a screwed-on, removable firewall/motor mount, oil seepage can occur. RV suppliers have flexible “putty tape” that can be hand-formed into a squishable, removable gasket. Silly Putty might also work.

Custom Trim Sealer

Cut the ends of large aluminum rain gutter nails. Then bend, file, and polish the resulting “rods” to make custom trim-sealer tools that can be inserted into your Top Flite trim-sealing iron.

Push Rods

Did you ever go through all the trouble to make up your control surface push rods only to find at installation that they were a quarter inch too short? Try this easy way to get the lengths just right. Tie a string to the control horn on the control surface. Drop the free end of the string through the fuselage. With the control surface in neutral position, tie the other end of the string to the servo arm. Cut off the excess string at both tie points. Now, cut the string at the ties and what you end up with is a piece of string that is the exact length of the push rod you will need to fabricate.

Instrument Panels

An easy and cheap way to obtain an instrument panel for that sport model is to look through a full-scale airplane magazine for an advertisement showing instruments. I found one I liked and used my scanner to scan the image into the computer, and then pasted it into my word processor, scaling it to different sizes. This could also be done using a copy machine that will reduce. If using the computer any size can be easily scaled. I printed out several different sizes to have on hand. The ones I made were all in black and white, but if you have access to a color scanner and color printer, some really nice instrument panels could be created this way. You could also add color to black-and-white copy instruments using markers or colored pencils so they look more realistic.

Easy Mount Cowl

To prevent cowl screws from crushing balsa, drill a large hole through each side of the cowl. Drill holes through two dowels to make wooden brushings (if you are able, use a lathe). Finally, glue in the now suitable diameter hardwood brushings. The screws can be driven into the engine bearers.

—Taken from the *Talon Tales* newsletter, *Schoolcraft, Michigan* (collected from various sources)

MEMBER

Information

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR YOU

If you have E-mail capability and would like to communicate with other members, use the following addresses for WAM members and our foreign correspondents

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LET ONE OF US KNOW
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(*) NEW ADDRESS

FOR SALE**For Sale by Walt Craig**

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Sportsman 60 w/ low time K&B 61. Low wing, blue, beautiful trim, built by a real master.

Extra 300S w/ Super Tigre 90. Teal w/ trim. Low time motor, master builder. Airtronics radio. Same transmitter for both planes. \$400.00 for everything..

Webra 50 NIB \$50.00

Webra 1.20 r/c with Pitts muffler Low time . Runs great. Easy starting. Super Power. \$100.00

Super Tigre S3000 (1.8 ci) NIB Broken in. \$125.00

All offers considered.

Giant Telemaster with OS 70 FS engine and all servos for \$200.

Dale Johnston, 410 848 5279
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SR Eindeccker with G26, pull pull system, aces of iron pilot, Solartex covering, 4 S3001 Futaba servo's, SR2200mah pack, RCAT electronic kill switch and Du Bro gas filler valve. All new never flown. Over \$1100.00 invested sell for \$900.00 e mail for photo's.

N.I.B. Proctor Jenny. Lots of documentation, construction tips from a well known Jenny modeler, photo pack, Proctor wire wheels, (cost over \$100.00) Actual Jenny manual of rigging and another manual of Jenny construction. E mail for additional information. \$550.00 plus shipping if necessary.

Bud Faulkner—deenbud@comcast.net

New Members

**Please say Hi! To all our new members
when you see them at the field.**

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 Regular Mtg. 7:30 VFW	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Pond fly Baughers Pond	15	16	17	18	19	20 Crab Feast VFW
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Big Bird @ Baughers
28 Big Bird Rain Date	29	30	1	2	3	4



Schedule of Events

WAM Events

September 2, 2008 Meeting 7:30 @ Westminster VFW

Pond Fly Sept. 14 9AM @ Baughers Pond

Big Bird Fun Fly Sept. 28 at Baughers field

Non WAM Events

Crab Feast Sept. 20 at VFW

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of every month, unless otherwise
noted, at 7:30 p.m.
in the VFW HALL on Poole Road in
Westminster.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME !!!

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