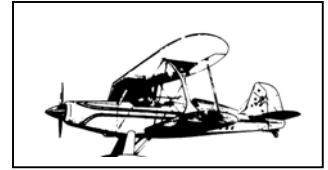


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Next Meeting.....

The next regular club meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd at 8:30 pm. We will fly at the field prior to the meeting.

Mall Show a Big Success.....

The Clubs Annual Mall Show was a great success, with 38 planes on display, including a good variety of glow and electric planes, & featuring a B-25 Mitchel Twin, and one helicopter. Attendance and intrest was good, with all of the raffle tickets being sold by about 3pm on Saturday. The winner of the \$200 drawing on Sunday evening was Gary Bolden, from the Homer City area.

May Meeting Report

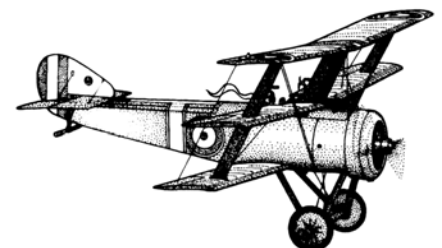
The May Club meeting held on Tuesday, May 6th was very well attended with 26 members and guests present. We took in two new club members at this meeting, primarily as a result of Mall Show contacts. The new members are Matt Tedrow, of Boswell, and Matt McKinney, of Johnstown. We welcome both of these new members to our club! Matt Tedrow is an accomplished helicopter pilot and flew at our field prior to the meeting.



A VIEW OF THE MALL SHOW FROM THE STEPS

We also welcomed three other guests at the meeting, Rob Mowrey and Mark Shuck, plus Matt McKinneys Mom, Donna. Treasurer, Ken Shilling reported that our fund balance is in very good shape with the majority of our members renewing their annual dues, adding to the net income from the Mall Ticket Raffle. It was noted that we do need a few maintenance items completed at the field. A good coat of paint would be nice on the entrance gate, as well as on the tables and benches. We also need to repair a board on the field box which has deteriorated

over the years. Ken Reese showed off his partially completed "Play Boy" model that will weigh in at only 35 ounces when completed including the engine! Club President Sam Kaplitz reviewed the safety rules which we are expected follow in order to comply with AMA regulations. A number of the gang visited Pappy's for Pizza after the meeting and to swap war stories! Fun!!!



New Member.....



New Club Member Matt Tedrow

At our May 6th meeting we took in two new club members. This month we will feature Matt Tedrow. Matt hails from the Boswell area and likes to fly Helicopters! He does it very well too, having flown a great demo prior to Tuesday's meeting at our field. He really put his "Raptor 30" through it's paces. His wife Nicole, and young son Zackery were with him at the field and visited Wal-Mart during the meeting. We all welcome Matt to our club and you will want to watch his next flight with the Raptor!

First Hot Dog Fest!

On Sunday afternoon, April 27th we had the first hot dog cook out. About 12 members were present and Ken Reese turned up the grill for some great Ball Park Hot Dogs! Several guys said they were the best grill-cooked hot dogs they had all year! Maybe that was because they were the first ones they had eaten since last fall. We had fun flying too!

Field looking good

A quick check of the field damage shows that it is "healing" fairly well from the 4-wheeler damage. The rough spots are at least smooth now from all the top soil we hauled in, and the grass is starting to come up. All in all, things look pretty good considering the damage it sustained on April 4th! Thanks again to all those members who came out to help repair the damage!

Evening Flying Has Been Good.....

A good many members have had lots of fun during the past month flying in the evening. We have had some rainy nights to be sure, but it's staying light now until well after 8pm, and it seems to get calm after 6 pm. So, come on out after supper and try out that plane that has been sitting on your workbench! The morning flyers are having a good time also, the field is pretty good shape considering the damage it took in early April.

Boys Apologize.....



Jason & Brad

I received this email from Jason and Brad, the boys who did the damage to our field on April 4th.

"Brad and I are so sorry for the huge amount of damage that we caused. When we found out that this field was still in use, and more importantly was used as a runway for your planes, we both felt terrible. There is no excuse for doing something this destructive. We hope that you can forgive us, and use our money to restore the field to it's once pristine condition. Thanks, Jason & Brad"

As a footnote, I attended their arraignment hearing on May 16th as an observer. They were given their charges, which are serious, and placed on bond. A preliminary hearing will be held at a later date to determine the disposition of their case. They could face some substantial fines, and possibly even some jail time, if the charges are not reduced, which will be up to the arresting officer. I talked with the magistrate after the hearing and he said that because they had apologized to the club members, had made restitution for the damage, and also helped out some on our workday on April 19th, a reduction of charges is probably likely, **but**, it is still up to the DA and the arresting officer. I believe a very important lesson has been received!



Picture to the left is from a late April evening flying night! We have had lots of rain, but good flying has been able to be enjoyed!

To the right is Scott's Lazor. He put it thru it's paces on Sunday, April 27th.



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We had a good turnout on Saturday, April 18th for the work-day. At least 20 club members showed up to help fix the damage and put up the tarp on the shelter.