

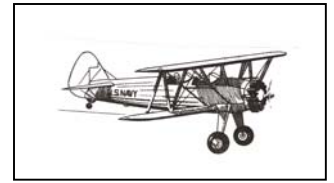
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Next Club Meeting is on the 7th of October

Our October club meeting will be held at the Richland Twp. Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:30 pm. Note the **time change** to the earlier start, and all of our future winter meetings will also begin at the regular 7:30 pm time. We hope we can fly one last time prior to the meeting, if the weather permits. Hope to see you there.

Family Picnic to be held on Sept. 28th

We hope you can make this family picnic, it just could be our last one for this flying season! Let's hope not, but bring a dish, a plane, and your family out to the field for this great event! We will be looking forward for you to be there! The hot dogs get put on the grill about 4:30 pm!

Scott gets new plane!

Scott Holsopple has a new plane to play with. It's an F-15 ducted fan jet from Nitroplanes.com, and boy does it fly well! Really cool to watch!



This picture was taken on Tuesday, August 26th on a wonderful & calm evening. Present for the picture was Rick, Cliff, Eric, Kenny, Travis, Caleb, Scott, Jim, and Roger. We had a great time flying!

August Family Picnic a big success!.....



The August Family Picnic was held on Sunday August 30th and it was wonderful. We had a very large crowd, and the meal was terrific! Ken Shilling reprised his "corn on the cob" cooker to prepare great tasting corn, and the buffet spread was outstanding, as usual. We had lots of planes on the flight line too. The above picture shows two guests from who were visiting from Sweden

who came to our field for the picnic. On the right is Daniel Gustafsson, a friend of Paul Yuhas, with his girlfriend Jessica Johansson. They were visiting in the USA for the past six weeks and Daniel even took one of Paul's planes for a flight or two. He flies regularly in Sweden, and spent a year here in Johnstown, with a Dale Boro family, in 1996. Matt Tedrow and Dwayne Kieta spent more time trying to get additional movie pictures from their planes, and are refining their "plane cam" techniques. There were no major mishaps during the day, but newest club member Bob Price had some landing gear damage during an abortive take off. Scott Holsopple also had a wing tear off from his glider while Ken was taking him up for a flight. All in all it was a fantastic day at the field.

New Club Members Bob & Clint Price...



Our newest club members are Clint and Bob Price shown above with their new NextStar. Bob, holding the plane, had been a member of our club about 10 years ago and dropped out of the hobby, but now, with his young son Clint, age 8, showing interest in airplanes, he has rejoined our club. They have purchased two Nextstar trainers and have spent time at the field with both Sam Kaplitz, and Ken Reese using the trainer box. Bob has 20 years of service working at SCI Cresson, and holds the rank of Lt. In addition to his interest in the RC hobby, Bob is also involved with motorcycles, and has brought his Harley to the field on numerous occasions. Bob, his wife Kim, and young son Clint, reside in the Loretto area. When you see them at the field, give them a warm welcome!

September Club Meeting Review.....

The club's September meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd only two days after the very successful August Family Picnic. There were 21 members present. About 8 members flew at the field prior to the meeting. This will be our last meeting that will start at the 8:30 time slot. Due to the

shorter days, and upcoming time change, October's meeting, as well as the next 6 or so will start at 7:30. We again took in a new member at the meeting. He is Alex Reasinger, who resides in DuBois, PA, but attends UPJ, and wanted to be affiliated with a local club. He is a member of the Balsa Buster's club near DuBois when he is at home during the summer months. Alex is majoring in Mechanical Engineering at UPJ, and is an Eagle Scout. He even joined the group for pizza at Pappy's after the meeting. Paul read the minutes from our July meeting, and treasurer Ken Shilling reported on our financial situation, which is still good. We will face a larger mowing bill in a few months, which could be \$1500 or so, due to the rising gas prices. Don Hoffman has kept the field in wonderful shape thru the summer and on the night of the meeting it was in superb shape. We talked about trimming some of the trees, and also the painting of the new cable reel, which was so kindly donated to the club. It was also decided to pump the port-a-john again one more time before the end of the season. There was some excitement reported from the field. Matt Tedrow, who has been placing his "Flight Cam One" video camera on several planes during the past two weeks had it on his plane on Monday night and it went in hard, totaling the plane and smashing the camera. The night of the meeting he and Nicole searched the crash site and found the memory card, but the camera itself is only in pieces. Also, prior to the meeting, Travis Miller had two wrecks. He brought his

"Mini-Pulse" in hard and broke the engine mount, then later in the evening while flying Ricks plane, he lost control at the lower end of the field. This time he wasn't so lucky, and it went in very hard, totaling the whole plane. Somewhat of a bad night for them, to say the least! We had the two "crash boys" pose for a picture at the end of the meeting during their "show and tell"!



Here "Bits & Pieces" **Travis Miller** poses with "Titanic Tedrow" **Matt Tedrow** with the remains from their plane wrecks!

Two of Matt's videos are now on our website for you to look at if you have a "high speed" internet connection. They are posted on "YouTube" and the links to them are on the "Links & Crashes" page of our website. Check them out at:

www.johnstownrc.org

By the way, there are hundreds of pictures of the club's activities on our website. You can view albums from 2007, and 2008 year-to-date, plus many others from the Mall Show, March Banquet, and January's Indoor Fly-In, in addition to current information and upcoming events.



In the picture below, Travis Miller surveys the damage from his crash on our September meeting night! Both he, and his Pap (Rick Oxford) were a little bummed out, but Rick took it in stride. Another plane is on the way. Travis is showing “two thumbs up” so at least he has a positive attitude.



Travis surveys the damage

Club Again Takes in a New Member.....

Alex Reasinger, who joined our club at the September meeting, hails from the Dubois area and is a member of the Balsa Buster's club located up along I-80. As stated earlier, Alex is a freshman at UPJ majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He did a search for our club thru the internet using the AMA site. That's how he found out when, and where we held our meetings, and realized he could walk to the meeting from his dorm at UPJ.



New Member Alex Reasinger

Alex has a very well built small electric plane which he flew at the field on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. He flies a Hobby-Lobby Micro-Telemaster, which he built from a kit. It has a 35 inch wingspan and he custom built in the ailerons on the normally 3-channel model. It's powered by a Lazertoyz “Blue Wonder” brushless motor with 10 amp esc and a 3 cell LiPo pack which moves it along very well. Alex has a brother and a sister, and his father owns a printing company. If you see Alex at the field, give him a warm welcome!

RC Flea Markets.....

Two upcoming RC Flea Markets worth noting are coming up during the next two months.

The first will be held on Sunday, October 19th. The 16th Annual Laurel Highlands Fall Flea Market will be held at the Hempfield Hunt Club near New Stanton, PA. From 9am until 3pm you can browse the many vendors offerings. Coming Eastbound from I-70, New Stanton Exit, and then take the Hunker Exit, 57B. The club is located about ¼ mile on the right.

The second event will be held on Sunday, November 3rd from 8:30 am until 3 pm. The Annual Murrysville Area RC Society Flea Market, with auction! This event will be held at the American Legion Hall located at 5778 Old William Penn Highway, Export, PA. Take US-22 to the Cozy Inn Cutoff. Then take the Old William Penn Highway about 1-1/4 miles to the American Legion Hall. GPS co-ordinates are 40.41911N and 79.63110W.

Three Club Members Visit AMA Muncie Indiana Headquarters For SAM Nationals

By Paul Yuhas

Well, ya can't win'em all, was the thought as I rode home with Scott and Ken in the incessant rain on Friday, Sept. 12th. We did enjoy our stay during the week of August 7-12th, and learned quite a bit about what to build and fly the next time. Monday, the first day all of us had events to fly, began with a predicted late pilot's meeting and a sunny but cool morning with a bright blue sky. About the time the day warmed, just before noon, the wind pretty well took over for the rest of the day. Scott flew his **Dallaire** with the screaming Nelson 40 and of the four flights required, got a “max”.(a max is the maximum time allowed for a given event, in this case nine minutes) Ken also flew his Rossi powered **Bomber** and fared fairly well, but no maxes. Below Scott times for Ken during a Half A contest.



Muncie Trip Report Continued.....

Later in the afternoon we hoped the wind would have subsided, but it continued as usual, and I got in a flight on my ½ A **Dallaire**. After my first flight, which was more like a “hover” in the gale, I decided not to risk losing or damaging the plane and called it a day. Tuesday brought the usual high, gusty winds again. Scott got one max on his Class C ignition **Playboy** and two other fairly good flights when his ignition wire broke. (no soldering iron!) Ken flew his **Thermal Magnet** with three fair flights. I then flew an Anderson 65 powered **Playboy** in C ignition. On the second flight while I was landing parallel to the macadam, a fierce gust blew the **Playboy** onto the runway, and the plane hit a rubber cone, cracking the pylon, rendering the **Playboy** unflyable.

On Wednesday, none of us had events scheduled, so after breakfast, we ventured over to the free flight area where we watched the pros fly their rubber powered **Wakefields**, (remember Caleb’s?) as well as glow powered gassies of the 40’s and 50’s vintage. The **Wakefields** took off from a table, whereas the glow powered models were hand launched in the huge grassy area reserved for the free-flighters. The models climbed in circles under power, and after a pre-determined time lapse, a de-thermalizer mechanism brought down the plane slowly. Many of the planes drifted nearly out of sight in the wind, and the owners usually took off on a motor bike chase!



Scott, Paul, and Ken at AMA headquarters in Muncie, IN

To the right is Ken Reese and his Thermal Magnet.



Above is Scott and his Dallaire Sportster and To the right is Paul and His 1910 French R.E.P

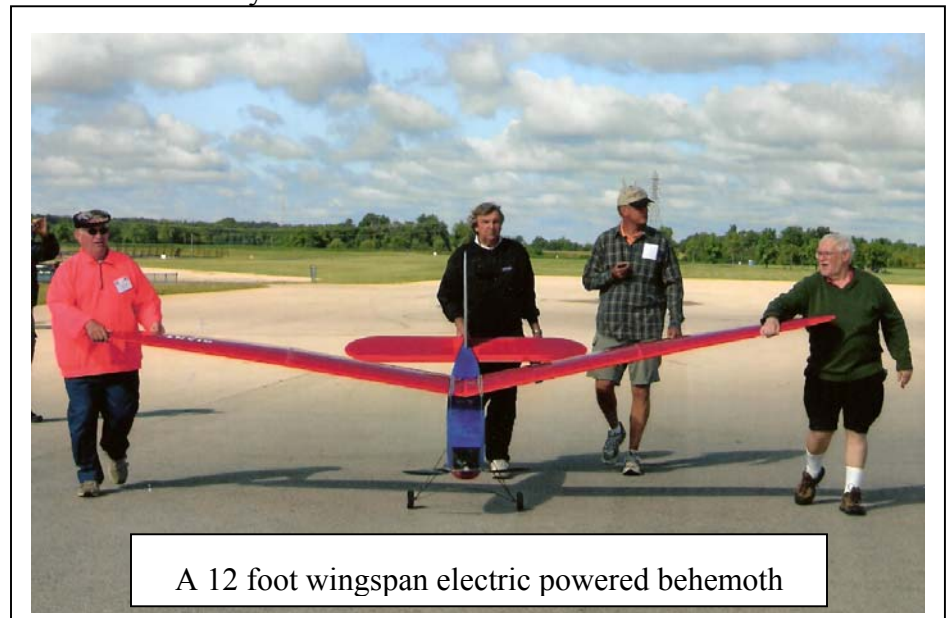


Muncie Trip Cont.....

We later visited the AMA Museum, which is replete with models from vintage days up to the present, as well as an elaborate display of model engines of all types. There was a replica of a typical model shop with displays offering many of the kits and wares of the 40's to the 80's. Thursday was no doubt the best flying day of the week with warmer temps and milder wind. Scott did well flying his C-Glow **Dallaire** again with one max plus a 7 minute flight. Ken also put in several fairly good flights on his **Bomber**. I opted to fly my scale 1910 **French R.E.P.** late in the morning thinking the wind would escalate and got 4 or 5 minutes on the first flights and a 7-1/2 minute flight on the third. The afternoon proved to be a better time for thermals. The R.E.P. spawned lots of questions.

Since the weather forecast for Friday was thunderstorms, all events for that day were allowed to fly Thursday. Ken and Scott tried to start Scott's **McCoy 29** on his **Playboy**, with every adjustment known to man, to no avail! I had to smile when I recall the late Jerry Moss's assessment of ignition engines: "If they were any damn good, they'd still be makin'em"!

I was elated when Scott contacted a fellow modeler who worked for the distributor of McCoy engines, who took my engine to his boss elsewhere on the premises, and picked up the proper crankshaft for my McCoy (which I had bought on Ebay) The engine had no cam on the crankshaft! Ken and I were right! No wonder it wouldn't work! It started to rain early Thursday evening, and Scott and Ken thought it prudent to load the van with the airplanes before morning, lest it be worse. Early Friday we finished loading the tent and luggage on the roof to begin the trek home. Maybe we will do better next year!



A 12 foot wingspan electric powered behemoth



A German "Stahlwerk"
Half-A Scale Model

