

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

This month's masthead plane is going to be done a little differently. I'll tell you all about it, except for its name and who almost made it. See if you can figure it out!

The plane was designed in 1946 using captured German technical data about forward swept wings. Power was to be supplied by an Allison 12 cylinder engine along with a Westinghouse jet engine. Yes, those really are jet intakes just aft of the nose wheel! The design got as far as wind tunnel testing, when it was determined that the wings would probably depart the plane at high g loads.

For the modeler, the obvious challenges are the wings, but with carbon fiber that should not be an insurmountable problem. Now, of course, if you're going to go all the way, you need both a prop and a jet engine in this beauty!

MICHIGAN JETS 2009

The guard has been changed at Michigan Jets. DAM member **George Thomas** will now captain the event. It will be held August 7th through 9th at the Grosse Ile Airport, with proceeds going to benefit the Grosse Ile memorial and the Children's Leukemia Fund. George is looking for workers, both for the setup at noon August 6th, and during the event.



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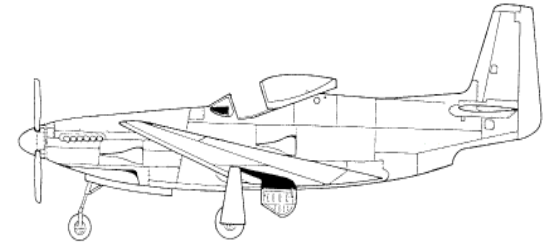
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DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

The door prize this month was won by **Bob White**, and the raffle drawing was won by **Bob Mayhew**. The door prize was donated by **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**, and the raffle prize also came from them. Thanks, Nankin, and congratulations, gentlemen!



ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet was a great success. We had thirty-one people at the banquet, including **Bill Oberdieck**, our District VII vice-president. The food was good, and included the strangest dessert I've ever seen... a strawberry pizza!

SHOW AND TELL

Eric Henrickson brought in a giant Corsair that his son-in-law's grandfather made. It's powered by an OPS 1.8 cid glow engine, and uses only four channels for control. Eric said he's not ready to fly something this big and bad, but he hopes to improve over the course of the summer!

Ron Wasielewski brought in a Great Planes Extra 300 powered by a 400 brushless motor and a 3S 2100mAh LiPo battery pack. This 35 inch foam-bodied plane weighs only 24 ounces, and is a real performer. **Al Zerber** brought in a foam F-16 from Hobby People. The twenty-one ounce plane ARF comes with a fan and brushless motor for \$100. Al has a 3S 2200 mAh LiPo battery pack in it, and it really scoots! The plane is controlled entirely by all-flying elevons. There are no ailerons, no rudder, and for that matter, no landing gear!

THEATER NEWS

Spotlight Players is presenting the comedy "Divine Stella Devine" at the Village Theater in Canton, Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. The story is set in the popular Ritz Theater where the company is reading a new play. We find the aging star Stella, an unscrupulous actress--- Ginger, an ambitious reporter and his girlfriend, a set of twins, a dim-witted beauty, an overbearing stage mother and many other zany characters weaving a plot vaguely reminiscent of "All About Eve". This is a delightful comedy that's different from anything you've ever seen.

Show dates are 2/20 through 3/8. Tickets may be ordered online at spotlightpayersmi.org or by phone at 734-394-5460. This is the theater group that **Mike Cuba** is involved with. He's seen the rehearsals and the play is hilarious!

DONATIONS

There was considerable discussion about making the donation that we had approved at the January meeting. The first point discussed was cancelling the donation. There were two main points offered to support the cancellation. One was that our membership was down, and we might need the money ourselves. Another was that the money would be better spent on food for the fun flies. A third was that we would not get that much recognition for a relatively small donation of \$150.

On the other side of the issue it was pointed out that we have made similar contributions each year for at least the past fifteen years, and that it was a matter of doing the right thing, not seeking recognition. The motion to cancel the donation was defeated by a wide margin.

As discussed at the last meeting, **Tom McNulty** reported on the youth groups using the facility. There are four. The **Redford Youth Department After School Program** tutors Redford students who are having difficulties in school. **Girl Scout Troop 3655** is based in the Community center, and serves the Redford area. The **Commission on Children's Issues** provides low or no cost programs for Redford families. The **Redford Dance Competition Classes** are also held in the building.

A fifth group was brought up in the course of discussion. This is an informal "slush fund" that has been in operation for one or two years, that provides funds to the center for unexpected expenses, such as replacing a refrigerator last year. This group was not mentioned by the management of the center when Tom talked to them.

It was suggested that we rotate through the groups, giving the full \$150 to one group each year. At the March meeting there will be a vote to select one of these groups to make our donation to this year. There will be no absentee ballots, so be there if you want your voice heard!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** reported that we have 49 paid up members as of the February meeting. Remember that AMA insurance from 2008 has now run out, and you cannot fly at the field or the gym without a paid-up 2009 membership!

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Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

3/10 business meeting 7 p.m.

Indoor flying every Friday at 6 p.m.

