

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

Here's a nice simple plane for you this month. It's the 1909 de Havilland biplane No. 1, which crashed a few seconds into its one and only flight! The biplane, his first design, spanned 36 feet, and was powered by a 45 h.p. water-cooled flat four designed and built by de Havilland. The body is entirely open framework, and is symmetric front to back. The stabilizer is in the rear, but the elevator is in the front. There is no fin, and the rudder is in the rear. The pilot sat in front of the engine, which drove two pusher props. The plane's landing gear could be labeled either a tail-dragger or a trike arrangement, since in addition to the mains, there was a wheel at the nose and one at the tail. The good news for the modeler is that if you manage to collapse the wing in flight, you can claim it was a scale maneuver!

SUMMER MEETINGS AT THE FIELD

It was decided at the May meeting that we will hold our business meetings for June, July and August at the field. Time and dates have not been changed, only the meeting place. Rain dates for the meetings will be the next non-raining day at the field.

FIELD NEWS

Field Marshall **Bobby Harmon** reports that the field is in fine shape. He's already trapped seven moles, and we have a new flight box out there.



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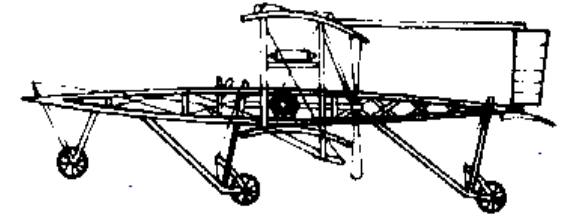
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DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Terry Kozlowski won the \$15 door prize, and **Ron Wasiliewski** won the \$50 raffle prize, both gift certificates from **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**. Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you, Nankin!



SAFETY

Safety officer **Dennis Gazdecki** reports that we have a new safety fence installed at the field. He also reminded us that the horse barn is now being used by the Buffalo Soldiers, and that the fields outside Lessinger Middle School will be used this summer for a youth program. Our flight boundaries remain south of Joy, and east of Spinoza only if we are at least fifty feet up. It would be a good idea to stay west of Spinoza at any altitude when the kids are out.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chair **Al Zerber** reports that we have 91 members as of the May meeting.

FUN FLY SCHEDULE

The Fun Fly schedule has been set for the summer. We will have one on the third Sunday of each month from May through October, at noon. **Bobby Harmon** will be our CD, and **Ron Wasiliewski** has volunteered to be our chef. Along those lines, it was voted that we increase the money spent for food from an average of \$50/month to \$75/month. It should be a nice picnic!

NON-PROFIT STATUS

There was some discussion at the May meeting about applying for 501c3 status for the club. It would cost us about \$200, but anyone donating to the club could then get a tax write-off. No decision was made.

ROUGE APPRECIATION DAY

Tom McNulty reported on the plans for the Rouge Appreciation Day, Saturday, June 7th. As we have in the past, we will be providing the manpower and equipment for the food preparation, sound system and air show at noon. Volunteers are needed to set things up at 9 a.m. on Friday, as well as 9 a.m. Saturday. Workers will be needed from nine to noon on Saturday to help with food prep. Contact Tom at 313-937-2744 for more information. As part of the club's participation with Friends of Rouge Park, we voted to renew our corporate membership in the group at the May meeting.

Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

5/25	Fun Fly	noon
5/26	Willow Run Static Display	
6/10	business meeting	7 p.m.
6/15	Fun Fly	noon
6/21	Redford static display	noon
6/28-29	Helicopter Fun Fly	
7/8	business meeting	7 p.m.
7/20	Fun Fly	noon
8/8-10	Michigan Jets	
8/12	business meeting	7 p.m.
8/17	Fun Fly	noon
8/23-24	August Fun Fly & Air Show	

REDFORD STATIC DISPLAY

The Grand Dale Neighborhood Association is asking us to do a static display during their 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social & Bake Sale. The event runs from noon to three p.m., on Plymouth Road between Leverne and Southwestern. If you're interested in participating, contact **Mike Cuba** at 734-812-0102.

NOVICE TRAINING

We will be continuing our practice of holding novice training sessions every Wednesday from 10 to noon and from 6 to 8. Please leave the skies open for nervous novices, and thanks again to our instructors!

MAY FUN FLY

The May fun fly has been postponed until Sunday, May 25th, due to bad weather on the 18th. We had low temperatures, spitting rain off-and-on, and strong winds. The only one to show up with a plane was **Mike Cuba**, and he only got in one very shaky two-lap flight before bringing his plane down, thankfully in the same number of pieces as when he took off!

In case you weren't at the May meeting, the first task for the fun fly is to cut a 30 foot long toilet paper streamer suspended from a helium balloon as many times as you can in a five minute span. The second is to roll the dice, take off and fly a loop and a roll, then land and try to roll the same number! You've got four minutes for this task. The final task is to see how many touch-and-gos you can squeeze into five minutes.

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HELICOPTER FUN FLY

The helicopter fun fly is good to go for June 27th through the 29th. Food will be available for pilots and workers only (gratis). There will be a raffle open to the public. Read the June newsletter for information about volunteering to help with setup and running of the event.

COMING EVENTS

The Tulip City Air Force is holding their Big Bird Classic in Holland, Michigan on June 13th and 14th. Call Bob Kovacs at 616-748-7483 or go online to bigbirdclassic@charter.net for information.

Sanilac Model Aviation Club is holding their 10th annual tailgate swap and fun fly at the Arnold Airport in Croswell on Saturday, May 31st, at 10 a.m. Call Bob Samuelson at 810-679-3962 or go online to torcsuls@greatlakes.net for more information.

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