

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

OK, I know we already have a couple of Mr. Mulligans flying in the club, but did you know its history? Designed by Ben Howard, it won the 1935 Thompson Trophy with an average speed of 220 m.p.h. only two days after it had won the Bendix Trophy, averaging a little over 237 m.p.h.! Not bad for a plane that carries two at altitudes of up to 26,000 feet, with a range of 1,750 miles.

The Howard DGA-6, to give it its official name, was powered by a Pratt & Whitney Wasp nine-cylinder pumping out 830 horsepower. Lift was generated by the 31 foot 8 inch wing, and top speed was 292 miles per hour at altitude.

The plane's a natural for four-channel R/C. No flaps, no retracts, only one engine, high-wing tail-dragger... what's not to like?

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chair **Al Zerber** reports that we have 95 members as of the June meeting.



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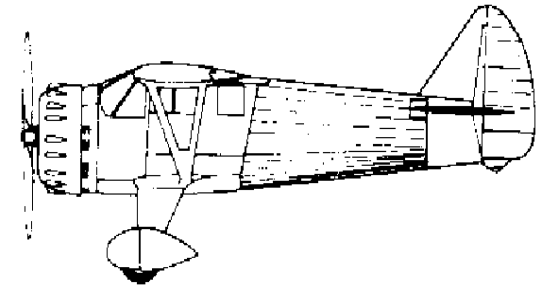
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DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Leon Ryktarsyk won the \$15 door prize, and **Dennis Gazdecki** won the \$50 raffle prize, both gift certificates from **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**. Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you, Nankin!



SAFETY

We had an interesting incident at the field the other day. There was a visitor checking out his plane. When asked what frequency he was on, his reply was "It's OK, I'm just taxiing!" Please note that whether you are in the air, on the ground, or just pushing buttons at random, you must have a frequency pin before you turn on a radio at the field! It was only a matter of chance that this guy didn't shoot down a plane in the air.

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!

MEMORIAL DAY AT WILLOW RUN

The static display at Willow Run for Memorial Day was very successful. We've been invited back, and there was even a rumble about letting us put on a demonstration flight or two! We're not out of the doghouse yet, but we're making headway!

AUGUST FUN FLY & AIR SHOW

The flyers are printed for our big air show in August. The organizers (**Vince Blasky** et al.) with the blessing of the club have decided not to request an AMA sanction for the event. We will be needing volunteers to help with impound, flight line, safety, etc.

NON-PROFIT STATUS

There was some discussion at the May meeting about applying for 501(c)3 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. At the June meeting, we realized we would need an accountant to keep continuing records for the 501(c)3, and a committee of **Stan Spiewak**, **Dennis Gazinsky** and **Don Kay** was assembled to look into the pros and cons of the proposal.

ROUGE APPRECIATION DAY

Attendance was way down from last year, but so were the political speeches, probably because we didn't have our world-famous PA system in place for the event! At any rate, it was a nice day to fly!

Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

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	

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.

We have corporate donations from Futaba, Align, Thunder Tiger, Duralite, Flight Power, USA, Campbell Manufacturing, Curtiss Youngblood, Radio South and Bean Heli, among others. There are already 75 pilots signed up for the event. Way to go, gentlemen!

CHAIRS FOR THE FIELD

It was voted at the June meeting to purchase twelve folding chairs to be stored at the field for use by the members. **Al Zerber** will look into purchasing them, and estimated they will cost about \$120.

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!

OVERHEARD AT THE FIELD

“He’s missing a few switches on his transmitter.”

“He’s just a few volts below nominal charge.”

“If it takes an IQ of three to grunt, he’s working on a two.”

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