



THE MASTHEAD PLANE

If every plane you build comes out with a banana body, maybe you should be modeling a real plane with a banana body! The 1929 Couzinet 70 arc-en-ciel (rainbow) was designed to carry mail across the South Atlantic. Although the first two models were destroyed, one in a crash and the other in a fire, the third was successful and in 1933 went from Lt. Louis, Senegal to Natal, Brazil in 14 hours, 27 minutes. The odd body shape is actually the result of an extremely long fin faired into a conventional oval cross-section body. The plane was powered by three Hisso 12-cylinder Vee engines producing 650 h.p. each, and could hit a pseed of 174 m.p.h. The wingspan was 98½ feet, and the plane could carry 1,320 pounds plus a crew of four for a range of 4,225 miles.

There are a few challenges for the modeler...huge wheel spats, complex curves for the body/fin, and a large fairing to blend the wing into the body, along with three engines. At least you don't have to deal with retracts!

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 99 members as of the July meeting.



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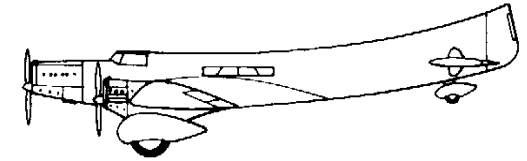
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FUN FLY SCHEDULE

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!



DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Ted Allen 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!

NEW FUN FLY DATES

Al Zerber made a motion to have a fly-in and club picnic at Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. The club would pay for the food up to \$75.00. The motion was voted on and passed. Mark your calendars!

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. There will be a sign-up sheet at the August meeting.

As currently configured, the meet will be primarily an in-house event. Food and drink will not be sold to the public, but will be available to club members and guests. If there is some particular food you want to bring, you are encouraged to do so. There will be a porta-potty for general use.

Bring what you have, and fly what you bring!

FIELD CLEANUP

President **Arden McConnell** made a request at the July meeting that all smokers throw their butts out and anyone who brings a pet to the field clean up after it. It's our field, guys, let's take care of it!

FRIENDS OF ROUGE PARK NEWS

Tom McNulty relayed the thanks of the FORP staff for our participation in Rouge Appreciation Day. There is now an electronic sign at the entrance to the park (It has an entrance?) which could be used to list events. FORP is planning a 5K run through the park sometime in October. Tom mentioned that the 501(c)3 status enjoyed by FORP really helps them in fundraising. There is also some talk about deputizing the Buffalo Soldiers, whose horses are now in the barn across the road from the field, so they can patrol the park.

Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

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	
9/1	Labor Day Fun Fly	noon

HELICOPTER FUN FLY

Daryl Bell, head of the heli fun-fly, donated \$345.00 to the club from his event at the field. It could have been more but the weather was against us. Daryl asked if his group could have a heli fun-fly the last weekend of June 2009, and the DAM voted yea. Put it on your calendar, gentlemen!

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Al Zerber has purchased a dozen chairs for use at the field, spending \$75 of the \$100 allocated for the project. Thanks, Al!

Al Zerber made a motion at the July meeting to buy a canopy for over the barbeque, not to exceed \$125.00. The motion was voted on and passed..

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