

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

If you like the simplicity of World War One planes, but are not a big fan of multiple wings and wire bracing, the Fokker DVIII is the plane for you. The thick cantilevered wing requires no external bracing, and there's only one of them!

The original had some teething problems, which were ultimately traced to sloppy workmanship rather than design flaws. The plane didn't reach the front until late October of 1918. By war's end, three weeks later, eighty-five DVIII's were in service. They were judged to be much easier to fly than the DVII, though not quite as agile as the DrI.

The only downside for the modeler is one shared by all the rotary engined planes of the era... the nose moment is almost non-existent! Fortunately, the cowling has plenty of room for the throttle servo and battery if you are running glow, and the battery and ESC if you decide to go electric. Just don't get cut on this "flying razor"!

RIDERS CLOSING

Contrary to what was reported at the August business meeting, Rider's Hobby Shop in Livonia will remain open until the end of August, at which time it will close down. In addition to special items on sale, they are offering 10% off already discounted merchandise, and 20% off non-discounted items.



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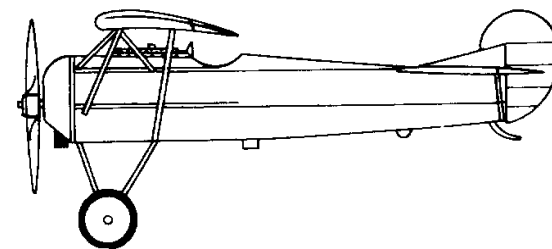
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DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

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!



ELECTION NEWS

Not content to have national elections in November, our DAM president, **Arden McConnell**, announced that he is not running for another term, and has requested that the elections be moved up to November. He will be leaving for his snowbird site in Florida shortly thereafter, and would like to be present to hand over the gavel to his successor. **Mike Cuba**, current DAM vice-president, is also not seeking another term in office. With the other responsibilities he has taken on, he will miss more than two-thirds of the meetings. This would severely limit his effectiveness in filling any of the elected posts. As long as he continues to get timely reports on the meetings, he will continue to edit the PropWash.

Since the elections are to be held in November, we only have September and October to get the nominations in. Think about it, gents. Nowhere else will you find a club so convenient and so inexpensive. It can only work because we have excellent volunteers as officers. Is it maybe time to do your share of volunteering?

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** reports that we now have 101 members.

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

Organizer **Vince Blasky** reported that the Fun Fly & Air Show scheduled for August 23rd and 24th will be treated as an in-house fun fly for DAM members and their guests, who should all have AMA cards. The event begins at 10 a.m. each day, and runs until 4 p.m. Free food will be available for DAM members and their guests only. A porta-potty will be available. Setup is Friday the 22nd at 6 p.m. We should be able to park on the field, as we have in the past.

SAFETY

When someone points out something to you at the field, whether it is a loose aileron or an inadequate tiedown, they're not doing it to yank your chain. They are trying to increase the fun you may have flying, and decrease the chance that you or someone else might be injured. I know that I really appreciate having a second (or third!) set of eyes checking my plane before I put it in the air. I also know that there are times when I forget some of the basic safety precautions that we all should take at the field. If someone points them out to me, I thank them. I don't know about you, but if someone was injured or maimed as a result of my preventable negligence, I think I'd have to give up the hobby.

Safety officer **Dennis Gazdecki** has requested two more "low-flying aircraft" signs from the city. **Stan Spiewak** said he would take care of it.

MICHIGAN JETS

Vince Blasky and about five other DAM members volunteered to work at the Michigan Jets Air Show August 8th through 10th. They would have had more volunteers and more participation if the publicity and requests for assistance had been more prominent. There's always next year!

Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

9/1	Labor Day Fun Fly	noon
9/9	business meeting	7 p.m.
9/21	fun fly	noon

MUNCIE ELECTRIC FUN FLY

There will be an Electric Fly In at AMA Headquarters in Muncie on September 5,6, and 7. The Electric Fly In will take place at the Muncie field during the day and at night. There will be some indoor flying off site. (Place to named later.)

PRIZE WINNERS

Dennis Gazdecki won the \$25 raffle prize. He didn't win the \$15 door prize. Both prizes were gift certificates from **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**, on Ford Road. Thank you, Nankin, and congratulations, gentlemen!

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