



### THE MASTHEAD PLANE

Everyone knows the L-39 Albatros, but how many of you could recognize its predecessor, the Aero L-29 Delfin. More than three thousand of these Czechoslovakian trainers were delivered between 1963 and 1974. The two-seat trainer was almost square, with a span of 33 feet, 9 inches, and a length of 35 feet, 6 inches. The single turbojet produced just under one ton of thrust, and the plane with max load weighed just under four tons. This gave a top speed at altitude of 407 m.p.h., and a range on internal fuel of 400 miles. The were two wing hard points, plumbed for fuel tanks, guns, or small bombs.

With that generous straight wing and T-tail, the Delfin looks like a good candidate for the smaller electric ducted fan crowd. I could even picture this thing as a catapult-launched glider!

### FUN FLY RESULTS

**Vince Blasky**, head of the funfly, said we all had a great time at the Special August Fun fly. There were only one mishap. The weather was beautiful. More people attended than we expected. We achieved our goal of having fun for a minimal amount of money.

Thanks to all that helped set up and take it down. We had some club members family members that had never been to an event like this. THANKS



## PROPWASH

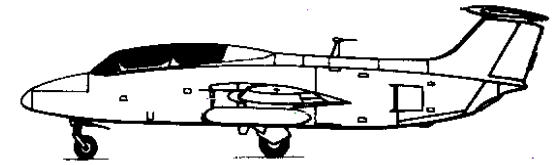
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### DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

**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?

### FBI REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

According to our president, **Arden McConnell**, we received a letter from the FBI asking us to report any unusual questions about our hobby at the field. It would be interesting to see how the FBI defines "unusual", given the broad range of questions we get all the time!

## TAX FORMS

Treasurer **Terry Kozlowski** reported that we now have our federal tax exempt registration number, and has given a copy of it to the secretary. **Stan Spiewak** had been looking into getting a 501c-3 status for the club, which would allow businesses and other groups to donate to DAM and get a tax write-off. He reported that for our club the hassle would not be worth the potential donations. **Calvin Barrett** noted that it was a big hassle, from personal experience with another club that applied for that status.

## FIELD NEWS

President **Arden McConnell** reminded members that the club has agreed that you can drive your car/truck up to the pits for unloading and loading purposes only! Once loaded or unloaded, the vehicle must be taken back to the curb. We must remember that the city ordinance states that there is no driving on park land with wheeled vehicles and if you do this you do at your own risk of a ticket. PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE ONTO THE FIELD WHEN THE GROUND IS SOFT!!!!

From an editorial standpoint, what part of this is hard to understand? For every minute that your car is on the grass, instead of at the curb, you are risking a ticket! DAM won't pay the ticket. DAM won't negotiate to get it quashed. If I know our guys, they'll be standing around laughing while the officer is writing you up! When we have an event at the field like the big fun fly just concluded, we inform the local precinct, and ask that they look the other way. They are under NO OBLIGATION to do so!

### Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

9/21	fun fly	noon
10/10	business meeting	7 p.m.
10/19	fun fly	noon
11/11	business meeting	7 p.m.

## WEBSITE

**Vince Blasky** reported that he tried three times at GODADDY to straighten out our club web site to no avail. **Andy Pesonen** made a motion to give Vince the authority to set up another club web site with a budget of \$100.00 if he couldn't straighten our problems with GODADDY. The motion was seconded by Tom McNulty and passed. Maybe we can finally get our website working! Thanks, Vince!

## FUN FLY FOOD FLAP

DAM cook **Ron Waz** spent \$136.00 over budget for food at the recent fun fly. He asked if he could be reimbursed. There was considerable discussion, including the choice of menu items, and the appreciation of the pilots who were treated to ribs instead of burgers and hot dogs. The club voted to cover this one time cost overrun, but is requiring Ron to stay within the budget for the remaining fun flies of the season.

## PRIZE WINNERS

**Jim Lukas** won the \$15.00 door prize from **Nankin Hardware** and **Ron Waz** won the \$25.00 raffle prize from **Nankin Hardware**.

## INDOOR FLYING TO RESUME

**Stan Spiewak** asked the club if we wanted to continue indoor flying during the school year at Jefferson Elementary. The club voted to continue supporting open flight every Friday at 5 p.m. Stan is finalizing the paperwork needed to do this.

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOPS!

### ELECTRODYNAMICS

31091 Schoolcraft 734-422-5420

### JOE'S HOBBY CENTER

Grand River & Drake Rd 248-477-6266

### NANKIN HARDWARE & HOBBY

35101 Ford Rd. 734-722-5700

### NANKIN HOBBY

33350 Nine Mile Rd. 248-919-0080

### PROP SHOP

23326 Van Dyke 810-757-7160

### RIDER'S HOBBY SHOP OF TAYLOR

22789 Northline 734-287-7405

## SHOW AND TELL

**Ray Piper** showed us a skeleton of a TRex heli that he bought new for \$69.00. He said it was a very good buy for the money. [xheli.com](http://xheli.com)

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