

### THE MASTHEAD PLANE

The Yak-18A was used as a primary trainer in Russia and the Warsaw Pact countries in the early years after WWII. Over 8,000 of these airframes were produced. The two-seat plane was powered by a nine-cylinder radial engine generating about 300 h.p. and could cover 435 miles at a top speed of 185 m.p.h. The original Yak-18 was a tail-dragger, but was modified in the -18A variant to tricycle gear, with the mains retracting forward. A single-seat variant of this plane was developed for the 1966 World Aerobatic Championship, which the Russian team used for a decisive win.

For the modeler, this is an interesting alternative to the AT-6 Texan. The forward-retracting gear means that you shouldn't have center of gravity problems when the gear go up. If anything, the nose will get a little heavier, and it will track more cleanly!

### SAFETY REMINDERS

We must stop flying over the school and Joy Road. If you are not signed off as a pilot you must fly with an instructor. If you come from another club you must be checked out by an instructor. These are our published rules, and they are the ones we show to the City to get permission to fly in Rouge Park. Let's obey them!



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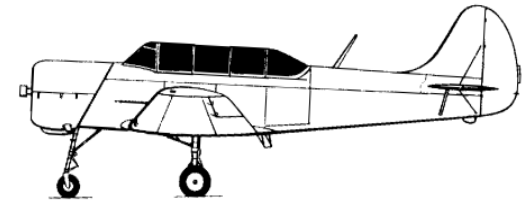
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### DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

**Charles Henry** won the \$15.00 door prize from **Nankin Hardware** and **Jim Thomas** won the \$25.00 raffle prize from **Nankin Hardware**.



### ELECTION NEWS

We need nominations for president, vice president, treasurer, and members at large. So far the nominations are as follows:

<b>President</b>	Mark Blair
<b>Vice President</b>	Ray Piper
<b>Treasurer</b>	None
<b>Members At Large</b>	Ken Goodlesky Charles Henry Ron Wasielewski Jim Thomas
<b>Most Valuable Member</b>	Bobby Harmon Arden McConnell Tim Kirsten Terry Kozlowski Charley Thomas Al Zerber Bob Mayhew
<b>Most Improved Pilot</b>	Mark Blair Vince Blasky Bobby Harmon Larry Stein

The final vote for all offices will be held at our November business meeting.

## DAM SWAP

**Charley Thomas**, swap chairman, said the swap will be held on Sunday, January 11th. More details and volunteers will be called for at the next meeting.

### Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

11/7	indoor flying	6 p.m.
11/11	business meeting	7 p.m.
11/14	indoor flying	6 p.m.
11/21	indoor flying	6 p.m.
11/28	indoor flying	6 p.m.
12/5	indoor flying	6 p.m.
12/9	business meeting	7 p.m.

## FUN FLY FOOD FLAP

The problem of spending too much on food for the fun flies was discussed again at the October meeting, with the result being that we have cancelled club-purchased food for the fun flies. It was noted that with approximately two more grass cuttings this season, the money earmarked for field maintenance is down to \$1300. The food allocation was being taken from field funds, and represents an unnecessary drain on the budget. "Eat what you bring" is the new motto for the fun flies.

As an editorial observation, I went to the October fun fly, and at 11:30, was the only one at the field! By noon we had three fliers and two observers. You can't blame it on the weather, as it was clear and mild, with gentle breezes. What are we, a flying club or a barbecue society?

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Arden McConnell** called for a yearly audit of our finances. **Ray Piper**, **Tim Kirsten**, and **Jim Thomas** agreed to help **Terry Kozlowski** our treasurer with the audit.

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## INDOOR FLYING TO RESUME

Indoor flying has resumed, but at a later time slot. It is now each Friday, starting at 6 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary.

## MEMBERSHIP

We ended up with 103 members for 2008. So far three have signed up for 2009.

## SHOW AND TELL

**Tim Kirsten** brought a Gentle Lady built from a kit. This time he is going to power it with a 480 size brushless electric motor with a 2200 maH 3S lipo. It should definitely have enough power! What is that, Tim, your seventh, or your eighth iteration of this model?

**Vince Blasky** brought some new tec lights that he bought from Nankin Hardware. These tiny lights have a very long life and he has used them for night flying.

## THEATER EVENT

DAM member **Mike Cuba** would like to invite the DAM members to see the play "You Can't Take It With You" that he's directing for the Spotlight Players. The show dates are 11/21, 11/22, 11/28, 11/29, 12/5 and 12/6 at 8 p.m., and 11/23 and 11/30 at 2 p.m. at the Village Theater in Canton. Discount tickets are available at the website [spotlightplayers.net](http://spotlightplayers.net)

**Tom Pounds** was at our last production, "Hello, Dolly!", and thoroughly enjoyed himself. It turns out his neighbor was in the show! The current production features two retired Detroit policemen, Dan and Pat McKane, who claim to know **Nick Kyriacou**.

See you there!

Michael Joseph Cuba

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