

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

Here's another rare bird for you! The PZL 38 Wilk (wolf) was designed in 1934 as part of the then-popular idea of fielding a light fighter-bomber. In theory it could act as a pursuit plane (fighter), bomber escort, or independent light bomber, much like the Messerschmitt Bf-110. We all know how well that idea worked, don't we?

Only two prototypes were built. The first used light-weight 490 hp engines from the Skoda works, and they didn't. It had major problems with overheating and excessive vibration. For the second, they used the American Ranger engines, about 435 hp each. The engines, while reliable, were not as powerful as the intended engines, and the plane did not live up to its projected performance. It was only capable of 250 mph, and ended up almost 1000 pounds overweight. There were plans to put radial engines on the plane, but the war intervened before that experiment could be tried.

The plane carried a pilot and a gunner/bombardier. It was 27 ½ feet long, and spanned 36 feet. It carried two 660 pound bombs, and was armed with a 20 mm cannon and 2 7.92 mm machine guns in the nose, and an additional two machine guns on a flexible mount in the rear cockpit.

This plane has really only three challenges for the model, retracts and twin engines and twin rudders.



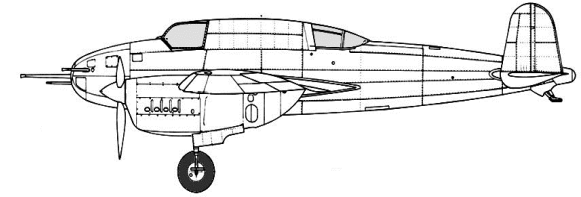
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Business meeting	5/11	7 p.m.
Rouge Rescue	6/5	noon
Helicopter Fun Fly	6/25-28	
Electric Fun Fly	7/17-18	



STATIC DISPLAY AND AIR SHOW ROUGE RESCUE DAY

The annual static display contest will be held outdoors this year as part of our air show for the Rouge Rescue event, Saturday, June 5th. ARF's are welcome, as well as kit-built, plans-built, and scratch-built planes. **Tom McNulty** is looking for volunteers to help with the setup and cooking for the event.

THEATER NEWS

Mike Cuba is at it again! This time he's playing Old Man Carnes in Spotlight Players' production of **Oklahoma!** Carnes is the shotgun-toting father of Ado Annie, the "girl who cain't say no!". The show will be at the Village Theater in Canton, at Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads, April 23-25, and April 30, May 1 and 2. Evening shows are Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and matinees are Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18, \$16 for seniors, and can be ordered online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org or by phone at 734-394-5460.

CLUB EQUIPMENT

Treasurer **Bob Huard** asks that any member who has club equipment to contact him before the May meeting, so he can come up with a current inventory.

FIELD NEWS

Field Marshall **Bill Gillespie** reports that we bought two new mole traps in April. The board will be replaced on the bench on the north side of field boxes. The field was rolled last Saturday. The grass will be cut for the first time this Wednesday. **Bob Mayhew** said he would refinish and install our large wooden prop.

DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Andy Pesonen and **John Novoselich** won the \$15.00 **Nankin Hardware** gift certificates, and **Curtis Wade** won the \$25.00 raffle prize from **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**. Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you, Nankin!

STAN SPIEWAK

Long time member **Stan Spiewak** is having rehab therapy at Livonia Woods on Farmington past Lyndon. A visit would cheer him up. You should check to see if he is there before coming. Stan is spending some time at Livonia Woods and some at home. Their phone number is 734-421-6564

HELICOPTER FUN FLY

Daryl Bell, our CD for the helicopter Fun Fly, said that he already has 34 sponsors for the helicopter show. He also said that he has 5 radios and 15 heli kits for the raffle. He is expecting participants from all over the country to come. It should be a great show!

ELECTRIC FUN FLY

CD **Arden McConnell** reported on progress for our electric fun fly, July 17th and 18th. There will be a ten dollar landing fee to cover expenses, primarily the cost of renting a porta-john! The club will not be serving or selling food or drinks at the event, but the grill will be available for anyone who wants to use it. We will have a 50/50 raffle.

Two club members have volunteered the use of their portable generators for the event. There was some discussion of having a tailgate swap during the show, but that is still up in the air. There will be no professional vendors at the show. We still need volunteers for the flight line, frequency control, etc. The event has been sanctioned by the AMA.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** reports that we have 85 members as of the April meeting. A late fee will now be assessed for those who have not yet renewed their membership.

INDOOR FLYING

Indoor flying at **You Dirty Dog Pet Grooming** has been suspended for the summer season. Thanks, Nick, for the opportunity to fly this past winter!

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