

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

About the same time that the USA was developing the B-58 Hustler as a mach 2 bomber, and the B-70 Valkyrie as a mach 3 bomber, the planners started worrying about how to stop a Soviet high-speed bomber. After looking at modifying some of the current fleet of fighter/interceptors, they decided to start with a clean slate. The 1955 program was called the Long Range Interceptor-Experimental. Lockheed, North American and Northrop submitted designs, with the winning North American design selected just as the program was cancelled!

Two years later the program was restarted, and North American given the go-ahead to develop the F-108 Rapier. It was supposed to fly at mach 3 at an altitude of 70,000 feet with a combat radius of over a thousand miles. The two-man crew would carry three nuclear-tipped Falcon missiles, and could double as an escort for the B-70 Valkyrie, also being developed by North American.

Unlike the Valkyrie, however, the Rapier never got past the full-scale wooden mockup before being cancelled. That leads to the question "Is it a scale model if the real one was never built?". It would be an interesting model for those with a need for speed who don't want to do the SR-71, and like the look, but not the engine count, of the Valkyrie!



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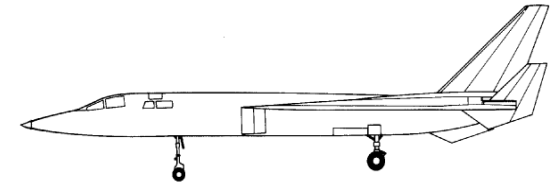
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BUSINESS MEETINGS

Business meetings will be held at the field June through September. The rain date for each meeting is the next day with good weather.

IMAA Fun Fly	7/31, 8-1	
Business meeting	8/1	7 p.m.



HELICOPTER FUN FLY

Contest director **Darrell Bell** reported that the helicopter event was a success from the stand point of the 100 flyers that attended the event. We also made little more than \$1300.00. But we had only a hand full of members that worked the event. There were problems with the parking and several cars were broken into with property loss.

From my rather limited point of view, the event was great for the pilots who attended, not so great in terms of club participation. I only saw a couple of club members during the fun fly, and none of them flew! C'mon guys! Are you going to let these pros intimidate you? Fly what you've got, to the limits of your skill and confidence.

NEW MEMBER TRAINING

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** pointed out that we need to have more pilot instructors at the field Wednesdays, from 10 to noon and 6 to 8 in the evening. This is a nice problem to have. It means people are interested in learning to fly, and in joining our club. It is up to our PI's to assist in this endeavor. C'mon, guys! Why'd you apply for the PI rating, if not to use it?

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Before we have an event it should be a requirement that we have all the volunteers to run the event. We definitely need more member support for our events. It's a real challenge to those who work an event with little club member support.

ELECTRIC FUN FLY

The Electric Fun Fly was plagued with high winds both days, although Sunday wasn't quite as bad as Saturday. We had about ten pilots participate. It was interesting to see which planes handled the air, and which were just blowing in the wind. From my point of view on Saturday, three planes did well. A 60-sized P-51 flew like it was on rails, making several low passes across the field. I didn't get the pilot's name. My electric mini-Stik did well, mostly by getting up out of ground bubbles quickly, and staying up where the air was clean and constant. Then there was an E-Moth, behaving much like the mini-Stik, but looking more like a Lazy Bee or a Slow Poke. Go figure! Three different planes of radically different shape, streamlining, and power, all handling the wind. Crazy, huh?

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** reports that we have 97 members as of the July meeting. A ten dollar late fee will now be assessed for those who have not yet renewed their membership.

FIELD NEWS

The north bench wood has been replaced and painted. Looks good! We have re-upped our membership in the Friends of Rouge Park for another year. Thanks, Tom!

SAFETY

Dennis Gazdecki resigned as safety chairman, and **Charles Henry** was appointed temporary safety chair until it can be confirmed at the August meeting. Thanks for your work, Dennis, and thank you, Charles, for stepping up!

DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Charlie Thomas won the \$15.00 **Nankin Hardware** gift certificates, and **Eric Henrickson** won the \$25.00 raffle prize from **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**. Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you, Nankin!

CONTEST DIRECTORS

A motion was made and passed at the July meeting that made it explicit that a CD has total control over the event he or she is working on, within the general rules of the field and safety.

GIANT SIZE FUN FLY

After some hesitation due to lack of volunteers, the event committee decided to go ahead with plans for the Giant Size Fun Fly on the 31st and 1st. Planes must conform to IMAA rules concerning size (80" W/S for monoplanes, 60" W/S for biplanes, 160" combined W/S and length for jets). Sport, scale, glow, electric, gas, and turbine are all welcome!

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