

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

And now for something completely different! The Acrolite 1T is a light sport plane kit available from Acrolite (www.acrolite.ca) It is available with a 40, 50 or 65 h.p. Rotax engine. The wings each span 18 feet, with an aspect ratio of 20.8 to 1. The plane is only 15.5 feet long, and weighs 450 pounds empty, 720 pounds gross. It got a range of 250 miles with a cruise speed of 78 to 93 m.p.h., depending on the engine. The body is welded steel frame, with a riveted aluminum tail group and full-sheeted box spar wood wings.

This one cries out to be modeled! Even at quarter scale, the wingspan would only be 54 inches. There is no wire rigging, and it has a steerable tail wheel. You could even be excused if you covered it in fire engine red, and put Maltese crosses on the wings and tail!

HELICOPTER AIR SHOW

Helicopter expert **Darrell Bell** has organized a repeat of last year's highly successful helicopter air show. This year it will be held June 26th through 28th at the field. He's looking for setup help on the 25th at 5 or 6 p.m., cooks during the day Friday and Saturday, and teardown help Sunday afternoon. Darryl told u at the June meeting that we're getting expert pilots coming from as far away as California and Florida. Let's see a good turnout! If anyone has contacts with the local news media, this would be a great story for them to cover.



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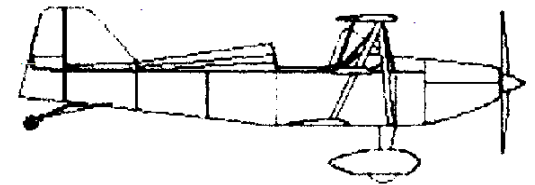
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DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Vince Blasky won the door prize and **Damien Gaskin** won the raffle, after putting twenty bucks worth of tickets! Congratulations, gentlemen, and than you, **Nankin Hardware & Hobby** for supplying the door prize.



FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

We discussed the possibility of getting a legal electric tap out to the field, with the club being billed monthly for the electric service. The cable would run underground, and would presumably terminate in something similar to our radio impound boxes. This would allow the electricians to recharge at the field without using a humongous battery. We're looking into its feasibility.

We also discussed the possibility of getting a storage container at the field, and putting a (donated?) mower in it. We talked about storing a mower at the Buffalo Soldiers barn across the street. We also talked about the problems of security for the mower. No action was taken, but costs and availability are being looked into.

Editorial comment: We have difficulty even getting a volunteer to head the August Giant Fun Fly. Where are we going to get the volunteers (plural) to cut the field? Remember, unless we are talking about a commercial mower like a Dixie Chopper, we're talking about a mower with half the forward speed and one third the cutting swath of a commercial unit. That translates into six times the amount of time invested for each cutting! Are we going o shut down the field for the greater part of a day each time we cut it? If we are talking about a commercial unit, then we have to worry about the greatly increased possibility of theft.

BUSINESS MEETINGS AT THE FIELD

Our monthly meetings will be held at the field for the next four months. They will still begin at 7 p.m. Rain dates are the following evening.

GIANT AIR SHOW IN AUGUST

After a lot of guys stood around looking at each other, **Darryl Bell** volunteered to run our August Air Show. Four or five of us then volunteered to assist. The show will be run along last year's lines. There will be no AMA sanction or ad. We will put out fliers at the hobby shops and at the other club meetings for publicity.

FRIENDS OF ROUGE PARK

The Rouge Appreciation Day was a big success. We had many, many volunteers, starting in the morning and going through the day, setting up tents, tables, chairs, cooking, serving, and so forth. Thanks again, guys!

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE

The big construction project south of the field to provide a catchment for storm waters from the Rouge is on indefinite hold. The city doesn't have the matching funds to go with the federal money.

There is a move afoot to plant native wildflowers in the park. **Tom McNulty**, our rep at the meetings, suggested that they would be welcome along the upper edge of the river ravine (aka The Valley of Doom). If you see flowers sprouting there, they aren't weeds!

PROPOSED FAA REGULATIONS

In January, 2010 the FAA will be setting out new regulations that may affect model flight. There is information at the AMA website. Our district VP has asked us **NOT** to harass either the AMA or the FAA about this. The AMA may ask us for a letter-writing campaign later on, but hold tight for now.

MID-AMERICA ELECTRIC FLIES 2009

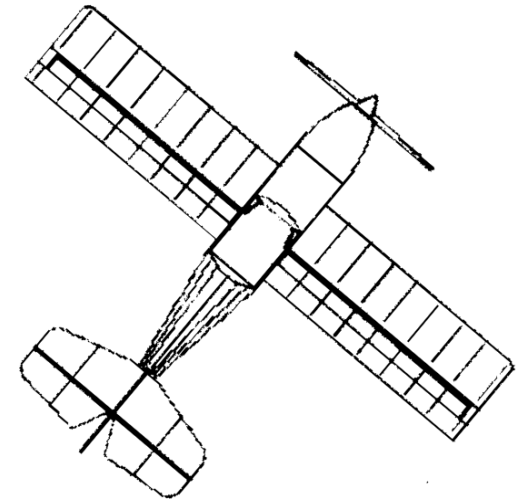
The Mid-America Electric Flies 2009 will be held this year at the 7 Mile MRCS Field on July 11 and 12. Registration is at 9 a.m., flying starts at 10. Pilot fee is \$15 for one day, \$25 for both days. Use your GPS to find 7419 Seven Mile Road, Salem Twp, MI 48167.

MEMBERSHIP

Al Zerber reports that we are at 99 members. **Michael Siedlik** has been promoted to the rank of Pilot. Congratulations, Mike!

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Novice training every Wednesday, 10-12 and 6-8 at the field, beginning in May

6/21	Fun Fly	noon
6/26-8	Helicopter Air show	
7/11	static display	
7/11-12	Mid-America Electric Flies 2009	
7/14	business meeting	7 p.m.
7/19	Fun Fly	noon