

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

The masthead plane this month is a real mystery. I can find no mention of the Caudron C-880 L2 in any of my reference books. All I have is the three-view. Let's see what we can get from that. The cowling looks very similar to that of the DeHavilland DH-82 Tiger Moth. It apparently seats two or three (pilot, spotter and gunner). If we assume that the machine gun is three feet long, the wingspan is 39 feet, 3 inches and the length is 26 feet, 4 inches. In addition to flaps and ailerons, the main wing sports leading edge slats. I would speculate that this design was intended for observation and liaison duties.

This is a great design for a modeler! The Cub-style landing gear will soak up a rough bounce or two, as will the wing and stabilizer bracing. The slim cowling will accommodate an inverted engine. The only dodgy bits are the leading edge slats, and the narrowed chord where the wings join the body.

If you have more information about the Caudron C-880 L2, send it to me, and I will put it in the next newsletter!

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.



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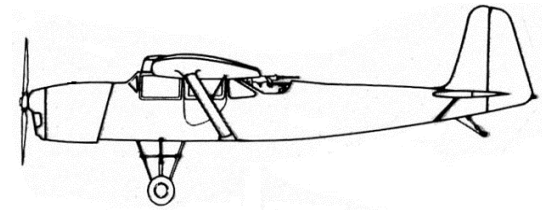
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Rouge Rescue	6/5	noon
Business meeting	6/8	7 p.m.
Helicopter Fun Fly	6/25-28	
Business meeting	7/13	7 p.m.
Electric Fun Fly	7/17-18	
IMAA Fun Fly	7/31-8-1	
Business meeting	8/1	7 p.m.



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.

Setup will be on the 5th, starting around 9:30. Food will be served at noon. We will be doing the cooking and serving, as well as providing the noon air show and static display contest.

MAY SHOW AND TELL

Larry Berman brought in his line of laser-cut muffler and exhaust gaskets to show us. He had been frustrated in his search for replacement gaskets, and set up a company to cut gaskets from 1/32nd automotive material. You can find his list of gaskets at ICBIMProducts.com or visit either Nankin Hardware & Hobby or the Prop-Shop to see them. If you need a gasket that he doesn't make, scan the part, send it to him, and he will add it to his inventory! He also carries a Deans plug clone that has ridges on the case for a better grip when separating the connections. Why didn't Deans think of that?

FIELD NEWS

A motion was made at the May meeting to purchase a porta-potty for permanent installation at the field, and the continuing funding to periodically service it. The prices quoted were \$600 for installation, and \$38 per service. The question of security and location were tabled until the allocation of funds was approved. This will be voted on at the June meeting.

In a similar vein, a motion was made to remove the chairs (only two years old!) from the box at the field, and to replace them with a generator to recharge electric planes at the field. The generator would be stored in the box where the chairs currently reside. The price quoted for this improvement was \$1000. Again, security and placement were tabled until the allocation of funds was approved. This will be voted on at the June meeting.

DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Mark Blair won the \$15.00 **Nankin Hardware** gift certificates, and **Mike Cuba** won the \$25.00 raffle prize from **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**. Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you, Nankin!

SAFETY AT THE FIELD

Everyone at the field is a Safety Officer. "It's not my job" does not qualify as an excuse for failing to act when you see an unsafe situation. The flip side of this, of course, is that you respond promptly and politely when someone mentions to you that you are doing something unsafe. Remember, the plane and field you save may be your own!

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 91 members as of the May meeting. A ten dollar late fee will now be assessed for those who have not yet renewed their membership.

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