

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

Would you believe that this plane was originally proposed as a high-altitude fighter for the US Army Air Corps? Would you believe that it was built and first flew at about the same time as the Fokker DVII and DVIII? Would you believe that it used a 45 h.p. engine and spanned only 20 feet? Would you believe that it carried an oxygen bottle and an electrical outlet for a heated pilot suit? Would you believe that it was unarmed? The Martin K-3 was all of these, and a promising enough design that the Navy ordered three planes that were a variant of the basic design!

For the modeler, the points of interest are the all-flying stab, the wing-tip ailerons (yes, the upper wing is shorter than the lower) and the very narrow undercarriage. It's a cute little oddity, and definitely belongs in the file of Obscure Planes That Really Flew and Would Be Easy to Model. Just out of curiosity, does anyone know how well wingtip ailerons work as opposed to the normal layout?

AMA PARKFLYER PROGRAM

Arden McConnell brought up for our consideration the AMA program for park flyers. They would receive lesser coverage, and pay less to the AMA for membership. AMA is encouraging local clubs to set up a two-tier membership system to accommodate them. Arden pointed out that this is a good way to encourage younger flyers to join DAM. The last time this was discussed, it was voted down. President **Mark Blair** tabled the motion until the August meeting.



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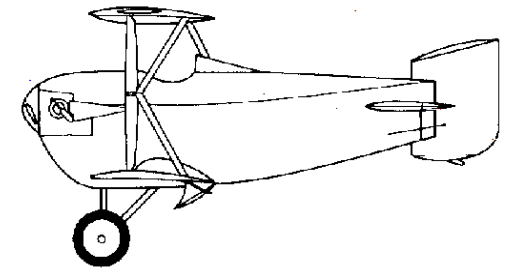
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DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Chris Tucker won the **Nankin Hardware & Hobby** door prize, and **Rodney Butler** won the raffle prize. Thank you, Nankin, and congratulations, gentlemen!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If confronted by a Parks and Recreation representative during one of the shows about parking, please have them talk directly to either to CD of the event or an officer of the club. Please refrain from confrontation and simply find the CD or nearest officer.

All officers are to be courteous and professional in our dealings with our partners in the P&R department as we have been. Keep in mind that they may not know or understand every detail of what we do to maintain the field and park. If that is the case, be kind and courteous and not confrontational. No good will come from confrontation. If I am at the field feel free to get them in touch with me and I will be glad to talk with them. We are partners with them. Let's continue to work together.

Mark Blair, President, DAM

PIN ETIQUETTE

Safety chairman **Dennis Gazdecki** reminds us that although you don't need to pull a frequency pin if you're the only one at the field, you need to get the pin if another flyer comes up. Two or more flyers should always have their frequency pins. Remember that the airspace over the walkway is out of bounds!

HELICOPTER AIR SHOW

Event organizer **Darrel Bell** thanked those who helped make the Helicopter Air Show such a great success. We had 86 pilots from 14 different states and one each from Canada and Mexico. The airshow raised \$1,000 for the club.

It was decided at the meeting to schedule another helicopter air show for about the same time next year. Mark your calendars!

There was a little trouble at the field concerning parking on the field, rather than the street. President **Mark Blair** reminds us that parking on the field is **NOT** an option. You not only risk a significant ticket and fine, but you risk the loss of the field. The first only affects you, the latter affects all of us. If you need help bringing your stuff to the pits, ask for it!

CLASSIFIED ADS

Jack Fitch is cleaning out his garage. He has the following items for sale.

B-25 Mitchell, 9 foot wingspan, 46 lbs, two Quadra 42 engines with spring start, Robart retracts, JR radio, 14 servos, \$1,800.

B-25 Mitchell, 6 foot wingspan, two Como .51 engines, Futaba radio, RTF, \$600.

Stinson Reliant kit, 105 inch wingspan, NIB, make an offer.

Three-blade props 9 x 7, \$5 each.

Eagle 63, no radio, with OS .40 engine, make an offer.

GMS 40 engines (four of them!), \$40 each.

Liberty Sport biplane, K&B .61 engine, no radio, \$200.

Contact **Andy Pesonen** for details at 734-422-6389

GIANT AIR SHOW IN AUGUST

The committee for the August Air Show has met twice now, and is firming up plans for the event. There will be a \$10 landing fee for the pilots, to help cover the costs of food and porta-potties. Food will be provided for the pilots, their families and workers only. There will be a raffle and a 50/50. We will have a radio impound, and a nationally known pilot will give us a demo. The committee projects a budget of \$750 to \$900, and thinks we should break even on the event.

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.

WEBMASTER REQUEST

Webmasters **Vince Blasky** and **Mike Archangeli** ask that you send them information on any upcoming events that you hear of. They are always looking for info and photos of events at the field.

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.

FINAL FLIGHT

Long-time member **Dick Gallagher** has passed away after a long battle with cancer. Clear skies, visibility unlimited, Dick!

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

Michigan Jets 8/7-9 Grosse Ile Airport
Meeting 8/11 7 p.m. at the field
DAM Air Show 8/29-30 all day at the field

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