



THE PRINTED CIRCUIT December, 2009

Newsletter of the Fort Wayne Flying Circuits, Inc

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Membership Meeting

Wed, Dec 10 at 7:30. At the New Haven City Hall.
815 Lincoln Hwy E

Board Meeting

Wed, Dec 16 - 7:30, at Host Any Fracica's Note: one week early due to conflict with Christmas

Reminder:

Watch the speed limit in the park when coming to the field. Keep it **below** 20 mph!!

Important Reminders: Do not fly across the road near the house on the other side. **Never** fly over the house.

Tales from the Field

Al Booth

Hi to all members.

I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas. I hope that you receive all the R/C gifts that you wished for. Also, I want to remind you to attend the Polar Bear fun fly on New Year's day. We will have food & soft drinks, so come and bring your airplane.. We will have a prize drawing. See you there.

Al Booth

2009 Toys for Tots Recap

By Karl Pfister

Well, the 22nd annual Toys For Tots Fun Fly event is now history. Club members give yourselves a pat on the back for making this a successful event. We collected 71 toys and \$812.00 in cash! Sunny Helstrom, the Toys for Tots director, and Gunny Harmeyer joined us for the fun. Gunny was not in uniform this year. He said his uniform shrunk hanging in the closet since his retirement from active duty. All the thank you letters have been sent and the toys and money delivered to Sunny Helstrom.

The day was perfect except for the 20 to 30 mph wind. We had 33 registered attendees. Most people did not get their planes out of their cars. However, Pat Mattes had a number of his electric powered plane out and seemed not to be bothered by the wind at all. We were amazed at how well the planes penetrated the wind. Was it the planes or Pat's piloting skills? Must have been the pilot.

I want to thank Jim Noffze for his efforts storing the raffle prizes, helping to package them for the drawing and handing them out to the winners. Also I want to thank Dean Bobay for preparing the hamburgers, hot dogs and brats for this event. The baked beans were particularly good. Thanks to Russ Watson for helping with the clean up.

Also a big thanks to Ron Blackman and Joe Woodward for handling the ticket sales and AMA sign-up forms. Thanks to Larry Woodrum for the use of the PA system and thanks to Pat Mattes and Charlie Schindler for recording the names of prize winners and helping to hand out the prizes. And finally thanks to Dick Miers for capturing the event in pictures. Some of the pictures were used in the thank you letters to the prize contributors. My apologies to anyone that I have missed.

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Old Timer Flying Sponsored by SAM 28

Come fly old timer models with the old timer special interest group every Thursday morning 9 am to 12 noon weather permitting." Open flying restricted while old timers are flying due to the limited motor control and taxiing abilities of old timer aircraft.

Training

Training sessions usually every Tuesdays and Thursdays late afternoon and evenings. Make arrangements to meet an instructor these evenings. Tuesday is usually for beginner trainees. Thursday more geared to learning more advanced flight for new pilots. Open flying permitted and encouraged

Flight Training and Instructor Assignment



Students needing help are to contact Jim Steele at club

meetings. Jim will assign a Certified Club Instructor. See list of official instructors. Note: It is the student's responsibility to coordinate with the instructor. Trainees should provide buddy cord for transmitter.

Official Instructors

Ron Ballard
Wayne Doenges
Terry Holston
Phil Giesecking
Jerry Mathis
Harry Seslar
Jim Steele
Jim Suddarth

AMA Charter # 285

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Al Booth

Secretary:

Karl Pfister

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(Training & Safety)

Jim Steele

2nd Vice-President:

(Contest Mgr. & Publicity)

Charlie Schindler

3rd Vice-President:

(Trustee)

Andy Fracica

Past President:

Terry Holston

Rolling Stock Maint.:

Al Booth

Field Mowing:

Al Booth

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Bob Hartwig

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Dick Miers

Webmaster

Dick Miers:

The club will not be responsible for personal items left at the Club flying field. Members or guest personal property left at the field will not be replaced by the Club if lost, damaged, or stolen.

Please pick up all cigarette butts, rubber bands and broken prop blades at the field.

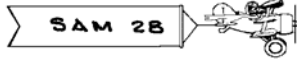
Last person at field check building doors. Make sure they are

Election results for 2010 Board

President	Al Booth
Secretary	Jim Smith
Treasurer	Jim Noffze
1st VP	Joey Smith
2nd VP	Dean Bobay
3rd VP	Andy Fracica

Old Timer News

Dick Brace Reporting



Another year about to end. And it's been a good one. One of the best. Competition is getting tougher. No longer dominated by one or two. Maxes now are turning up much more frequently and by lots more fliers than ever before. The old professor Dick Miers is now a real threat as is Jim Schmenk. And Dean Bobay is rapidly coming along. Looks good for some real battles next year. You never know about Russ or Paul. They're always capable. And we all know what Joe and Ed will do.

But, first we must get the Christmas party out of the way. Always a fun time and a real treat for the ladies. December 10 (Thursday) at Hall's Guesthouse starting at 6:00 PM. Big winners will be announced and someone to lead us next year will be chosen. We've sure had a good one the last two years. You've done a great job Joe. We're fortunate to have you.

Got my November/December SAM Speaks. Results of the SAM champs are there but not much else. They did get blown out on Tuesday, but according to contest manager, Mike Myers, weather was great rest of the time. Sounds good, but I have a problem. Out of all the entries in RC, only about 1/2 of them flew. Now I got to wonder why. Was it the weather or something else? Sure hope it was the weather cuz SAM shore doesn't need "something else". Will sure be nice to have the SAM champs back in Muncie next year. Also good news is that the Kerswap will be the "model of the year" We already have several within our group.

That about ends it for another year. So I've got to now wish you all a very blessed and Christmas and a great New Year.

Nov. Show & Tell



Joey Smith's A. J Slick



Terry Holston's MSR micro helicopter



Matt Neff's Blade 400 helicopter



Toys For Tots Nov 2009



**Fort Wayne Flying Circuits
Membership Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Al Booth. All officers were present. There were 26 members and 5 guests present. Our guests were Becky Smith, Jim Hatfield, Alex Klopenstein, Kim Shafer, and Shawn Neff.

Announcements and Recognitions

There was no program this meeting.

Nick Minnick asked that the Hitec t-shirt that he won at the Toys for Tots event be awarded to the winner of the Show and Tell drawing.

Thanks to Ralph Kiester for donating a circuit breaker to repair the furnace at the field.

Jim and Joey Smith brought cookies again this month. Thanks Becky.

Reading of Minutes and Reports

October board meeting minutes were read and approved.

By vote of the members, the reading of the October membership meeting minutes was waived.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Election of Officers

Al addressed a concern that one of the slated candidates was running for a third term which is contrary to the Club constitution. Al explained that the candidate had been appointed a year ago and had not fulfilled a full year's term. Historically, the Board has interrupted the definition of term to be 12 months; therefore, the candidate was eligible for another term. It was also pointed out that if there is no slated candidate for a position, the sitting officer retains the position no matter how many terms the officer has held the position.

The slate was read and Terry Holston moved that nominations be closed. Motion seconded by Jim Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote was conducted by paper ballot. In this election there was only one position contested. There was a tie vote for that position. It was suggested that a run off vote be conducted although there was a question of constitutionality for this procedure. Jim Smith moved that we have an immediate run off vote. Motion seconded by Terry Holston. Motion carried.

After the run off vote was tallied the officers for 2010 will be

Al Booth, President, Joe Smith, 1st VP, Dean Bobay, 2nd VP, Andy Fracica, 3rd VP, Jim Smith, Secretary, and Jim Noffze, Treasurer.

Committee Reports

Dean reported on the acquisition of the gravel for the parking lot. There is more needed and we need to be sure it is kept thin on the drain side of the lot.

Old Business

Karl gave a quick review of the Toys for Tots event. More details will be provided in the next newsletter when all the results are available.

Special Interest Groups

No SIG reports this meeting.

Crash Reports

Dave Pettie reported he lost the engine shortly after take off of his Super Sportster. As he went to pick it up he found some one's landing gear laying in the field. When he got to his plane, he discovered it was his landing gear. Engine was set too lean.

Jim Smith reported on an incident with Dean Bobay's plane. Upon take-off one wheel fell off the landing gear. Dean asked Joe Smith to land it for him on the remaining wheel. Dean set about the process of reinstalling the wheel and prepared for another flight. Upon take-off the wheel fell off again. The members present at the meeting strongly suggested using red Loctite thread locker before the next flight.

Terry Holston reported on his problems with his foamy F-18 at the Toys for Toys event. As he was inserting the battery for his first flight, the wind blew it off the picnic table and broke a fin. After repairing the fin, he was able to fly it. He likes to hover the electric plane but because of the wind it got too far away for him to see it properly and it crashed. Terry reported that everything was salvageable . . . except the airplane.

Joe Smith reported on his experience to fly in the Golf dome in Dayton, Ohio. There were a number of planes in the air including Joe's when two flying wings

came at Joe and Jim. They ducked to avoid being hit. Getting back to flying, Joe asked his Dad where the plane was. As they were ducking for cover, Joe's plane had landed itself.

Dave Brawley reported his experiences at Illinois Jets. He was flying his Rookie Jet which had broken a canard at our field as he was just taxiing it around. At the Illinois event he was landing in a fairly stiff cross wind landed short of the runway and sheared off the landing gear. He was able to repair it overnight, but again sheared the gear on the third flight the next day.

New Business

Jim Smith asked about removing the rest of the old railway mount on the west side of the field. Al explained that it was used as a barrier to keep cars and sunshades south of the field during the monster mash event. Also it is build upon a bed on cinders making it difficult to remove and get grass to grow there.

Dean suggested creating a north south runway at the west end of the field. Several people felt that would promote flying over the house on the north side of the road.

New safety stands were suggested. Al explained that new stands were planned, but he wanted to make them longer lasting than the current ones. He has not had time to lay out the metal substructure for the stands.

The difficulty of moving the heavy picnic tables to allow mowing under the sunshades lead to the suggestion of pouring concrete pads to eliminate the mowing. An alternative suggestion was to put wheels on the picnic tables to make them easier to move. Another suggestion was to make different tables to replace the picnic tables. The new tables would be easier to move.

Russ Watson suggested more outlets be added under the sunshades. After discussion it was decided to add the outlets with ground faults next spring.

It was also suggested that lights be added in the sunshades to facilitate night flying.

Show and Tell

There were 6 show and tell entries this month.

Jim Smith discussed the plane and results of the indoor electric fly in Dayton. He said there were about 180 pilots. There were three flight lines based upon the class of airplane. There were P-51 races using donated planes. Joe won all of his heat races on Saturday and took second place in the gold race on Sunday.

Joe smith showed an AJ Slick electric plane by 3-D Hobby Shop. It had 220 watts per pound.

Dean Bobay showed a Common Sense R.C. mega charger adapter with 14 different plugs purchased from Phil's.

Terry Holston showed an MSR micro size helicopter and flew a demo in the room.

Matt Neff showed a Helicopter Blade 400.

Larry Woodrum showed items he won at the Toys for Tots event. He gave them away to who ever wanted them. Larry also auctioned of a covering iron and a Power planner. A total of \$47.00 was donated to the club.

Terry Holston was the winner of the show and tell drawing.

50/50 Drawing

Russ Griffiths won 25.00 in the 50/50 drawing. He donated \$5.00 of his winnings to the club.

Door Prize Drawing

The door prize was won by Larry Woodrum.

Next Board meeting will be November 18th at the Andy Fracica's home.

Next Club meeting will be December 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Dec, 2009

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Flying Circuits Events

2009	Dec	9	Membership Meeting	7:30 PM	New Haven Community Center
		10	Old Timer's Christmas dinner	6:00 PM	Hall's Factory
		16	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	at Host , Al Booth's (week early because of Christmas)
2010	Jan	1	Polar Bear Fun Fly	10:00 AM	Club Field-
		13	Membership Meeting	7:30 PM	New Haven Community Center
		27	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	TBA
	Feb	10	Membership Meeting	7:30 PM	New Haven Community Center
		24	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	TBA
	Mar	10	Membership Meeting	7:30 PM	New Haven Community Center
		24	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	TBA

Other Events

Our local Fort Wayne hobby shop has been very supportive of our Club. We urge all the members to patronize this shop:

Phil's Hobby Shop

NICK's Hobby Shop
 1421 Goshen Road
 Ft. Wayne, IN 46808

Summer Hours:
 Sun: Closed;
 Mon-Tues: 12-9PM;
 Wed: Closed
 Thu-Fri: 12-9PM
 Sat: 11AM-7PM
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 11206 TRENTMAN ROAD
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46816

For Flyers send S.A.S.E or E-mail

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We had 85 prize packages this year; the top prize was a RealFlight 4.5 R/C Flight Simulator from Great Planes. Please try to patronize those vendors who made contributions to our event:

Aerospace Composites	McCoy Glow Plugs
Astro Flight	Medusa Research Inc.(Now out of business)
B& W Models (Bob Hartwig Short Kits)	Micro Fasteners
Balsa USA	Omni Models
BMJR Model Products	Propwash Video Productions
Bob Smith Industries	RAM
Dynamic Balsa and Hobby Shop	RTL Fasteners
Ernst Mfg. Inc.	Sig Manufacturing Co.
Great Planes Distributors	Tower Hobbies
HiTec USA	Tru-Turn Romco Mfg.
J&Z Propellers	Windsor Propeller Co.
J B Weld	B. Antonio's Pizza
Klarich Custom Kits	

A special thanks to Dave Wehrly for his contribution of an adult collectors set of miniature cars to the prize packages.