



THE PRINTED CIRCUIT February, 2010

Newsletter of the Fort Wayne Flying Circuits, Inc

Read your newsletter for new items

Membership Meeting

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

Board Meeting

Wed, Feb 24 - 7:30, at Andy Fracica's Home

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



Hello to all Flying Circuit members. Due to do this cold winter weather, flying is at a standstill. I hope you all are using this time to build or assemble your latest kit or ARF flying machine.

On March 6 we will be co-sponsoring the R/C hobby show at the coliseum. I would like to see at least 50 aircraft on display this year place it in to help with the show setup is from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Friday, March 5. Come in the rear doors off Parnell Avenue. The Club receives payment for our efforts. More details at the February 10 club meeting.

See you at the February meeting. Bring your badge and your Show and Tell items with you.
Allen Booth

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.

Help Wanted

The Club is looking for a swap meet organizer and committee members for planning purposes. If you would like to participate in this activity, please contact one of the Board members.

Event CDs for 2010

Jim Steele - Monster Mash
Pat Mattes - Electric Fly
Karl Pfister - June Old Timer event
Contact them to volunteer to help with these events.

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 Joey Smith at club meetings. Joey 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.

AMA Charter # 285

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(Trustee)
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Al Booth

Field Mowing:

Al Booth

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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 pulled shut and locked.

Official Instructors

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

Field Safety Rule Modifications

The rules have been tweaked based upon discussion from last month's meeting. The full set may be found on page 5. The major changes are:

Section 11 ground rules

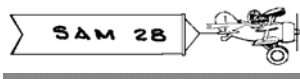
No running of fuel based engines (gas, nitro, kerosene, etc) before 8:00 am. The aircraft noise should be kept to a minimum if flying early.

Section 5 flight rules

Before retrieving a downed aircraft outside of the park (residential, commercial, or agriculture) please try to get permission from the land owners if possible. You are responsible for any damage occurred by your aircraft and while trespassing to retrieve it.

Old Timer News

Dick Brace Reporting



Well it's that time of the year. Time to get organized again. And we will again do it at Joe Woodward's home. Thursday, February 18 is the date. See Joe for details. It's always a good get-together. So bring your thoughts and ideas for the coming flying season.

Karl Pfister has applied for the AMA sanction for our 22nd "Two Days in June" contest. Wow! 22 years. We must be doing something right. However, nothing ever stays the same and maybe we should be thinking about making some changes. We may be making a rut without knowing it. Now I'm not thinking of drastic changes. Just subtle ones although I realize that subtle can mean drastic to some people.

One change I like, that Paul Rosenhahn suggested, is to combine the 1/2 A Texaco event with the Speed 400 event. It does sound rather drastic combining gas with electric, but it might be a really fun event. Might also pick up some more contestants. Also like the idea of letting any old timer plane be eligible for the O&R event. Current rules limit it to antiques (model planes designed, published, or kitted before 1939 - ed.)

Finally, I would like to see the Nostalgia (model planes designed, published, or kitted after 1942 - ed.) event included. I feel that this much neglected event also has possibilities for new flyers. It also might get us out of the Playboy and Bomber rut we are making. So many good prospects out there to pick from. I feel so strongly about this event that I will personally give a \$25.00 prize to the winner providing they are flying something other than a Playboy. Yes Playboys are eligible since they were kitted and sold in 1943.

Sure glad January is over and February has only 28 days. Makes the Toledo show a lot closer. Hope some of you are thinking of manning the Sam booth at the show. Just another item to discuss at the meeting at Joe's. We'll also make up our flying schedule for the coming season. Busy time. See you there.

Show N Tell



Hobby Zone Millennium Heli shown by Larry Woodrum

E-mail From the Coordinator of Toys For Tots

The Fort Wayne Toys for Tots received a generous donation from a member of the Flying circuits. However the check was drafted on a check from J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC with no indication of who the donor is.

The Fort Wayne Toys for Tots would like to thank the donor for his or her generous donation. Their donation helped us in assisting over 8500 children this year! Because we have no way of knowing who the donor is we are hoping you can possibly put something in your news letter.

Sincerely, Sunday Helstrom Sunday (Sunny) Helstrom Marine Toys for Tots Coordinator Director - Fort Wayne, IN L.C.O.



Art Pelletier showed the Zero profile foamy



Pat Mattes showed a red ducted fan foam jet



Jim Smith showed an EXI 500 helicopter



Dean Bobay showed a remote released Bomb



Andy Fracica showed his new Paint ball plane



Ed Leonard showed a Kaos 40



Joe Smith showed a scratch built Yak55



Donald Snyder an EDF Vectored thrust F-35 foam jet



Membership Meeting Minutes January 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Al Booth. All officers were present. There were 25 members and 2 guests present. Our guests were Becky Smith, and Mary Hunt.

Announcements and Recognitions

The program for this evening is a presentation on Batteries and current ratings by Pat Mattes.

Becky Smith brought cookies again this month. Thanks Becky.

Al discussed the Passing of Ralph Kiester last month. Club will miss him and his talents.

Reading of Minutes and Reports

December board meeting minutes were read by Joe Smith and approved. Correction to the minutes "Hitec Focus SS FM 3 channel radio system" was actually donated by Jim Noffze not Larry Woodrum. By vote of the members, the reading of the December membership meeting minutes was waived. Treasurer's report was read and approved. 1.5% cd rate at Lake City bank.

Committee Reports

No committee reports

Old Business

- Al discussed the list generated at the board meeting of things to do
- 1: Field needs aerated
 - 2: Safety Stands need constructed
 - 3: Bob donated 3 picnic tables. Need wheels put on them to make them easier to move.
 - 4: Rectangular table needs built, picnic tables to low and difficult to work on. Wheels?
 - 5: Sign needs finished and put up out by the road.
 - 6: Install additional outlets in the pits.
 - 7: Blast shields need found or remade.

Joe Smith read and discussed his proposals for an update to the Safety rules for the club. Members had suggestions to incorporate into the guidelines. Guide lines would be updated to show the new wording and published into the February newsletter and voted on by the members at the February meeting. New Rules would be put into the new member's packet.

Special Interest Groups

Old Timers are building planes, eating food and partying. June 16 and 17 are the dates of their Old timers contest, they still need to get the AMA sanction. Karl is the CD.

Crash Reports

Andy Fracica discussed his paint ball plane and how it landed. Building a new one. Paid 1\$

New Business

Art Pelletier showed a model of the Club's Sun shades with Lights. Art demonstrated the need for lights under the sun shades for the Night flyers. Lights would point towards the picnic tables and into the parking lot. After membership discussion Dean made a motion that passed to put up lights under at least 1 of the sun shades.

Show and Tell

There were 9 show and tell entries this month.

1. Andy Fracica showed his new Paint ball plane made from Coroplast.
2. Jim Smith showed an EXI 500 helicopter.
3. Dean Bobay showed a remote released Bomb 1/6 scale.
4. Joe Smith showed a scratch built Yak55 32" EPP foam plane he built. Under 75\$ including receiver.
5. Art Pelletier showed the Zero profile foamy he won at the polar bear fly. All built and ready to go.
6. Donald Snyder showed a Hobby Lobby Vectored thrust F-35 foam jet. Very pleased with it.
7. Pat Mattes showed a Robbe G-Nat red ducted fan foam jet that is about 7 or 8 years old that he acquired at a swap meet. Ready to go. Used to be Pink
8. Ed Leonard showed a Kaos 40 he acquired. Needed to rework a few parts to fit better.
9. Larry Woodrum showed a Hobby Zone Millennium Heli. Flew by Ben. Auctioned it off. Bill Long was high bidder with \$25.00 going to the club.

Art Pelletier was the winner of the show and tell drawing.

50/50 Drawing

Dean Bobay won the Dean Bobay 50/50 drawing.
Gary Hill won the Lottery ticket

Door Prize Drawing

The door prize was won by Jim Hatfield (new member).

Presentation

Pat gave an informative presentation on how Batteries work and how they generate power. Discussed current batteries ratings, charging and discharging.

Next Board meeting will be Jan 27 at Al's home.

Next Club meeting will be February 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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Flying Circuits Events

2010				
Feb	9	Membership Meeting	7:30 PM	New Haven Community Center
	23	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Home of Andy Fracica
Mar	10	Membership Meeting	7:30 PM	New Haven Community Center
	24	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	TBA
Apr	14	Membership Meeting	7:30 PM	New Haven Community Center
	29	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	TBA
May	12	Membership Meeting	7:30 PM	New Haven Community Center
	26	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	TBA
Jun	16 & 17	Old Timer Contest	8 AM to 4 PM	Flying Circuits Field
Other Events				
Apr	9, 10, 11	Toledo Model Show	9 AM to 5 PM F,S 9 AM to 2 PM Sunday	Seagate Center , Toledo, OH
Mar	6	Coliseum Show and Swap	10:00 AM to 4 PM	Allen County Memorial Coliseum

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

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SAFETY RULES JANUARY 2010
Ground Rules

1. Only club members or guests accompanied by a member may fly at this site. Guests must have a current AMA license. Any guest will be limited to three flying sessions only, unless otherwise approved by a Club Officer.
2. All planes must be kept in the pit area.
3. Transmitters must be put in the Impound area, and MUST NOT be removed without the appropriate frequency clip. Put a clip with your name on it in place of the frequency clip. 2.4 Ghz transmitters are exempt.
4. All non 2.4 Ghz transmitters shall display the appropriate AMA approved Channel Numbers per AMA guidelines.
5. No taxiing or flying of model aircraft in the pit area.
6. Landing aircraft have right-of-way over aircraft performing takeoffs or fly-by's. Dead stick Aircraft have runway priority.
7. All take-offs, flights and landings must be made from the pilot stations.
8. Hand launching of aircraft should be done from the areas immediately to the right or left of the safety fence line. Notify pilots on the flight line of an Impending hand launch.
9. Mufflers MUST be used except as follows:
 - A. Engines - .10 and smaller do not require a muffler but their use is preferred.
 - B. Pylon Racers and Old Timers which do not require mufflers for sanctioned competition.
 - C. Wankel engines.
 - D. Engines Fully Cowled in Scale models if approval for such operation has been provided in writing by the safety officer.
10. In case of accidental "shoot down/ mid air collision", the two parties involved will settle the situation responsibly. The Club will not be physically, morally or financially liable.
11. No running of fuel based engines (gas, nitro, kerosene, etc) before 8:00 am. The aircraft noise should be kept to a minimum if flying early.
12. AMA Rules apply to the use of alcohol. No model aircraft shall be flown by anyone while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol.
13. Be considerate to the pilots in the air when starting an engine in the Pit area, whether using a stand or tethered to the ground.
 - A. Make sure your airplane is not pointed directly at someone (pilot or bystander) when starting and running up your engine. Try for at least a 45deg safety angle (in case a prop comes off or breaks).
 - B. If running an engine for break in or extended run in please move or locate your model further to the side of the flight line, or around the side of club house.

FLIGHT RULES

1. Flying is prohibited over residential areas (Especially over the house on the north side of the field), and over the spectator or pit areas. VIOLATION OF THE OVERFLY RULES WILL SUBJECT THE VIOLATOR TO POSSIBLE IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE FLYING SITE AND THE CLUB.
2. No flight (fly-bys or otherwise) is to take place closer than approximately 25 feet in front of the safety fence, or to the left or right of the ends of the safety fence. All applicable AMA safety rules apply to the pilot and support person.
3. Verbal contact is to be maintained with other pilots on the flight line of impending actions (touch and go's, dead stick landings, or moving onto the flight area to retrieve an aircraft).
 - A. Do not enter the field to retrieve an aircraft, until you have received a verbal approval by **ALL** of the other pilots currently in the air. Give the pilots a chance to either land their aircraft or move them to a higher altitude (>100 feet) to maintain safety. The aircraft in the air have a higher priority than an aircraft on the ground. No other aircraft may take off while a pilot is waiting to retrieve a downed aircraft unless he is given permission by the safety director.
 - B. Enter the field perpendicular to the line of flight and retrieve the aircraft in a most expeditious manner.
 - C. Announce **LOUDLY** your position while on the field and when you are **CLEAR** of the field.
 - D. In the case of another plane needing to land while someone is retrieving their aircraft, the person retrieving the aircraft should maintain as much distance from the landing area as possible.
4. In case of a radio or mechanical problem, immediately announce the situation in a voice **LOUD** enough for everyone in the Pilot Circles, Pit Area and Spectator Area to hear you, so that they may take evasive action if appropriate.
5. Before retrieving a downed aircraft outside of the park (residential, commercial, or agriculture) please try to get permission from the land owners if possible. You are responsible for any damage occurred by your aircraft and while trespassing to retrieve it.
6. **NOTICE:** If you put an aircraft down in the **IMMEDIATE** area of the house directly north of the field, the occupant may not allow you to retrieve your aircraft. If the occupant does not allow retrieval, and a club member persists (legally or otherwise) to get the aircraft back, that club member could greatly jeopardize our flying site. All flyers using our site acknowledge this situation and agree **NOT** to pursue retrieval as such retrieval could cause possible loss of the field and/or other legal action against the Club.
7. Students and/or beginning flyers must have a qualified instructor present when they fly until the instructor or Safety Director has cleared them to solo.
8. All pilots **MUST** fly from the marked and noted pilot stations.
9. All applicable AMA rules apply. Per the current AMA manual to both the Ground rules and Flight rules.