



THE PRINTED CIRCUIT

September, 2011

Newsletter of the Fort Wayne Flying Circuits, Inc

Read your newsletter for new items

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.

From the Prez

If you haven't already heard, it is with a sad note that I must report that Bob Hartwig passed away on Wednesday August 31st about 1:30 PM. Bob was one of the last of the founding members of the club. There will be a memorial service for Bob at the Klaehn, Fall, and Milton Funeral Home located at 6424 Winchester Road (corner of Winchester and Airport Express way) Saturday, September 10th from 1 pm to 5 pm with a service at 2 pm. There will be no viewing. Should you wish to make a memorial contribution, you may select from, the Fort Wayne Flying Circuits, Inc., or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, or the Plymouth Congregational Church.

On that note, I had a conversation with Bob about six months ago where he expressed interest in having the club field named after him. As Bob was the last of the founding members, it might be a fitting memorial to name the field after him. I suggest you all think it over and we can discuss it at the next membership meeting on September 14th.

August was an extremely busy month for the club. We had three very successful events back to back. On August 6, we had a very well attended electric fly. We had a fantastic Monster Mash on August 13, with 30 officially registered pilots, and many others that I don't think signed the signup sheet. Then on August 19-20, we held the very successful Paint Ball Event during the Maumee Valley Steam Club's event. I want to thank all of the club members and their wives, girl friends, children, or significant others who helped make each event successful. Come to the club meeting for the financial recap on the Monster Mash and the Paint Ball Event.

I took a break from coming to the field after the Paint Ball Event. I haven't been back to the field since then, with the exception of the board meeting on a stormy Wednesday night a couple of weeks ago. I have heard about a couple of crashes Don Snyder's foam electric jet apparently had a speed controller issue and went in; from what I hear it was not repairable. In addition, Dave Vachon and Don Snyder's beautiful Ziroli P-38 suffered elevator flutter which ended in a violent crash that destroyed the aircraft.

The P-38 debris field was almost a football field long and half as wide. Dave said took six people the better part of an hour to pick up the pieces and they had to resort to rakes to pick up the smallest pieces. They recovered one of the engines 60 feet into the bean field; and they recov-

Membership Meeting

Wed, Sep14 at 7:30. At the New Haven City Hall. 815 Lincoln Hwy E

Board Meeting

Wed, Sep 28 - 7:30, at Host -Andy Fracica's

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.

Flight Training and Instructor Assignment

Training sessions are usually every Tuesday and Thursday late afternoon and evening. Tuesday is usually for beginner trainees. Thursday is more geared to more advanced flight training for new pilots. Open flying is permitted and encouraged. Students needing help are to contact Dean Bobay at 478-2006 or at club meetings.



Dean will assign a Certified Club Instructor. See list of official instructors p 4. Note: It is the student's responsibility to coordinate with the instructor. Trainees should provide buddy cord for transmitter.

ered the black boxes but they were indecipherable and they sent them to Washington for further testing. Oops, I think I got a little carried away there, obviously there were no black boxes unless you are referring the receiver, servos, etc. There is a video posted on our facebook page www.facebook.com/fortwayneflyingcircuits.

We had an incident that I feel I need to mention. On Sunday after the Monster Mash, Paul inventoried the remaining food, which we intended to use for concessions during the paint ball event. The inventory showed that we had four full packs of hot dogs (32 per pack). On Monday when we met at the field for the Paint Ball Meeting, I noticed there was an open pack of hot dogs in the refrigerator so I put the pack in a Zip Lock bag and sealed it (at this point I didn't know that we had four unopened packs the day before). When I arrived at the field on Friday and began to prepare to cook, I noticed

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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.

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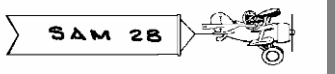
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Old Timer News

Dick Brace Reporting



Our contest schedule is rapidly coming to an end. At least for this year. I hate those words. Wish it could go on all year. Even though I no longer fly it makes my day just to get out and mingle with "the group". Any way we got three more out of the way with only a couple more to go.

On 8/11 we had a Texaco event for Foxacoy's only. Another event that sometimes tests your eyesight as well as your flying ability. No specified motor run. Just put in 16 cc's of fuel and go. Best flight of 3.

Results:

| | Time |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Jim Schmenk | 12:09 |
| 2. Karl Pfister | 11:32 |
| 3. Dick Miers | 9:52 |
| 4. Paul Rosenhahn | 9:38 |
| 5. Dave Wehrly | 9:10 |
| 6. Bill Martin | 7:24 |
| 7. Russ Griffiths | 2:39 |

Second contest, hold on 8\18 was a C glow \ignition plain bearing. Run by our ignition expert Paul Rosenhahn. 9 minutes max was the order of the day with 23 sec motor run for glow and 45 sec??? for ignition. Should have been on shoo-in for Paul, but sometimes those ignition engines won't quit running. As opposed to not running. Also you've got to land on the field for a score.

Results:

| | 1 | 2 | total |
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| 1. Dick Miers | 6:04 | 9:00 | 15:04 |
| 2. Bill Martin | 6:33 | 5:78 | 12:01 |
| 3. Jim Schmenk | 4:58 | 4:13 | 9:11 |
| 4. Joe Woodward | 0* | 9:00 | 9:00 |
| 5. Karl Pfister | 2:41 | 4:34 | 7:15 |
| 6. Paul Rosenhahn | 6:45 | 0** | 6:45 |

* Off the field landing **extended motor run

Third contest, held this month on 9\1 was our claim to fame, the Foxacoy event. I say that 'cause this is where in all started and now is, and has been for quite a few years, included in the SAM Champs as a regular and very popular event. Dick Miers was CD with usual rules. 7 minute Max, best two of three.

Results

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | total |
|-------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. Karl Pfister | 7:00 | 3:57 | -- | 10:57 |
| 2. Joe Woodward | 4:28 | 5:31 | 5:13 | 10:44 |
| 3. Dick Miers | 4:21 | 4:49 | -- | 9:10 |
| 4. Bill Martin | 4:10 | -- | -- | 4:10 |
| 5. Paul Rosenhahn | 3:54 | -- | -- | 3:54 |

And now, condolences to Joan Hartwig, wife of our old and dear friend Bob, who left us last Wednesday, August 31. A very loyal and faithful member of our club for over 40 years. He truly loved our club. tI was so much a part of his life. And so many good times. Far too many to list here. You will be missed.

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that the open pack hot dogs were missing. Now I don't want to act as Captain Queeg did over a quart of strawberries in the Caine Mutiny, but food in the refrigerator that the club purchased is the club's property and no one should eat it or remove it unless specifically given permission to do so by a club officer. This represents a potential loss to the club of \$80, had we sold those hot dogs at \$2.50 each. We shouldn't have to mention this and enough said.

The club picnic is on September 17th at 12:00. Open flying all day long. Please RSVP to me by 9/15 so we know how much chicken and burgers to purchase. This year the picnic will be a potluck meal so please bring a covered dish with you such as side dishes and desserts along with chips and dip. I hope the weather holds out and everybody



Ralph Braun's Huge C47 at Monster Mash from Winamac Best military Aircraft Award



Our own Jerry Hatfield's Stinson Reliant at Monster Mash -Best Civilian Aircraft Award

Let's Keep Safety In Mind

We had a very nice turn out for the Monster Mash. I want to thank Ron Ballard especially. But during the event there were a few safety concerns that I saw and want to address. A 3D flyer was flying his plane without a spotter, and at this time there were 2 people in the bean field looking for parts from a previous flight. The president was notified and he spotted him for the remainder of the flight. Once again and other safety issue with the same pilot. He did a low knife edge over the runway, hitting the pavement, and broke his rudder, but continued to fly. He should have immediately landed his plane at the time and inspected the damages. Remember Safety is our number one issue.

Thank You, A Concerned Pilot

FORT WAYNE FLYING CIRCUITS
Membership Meetings Minutes
August 10, 2011



The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Andy Fracica. All other officers were present. There were 22 members present. There was three guests: Mary Hunt, Chris Highlen and Greg Jacobs.

New pilots who recently soloed were announced: Chuck Slayton and Terry Barnhill.

The Membership Meeting Minutes for July were waved. The Board Meeting Minutes for July were read, amended and accepted.

Officer Reports

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Dean Bobay reported that a copy of the updated safety rules is now in electronic form and will be added to the web site.

Paul Dash reported that the electric meet was taped for news broadcast by WANE TV. Andy reported that the video of the WANE report is on Facebook. Wane TV was invited to come to the field on Thursday for a preview of the Monster Mash event. The WANE TV community calendar has been updated with the Monster Mash and Paintball events.

Trustees report – Ed Leonard and Allen Booth will do the repairs on the west side of the building.

Old Business

Pat Mattes reported on the success of the Allen County Fair demonstrations and thanked all those who helped. It was hot, but well attended. The youngsters particularly liked the candy drop. We have been invited for next year.

Pat also reported on the electric meet. There were 23 registered pilots this year. Pat tried some special events, but the participants just preferred to fly and have fun. The food concession grossed \$85.00 and the auction of the plane donated by Mark Scherer made \$50.00.

A new flagpole have been purchased to replace the broken one. Andy is asking for assistance to install it. Need to have a hole dug and concrete poured.

Monster Mash - Ron Ballard says everything is on schedule for a good turnout. He reviewed all the items he is working and asked about the items for which the club is responsible. Andy and Dean said the Club items are on schedule as well. Andy showed the trophies that will be given to the pilots for specific categories of planes. The trophies have been provided by Ron Ballard. Ron is also providing to the pilots "I survived the 30th Annual Monster Mash" dash plaques. Dean had raffle tickets at the meeting for both the plane and the engine that the Club is giving away. Ron is providing all the food for Saturday night and any food left over will be available on Sunday to club members for a donation. All donations go to the Woodrum memorial fund and the field improvement fund. Ron requested an American flag be available for opening ceremonies Sat. at 9 am. Tom Hayes will see if a boy scout troop may be available to present the colors for the National Anthem. Sunday will be open flying.

Ron asked the Club if there was any issue with the Indiana law requiring certified food handlers and facilities inspection. Since the Club is a not for profit organization, we believe we do not have an issue.

Karl reviewed the status and activities for the Paintball event.

Pat Mattes said he cannot handle the Toys for Tots event this year. The Club needs to have someone else handle it this year.

Special Interest Groups

No reports this meeting due to discussion length of other items.

Crash Reports

Don reported he crashed his PT-17 at the electric meet. Problem was due to wrong throws on the controls surfaces causing a tip stall into the ground. Fuselage broke in half, but all is repairable.

Program

No program this night.

New Business

Greg Jacobs, president of Tech Ventures, discussed the Machinists Group and their activities. They organized the chain reaction Rube Goldberg event at the public library this past year. This October 1st and 2nd they are organizing a Maker Fair at Headwaters Park. The idea is to have people who are creative and innovative get together to display items made and talked about what and how they do it. Greg says our Club definitely qualifies for the Maker Fair. He urged the Club to register as soon as possible at their website for the event. Registration reserves a free 10x10 booth for displays. Individuals may also register and will be located next to the Club booth.

Andy reported on the Jefferson Twp Park board meeting. He prepared a report that he gave to Bob hoping that it will help Bob with his report to the Department of the Interior. Andy also asked the park board if there was any concern for long term leases. Park board said there was nothing in writing to prohibit it. Andy initiated request to extend our lease 20 years as permitted in our current lease. Board was amenable and Andy will work with Bob for the extension added to the remaining years of our current lease.

Show and Tell

Andy showed his Great Planes Patty Wagstaff Extra 300 ARF powered by a DLE 55 engine, He is getting it ready for the Monster Mash.

Don Snyder showed his ¼ scale Balsa USA Fokker DR 12 Triplane. It is all red Monokote. An unique feature is the ACES of IRON pilot bust that Don is painting.

Dean showed the Aerovate 55 cc gas engine that will be raffled at the swap meet this fall. He also showed a Multiplex EVO transmitter that he converted to 2.4 GHz with a Hitec module.

Tom Hayes showed his Revolver that has now been flown. He will not fly it himself this year. He wants to develop his skills before trying it.

Dean won the Show and Tell drawing.

The Model of the Month had two entries this month:

Don entered the Triplane and Tom Hayes entered the Revolver.

Don won the Model of the Month plaque.

Don won \$16.00 in the 50/50 Drawing.

Ben Ndubuisi won the door prize.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



Damon Atwood's Emmaselle from Fishers Indiana Pilot's Choice Award

Recap of the August Paintball Event
By Karl Pfister

Well, after two years of planning, building, and testing, our paintball event is over. It was great!

Our first test planes did not fly well at all so we had to start on a major re-design. The second set of planes flew better but not as well as our regular trainers. We built the planes out of PVC downspouts and corrugated yard sign material to keep them durable. We needed enough planes built to have six of them available each of the two days of the event just in case they were not so durable.

Safety was a big concern. AMA prescribed the shooting station and field layout design that we followed which gave us their insurance protection. We constructed three safety cages out of PVC pipe and orange plastic netting for the safety of our shooters which we placed against the flight line fences. Check out the pictures that Dick Miers took and loaded to our web site.

We grossed \$900.00 in paintball and concessions for the two days. Luckily, we were able to use some of the food left over from the Monster Mash the previous weekend. We can safely say the Paintball Event was a success. The youngsters especially had a great time. More than 3,000 paint balls were fired at the planes during both days.

It took the efforts of more than thirty club members before, during, and after the event, who contributed materials, radios, engines, and labor to make this event a reality. Congratulations to you all and deepest thanks for all you've done. I would like to identify each of them by name but am fearful of leaving someone out by mistake (seems my senior moments are coming more frequently these days).

We had four sponsors for this event: The **Paintball Plex** of LaOtto, IN provided the paintball guns, compressed air and an employee, Dave Stauffer, to help with the guns. **PB Sports** contributed a case of paint balls as did **Phil's Hobby Shop**, and finally **Tippmann Sports, LLC** donated raffle prizes of hats, t-shirts, backpack and a paintball gun. The raffle prizes were won by the following people: Rhett Hoff, hat and back pack; Carroll Hand, T-shirt; Steve Suddarth, camp stool; Randy Pham, T-shirt and Hat; Kathy Suddarth, back pack; Trey Angel, paint ball gun; and Ben Ndubuisi, T-shirt.

We have learned a lot from this event and, assuming we do this again next year, there are a number of improvements we'll want to consider, including refinements in plane design, cage modification, which days to hold the event, and number of people needed to work the event. If you have suggestions for next time, please contact any board member with your ideas.

Paint ball plane flyers and spotters



Ready, aim, fire



Line-up of ready paintball shooters



Sep, 2011

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Flying Circuits Events

| 2011 | Date | Event | Time | Location |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------|---|
| Sep | 1 | Old Timer Club Contest | 9:00 AM | Club Field-Foxacoy Dick Miers CD |
| | 14 | Membership Meeting | 7:30 PM | New Haven Community Center |
| | 17 | Club Picnic | Noon | Club Field |
| | 22 | Old Timer Club Contest | 9:00 AM | Club Field-B-glo/ign Dean Bobay CD |
| | 28 | Board Meeting | 7:30 PM | TBA |
| Oct | 6 | Old Timer Club Contest | 9:00 AM | Club Field-C-glo—Joe Woodward CD |
| | 6 | Old Timer Club Picnic | noon | Club Field— Joe Woodward |
| | 12 | Membership Meeting | 7:30 PM | New Haven Community Center |
| | 22 | 2nd Annual Swapalooza | 9:00 AM | Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church-Dean Bobay |
| | 26 | Board Meeting | 7:30 PM | TBA |
| Nov | 9 | Membership Meeting | 7:30 PM | New Haven Community Center |
| | 23 | Board Meeting | 7:30 PM | TBA |
| Dec | 14 | Membership Meeting | 7:30 PM | New Haven Community Center |
| | 28 | Board Meeting | 7:30 PM | TBA |
| Other Events of Interest: | | | | |
| Sep | 10,11,12 | Midwest SAM Champs | 9:00 AM | Muncie AMA flying site |
| | 19,10,11 | Thistledown Fall Fly-in | | Thistledown Field, Napoleon, OH |

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