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## WHAT'S COMING!!

Next IVRC meeting at the field Wed. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> , 7:30 PM. Is the last meeting before the float-fly! Be sure to be there so you can get your name in for what you are going to do to help out!!

IVRC float-fly Sun. Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at Lake Depue. Starts at 9:00, but members should be there at least by 8:00 to help set up etc.

Sun. Aug 15<sup>th</sup>!! All electric fun-fly at Rockford. Starts at 9:00 am. Sponsored by the Rock Valley R/C Flyers. Is at their field on Harrison Rd. West of Rockford.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENED!!

The monsoon season has sort of ended! The short dry spell slowed the grass down for a bit, but the last few showers have it back growing like crazy again.

I actually did get down to the field a couple weeks ago. Took the "Junkyard Dog" trainer I put back together from a wreck and converted to electric. Had Mike's old Mustang along too!

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Got both of them up and back down with no major problems other than I'm rusty at flying airplanes. Had the trainer powered with a 4cell lipo and 5cells in the Mustang. Both had adequate power, but could use a little more OOMPH! The 5cell went into the trainer and the Mustang is sporting 6cell power now. Amp and watt tests now is more up in the ball park.

Mike told there was a few out flying last Sun. I intended to go to Rockford's fun-fly Sat, Didn't because of the showers going through. Found out later it cleared off up there long before it did here! Had to catch up on mowing Sun.



Now that's a strange looking plane if I ever saw one!!! You are in for it now, I've got a fresh bunch of pictures!! I went to the EAA "AirVenture" at Oshkosh Wed. I don't think there was a thousand people there, it was more like a million! Was acres and acres of campers, tents and airplanes. Got to check out our "locally- hangered" TBM Avenger. Was always a big crowd around it. Tom H. and the guys did a whale of a job sprucing the old girl up last winter. They say the fake torpedo is to carry oil and misc. I'm not sure it isn't a big fat round "cooler" for their liquid party accessories!! The featured plane this year was the Douglas DC3, or C47as the Army called it. Was a bunch of them.

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What I didn't see one of was a "R4D ! " What's a R4D ?? That was the Navy - Marine designation for them. OK, let's get back to the funny looking bi-float plane on the first page. It isn't original. Is a replica of a Sikorsky S-38 flying boat that dates back to 1929!! One of the originals made three attempts to cross the North Atlantic but failed on all three. The owner of this reproduction is going to try it again in Aug.! Is all for charity. The trip will continue through Europe, the Middle East and Asia. From there to Africa! The one this was modeled after was used in Africa in 1934 by a Osa & Martin Johnson who were explorers. At the end of this tour it will be retired to a museum somewhere. OK, enough dribble, I better get to the July meeting minutes.

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Meeting July7 - 2010 at the field.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Pres Mike Fiorentini. 50-50 won by Brian Hartman.

Was the question raised again as to whether the 50-50 winner was to get donuts for the meeting and does he pay for them from his winnings or get reimbursed. Members opinions asked for and most felt he buys from his winnings.

Treasurer report by treasurer Lance Korter. Motion to accept - Fred Buck. Second - Larry Kessler. A thanks went out to our big raffle ticket sellers, Andy Gaylord a Jim Pagani.

Was discussion on whether to continue to give fun-fly pilots a free lunch. Most felt the expense was worth the good will it promotes. Was discussion as to whether to keep the same day in June for next year. Most felt we should, being the day before Streator's we had some come that attended our Sat. and Streator's on Sun.

Was brought up that Phil Buland wanted the red Extra ARF that was donated to the club last year. Jim noted that for two years Phil has made a generous donation to the fun-fly and suggested we give it to him as a thank you ! All OK'd it.

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Our float-fly coming up Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> was the next topic of discussion. Bill is all set with the pick up boat. Soda and ice will be picked up.. We will need some big coolers if anyone has one. Was questioned if there was to be a pilot fee. The Putnam Co. club always had a \$5.00 fee, we will continue it. Was noted there was several packages of hot dogs and brats left from the fun-fly. We can use them up a the float-fly. We will have to take the club grill down to cook on.

Starting time will be 9:00am, but we will need help there earlier to get set up.

Andy will make up a advertising flyer that can be posted around at local businesses to advertise. Jim will get it in the events calendar of the paper.

Bob Schmidt will take care of getting the food. Jim will check with the Putnam Co. club to see if they still have the frequency pins they used. Was decided a PA system would not be needed.

Was a new member, Ed Daniels present. Also a returning member, Dick Charbonneau.

Was questioned if we were still having problems with the tractor. Tom, Jerry, and Larry have been working on it. The ign. Coil was replaced and seemed to cure it for a bit but the problem came back.

Was no more business brought up.

Motion to adjourn - Jerry Wolfe

Second - Brian Hartman

*"Success usually comes to those who  
Are too busy to be looking for it!! "  
> Henry David Thoreau <*