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WHATS COMING!

September meeting the 2nd at the field, 7:30.

Helicopter fun-fly Sat.&Sun. Sept 5th & 6th at Rockford. Is at their field west of Rockford on Harrison Rd. Contact - Ray Fuerer. 815-967-6805

Float-fly at Davis Junction Sept. 6th. Is sponsored by Rock Valley Flyers. Contact - Orv Steinmentz. 815-885-1161.

WHATS HAPPENED!

Here we go again with "Not much!" Has been a pretty dead summer again. Wind, rain or all of the above. Your old editor is guilty again of not getting down to the field very much. Seems like if we do get a half decent day, there is something else going on. Went to the float-fly at Starved Rock. Was mostly flyers from up around Chicago. I didn't have anything ready so was just a spectator. Gene had a little bad luck with his. Got a bit too far out and lost orientation. "Splash" way out there. Was half way to Ottawa I think. Was some nice planes there though.

Nobody ever contributes any items of interest or juicy gossip to this literary endeavor so you will have to put up with repeats of what's been put on my web page. Have a Nitroplanes Extra 330. 63in wing span. Was set up for a 90 four stroke. The plan was to put a brushless on that came off a heli I have. Didn't work! Had a vibration I couldn't get rid of. Plan "B"! Got a Himax brushless kit. Was motor, ESC, and recommended prop. Is equal to a 90 two stroke. Had to cut the front of the mount off and dowel in a firewall. Haven't tried it yet, am waiting for some big honkin lipos to get here. I have a couple small ones in it now for testing, but wouldn't last long on a flight.



That puppy turns a 14X7 APC electric prop 11,000 rpm!! The Nitroplanes ARF seemed to be a decent plane. Glue joints all looked good. A very good job on the covering. Didn't have to put the iron on it anywhere for wrinkles. I did hit the graphics a little, but they all seemed to be stuck down good.

THEN, I finally got back on the enlarged Guillows Hellcat. Long story, but while it was sitting, my foam engine cowl went sour. I didn't feel like another 7 to 8 hours sanding out another so it isn't the best. It came out at 7 1/2 oz. E-Flight has a foam P40, same wing span and wing area that's 7oz so I should be Ok on it.



The little guy is probably too heavy to fly, but may give it try anyway. OOOOP's, Looks like that dummy built a terrible twist in the wing !! Did it on purpose. From all I could pick up from forums etc is a must. Has to have a bunch of negative wash out at the tips. They say they will tip-stall in a eye blink if you don't. Weighed it complete with no cover -- 6 1/2 oz. With paint and cover is a "fat" 7 1/2 oz. OK, enough of my projects.

I see we have a new page on the web site. Steve Stohr has one now. His primary interest is gliders and sail plane. Is a refreshing break from seeing the same old all the time. Better get to the Aug. meeting minutes. Don't know how much room I'll need for them.

Meeting Aug. 5th at the field.
50-50 won by Bob Schmidt

Meeting called to order 7:40 by president Mike Fiorentini.

Jim thanked Wayne Washkowiak, Gene Sarver, and Phil Buland for the time the put in collecting money at the fun-fly food stand. Was another thanks to Phil for a generous donation to the raffle fund. A thanks went to Lance for the ice and ice freezer.

Treasurer report by treasurer Lance Korter. He also reported on the outcome of the fun-fly. We netted a profit from that will easily cover our rent for the year. Motion to accept - Fred Buck.
Second - Bill Janz.

The combination lock hasn't been put on the door yet. The field owners requested to use the hanger for few evenings and could we hold off on the new lock until Sept. They also had asked Lance if we were incorporated. Lance will get copies of the papers to them.

A thanks to Larry for donating spray for the field and a thanks to Tom for putting it on.

The Peru airport breakfast will be coming up mid Sept. We should try to have a more impressive display and a better showing of help and planes to display. Can work out more details at the Sept. meeting.

Was a thanks to Randy for donating a Extra 330 ARF to the club. Will have to decide the best way to raffle it as a money maker.

Was a thanks to Jim and Andy for their time put in at the fun-fly with kids on the trainer. It went over very well, even with the spectators.

Doug Roberts noted that there will be a float-fly at East Moline Aug 23rd on Campbell Island on the Mississippi backwater.

Phil noted that the drive in - fly in breakfast at the Mendota airport would be this coming Sun.

Was no more business brought up.

Motion to adjourn - Tom Hartman
Second - Phil Buland

Efforts and courage are not enough
without purpose and direction!

John F. Kennedy