



The Fliteline

Screaming Eagles R/C Club, Inc.

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July 4th Club Family Picnic and Fireworks



- Fireworks courtesy of Hummel Park
- “Best view of fireworks in Plainfield”
- Members and Guests Invited
- Flying 9:00 AM ‘til Dark
- 5:00 PM Pitch-in Picnic
- Club provides meat and drinks



Next Club Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, 2006

At the Club Flying Field!

Bring stuff to show, swap, or sell

Welcome Jim Ryser...

Jim Ryser was voted into membership at the June 5th club meeting at the field. Jim has been known to many Hoosiers as “Jimmy Ryser,” the singer who played with the likes of John Mellencamp, the Moody Blues, Bob & Tom, and had a national solo career in 1990 with a number six hit song. He was checked out as a Level 3 flyer on his YS powered Hanger 9 Funtana 40 after the meeting. Jim stated that his hands were shaking after his dead stick landing, and was quoted as saying, “I was more nervous flying in front of those old timer pilots than I was singing the National Anthem at the Brickyard – but I am proud to be part of such a wonderful club!” Our club is also proud that Jim has volunteered his skills in Chronic Pain & Addiction counseling to help with the P.R.E.F. addiction program (among other things like, perhaps, airplane addiction!).
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*(Beloved Editor's note: Who's he referring to as "old timers"?! ☺
Anyway, ask Jim what color his Harley Hog is...☺)*

Super Accomplishment!

Jon Spaulding, posing with proud Pop Sid, brought his "Best Flight" award to the club meeting. Jon won the prestigious award on May 28th flying in the Terre Haute R/C Club's Warbird Flyin 2006. Jon reports that he flew his Corsair, (evidently flawlessly and awe inspiring), in winning the best flight award. Warbird folks are sticklers on warbirdy things like flying skillfully, and Jon has demonstrated steady growth and skill during the past couple of seasons...so his winning early in his R/C career comes as no surprise to his fellow members. 😊 Congratulations Jon, job well done me laddie buck! (Sid, you have every right to be proud, both as his father and as "pit crew chief".) Our great hobby could use more father/offspring teams! For example, look at the Margiotti father/son team that is still flying today tracing its SERCC roots back to the 1970's.



Missing Frequency Pin

Check to see if you took the red channel 45 frequency pin home. If so...BRING IT BACK, PLEASE!

Dan Winship Field Action Shots

Pictured on the right, the airplane is a Randy Randolph design which appeared in the December 1987 Model Airplane News. It's called the 'Twiliter II'. Construction is built up balsa stick type, very easy to build and fly... (Aimed at beginners or those like myself that need an easy flyer). Wingspan is 66", length 42", power by .10 to .15, three channels, weight approximately 2 pounds. My good friend and fellow Screaming Eagle Jim Lutes introduced me to this airplane 15 years ago. He still flies his also. The plan is available through MAN as FSP12871. I may actually build another this winter...mine is showing its age! Mine uses an Enya .15 and consumes almost 4 oz. of fuel in thirty minutes!

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Check out Carl Strohm's athletic form...woo woo!



Jon Spaulding's Hanger 9 P-51 and God's silver moon ☺



Bob Groves' GP Christen Eagle and God's green grass ☺

A Cute Little Critter!

Meet Taelyn Shea, three year old grand-daughter of Mark "Crittter" Crittenden, our club's vice-president. Ms. Shea is modeling the newest in club fashion for the younger set. Taelyn informs us that her Grandpa Critter has a barn full of club tee shirts for sale including some grown-up ones in really big sizes in an endlessly wide variety of colors. He also has some club caps and really neat sew-on patches. You can get yours by calling the Big Critter at 845-5951 or email at mcritt1@comcast.net...or just catch him, (or any club official), at the field to get yours in the barn. ☺ (Yep, she's a cutie, Critter, and I bet she worships her Grandpa Critter and vice versa.)



Beloved Editor Jinx ...???

Bill Pence's romance with Pitts Specials is legendary, as is his recent destructive experiences with two other Pitts in his stable. He mean-spiritedly claims Bob Groves is a bane to both Pitts Special and Sukhoi airplanes, because ol' SOB has wrecked every Sukhoi he's ever owned; and was always present when bad things happened to Pence owned Pitts Specials. Sunday, June 4th was no exception. Check out the wheel pant dangling on a Pence Pitts...and SOB was present in the pits at that moment. Fortunately, superior piloting skills overcame this potentially catastrophic situation, and the plane landed safely. *(Bah Humbug! Seems to your beloved newsletter editor that a little LockTite™ properly applied, would have overridden this episode of the aforementioned affliction ☺)*



Action photo by Ron Richardson



P.R.E.F. Screaming Eagles Band

The picture is of your beloved newsletter editor (center) in 1969 with his hillbilly band. It was because of my long history of guitar torture and assault that I was asked to volunteer on behalf of our club to teach guitar to PREF residents on a twice weekly basis. Not surprisingly, there are some residents already proficient on musical instruments, (including the guitar, bass, and drums) that are helping to teach the beginners. Also, we are attempting to form a PREF facility band of residents using donated equipment. The operative word is "donated" equipment. So check your closet and see if you are willing to part "gratis" with any string, percussion, or wind instrument. If so, you get a tax deduction and the club gets "PREF Points" to add to our volunteer activities with the facility. I will also see that you get a copy of their hit CD's when released! ☺

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Dawn Power Dissolver

Pictured is my 20+ year old Fox .35 control line engine. Note that is now clean and shiny thanks to the **Dawn Power Dissolver**. It was covered with the dark brown varnish crap that comes as a by-product from burning castor oil glow fuel. That varnish is something that will not come off easily. Well, after reading about this stuff in Model Airplane News™ in a tip by Randy Byers from Bloomington, Indiana, I went to Kroger and bought a bottle. I had my doubts, but all I did was spray it on, wait a little bit, and then started brushing it with an old tooth brush. That brown gook came rolling off. After I cleaned the engine, I rinsed it in hot water; compressed air dried it, and then applied my usual after-run oil. (Marvels Mystery Oil) So if you have a varnished up engine and muffler, give it a try. It works!

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An Elite Field Chairman!

John Nyland is truly a perfect fit to the field chairman job in the club. With much help and support from his wife Karen, John jumps on anything needing attention, building, or repair. For example, to get our new logging rule implemented John swung into action and moved the frequency control board to the west shelter house; then fabricated and installed a wall desk that is perfect for the function. Mark Crittenden supplied the aerial photo of restricted airspace and necessary signage. John, you are truly liked, admired, and respected by the grateful membership of this club! (You, too, Critter!)
(Editor's note: John's pose looks like an old time western dude leaning on a saloon bar, yuk, yuk, yuk...Just kidding, Big John... ☺)



Helicopter Space Cadet?

It has been suggested for years that R/C helicopter flyers are real space cadets....at least it has been suggested by airplane flyers who can't master the wacky world of whirling wings. Anyway, it is well known that "a picture is worth a thousand words". Enter Ron Richardson shown wearing the newest space cadet helicopter head gear. This indeed provides validation of the "space cadet" premise. Ron's a good sport as you can tell by the smile on his face.

(Editor's Note: He was aware of the risk of acting silly when your beloved newsletter editor was standing in plain sight with a camera in his hand! Betcha he put beans in his ears when he was a youngster, too. ☺)



Secretary's Report

Call to order: 7:30 PM (19) June 6, 2006

Secretary's Minutes: Read by Ron Richardson

Treasurer's Report: Read by Dick Dietz (Bill Pence, Bob McClure)

Introduction of guests: None

Membership Applications: Jim Ryser voted in all in favor. Application read for Dave Thomas.

Chairman's Reports:

PERF: Doug Fish reported we have had four successful weeks of PERF. A new trainer plane was purchased to replace the plane that crashed into a tree.

Event: Scott Black agreed to take the position of Events Chairman

Field: John Nyland reported he has been working with Cundif Grounds Maintenance to get the grass mowed shorter.

Instruction: Volunteers are still need for training on Tuesday's.

Safety: None

Promotions: Raffle \$20

Newsletter: None

Website: None

Old Business: Doug Fish reported that we have had no response from the DeMint letter. He also reminded everyone of the new sign in procedure and noted PERF is purchasing new signs for us. PERF is also working on the possibility of cutting down some of the trees at the east end of the field.

New Business: Bob Groves is giving guitar lessons at PERF and ask for instrument donations. Bob is also working with Faith In Action to make the donations tax deductible.

Announcements: Mark announced he has the new t-shirts available for \$10.

Raffle: Won by Bill Gentry \$20

Show and Tell: John Spaulding's father Sid, showed the plaque John won at the Terre Haute War Bird Fly-in for "Best Flight".

Adjournment: 7:45 PM

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Classified Ads



Custom made Field Box for fuel airplanes. Including 7Ah sealed battery, charger, Sullivan starter, electric fuel pump, cleaner, qt. old fuel, misc. parts. \$65 obo by July 22.
Dick Dietz - 539-6649 - ridietz@tds.net



Moki 2.10 with bell mount and Bisson Pitts muffler. Excellent condition flies up to a 25 pound airplane. Invested \$406.73 will sell for \$295.00 cash or will trade, if it is something that interests me.
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Triathlon of Model Aviation - 2006 By Scott Black

The 2006 Triathlon of Model Aviation was a really exceptional event this year. We had a great time at last year's Triathlon too, but this year just seemed to be better! I really enjoyed myself more too I think, probably because I was not worrying so much about how to organize and run the event like I did the first year. In addition, several members of the Screaming Eagles took their personal time to come help with the event even though they did not fly. Thank you to Doug Fish, Mark Crittenden, John Nyland, Andy Clark, Ron Richardson, Dan Winship and anyone else who helped.

The day started with low winds and a forecast for hot weather and possible thunderstorms late in the day. As it turned out, we had hardly any breeze for the Rubber-Powered Free Flight event in the morning. It was just perfect! Later in the day, when it got hot, we had a nice westerly breeze that kept us cooled off despite the too warm temperatures.

I applied for and received an official AMA Sanction this year for the Triathlon of Model Aviation. That meant a little more paperwork for us as we registered flyers in the morning. But, nothing that slowed us down. After the article on the Triathlon appeared in AMA's Model Aviation magazine last year, I didn't know what to expect regarding flyer turnout, but I wanted to be sure it was an official AMA event regardless.

Like last year, we had a tremendous prize donation response from sponsors in the hobby! Great Planes sent a "U-Can-Do ARF" for us to give away. Brodak sent a "Clown ARF" control-line plane; Global Hobby Distributors sent a "Lucky Stik ARF" and a Magnum Digital Tachometer. We received 5 really nice Futaba Hats to give away as well. Although, when the contest started, I could only find 4! Hmm...wonder what happened to that 5th hat? (See pictures for a hint.) We also received Gift Certificates from our friends at OmniModels, Sig Manufacturing, and several bottles of CA from Bob Smith Industries. One local hobby shop, Hobby R/C over on Franklin Road, was the only local hobby shop to support the event. Barb sent us some very nice Gift Certificates to give away. Remember Hobby R/C when you go to make your next hobby purchase. They support us, please support them!

We had 10 participants in the Triathlon this year. That turnout is several more flyers from last year and it made for a great field of contestants. We could handle five more flyers probably without running concurrent events and still get it done in one day. A couple of guys didn't compete in all the categories. We had modelers from Florida, Northern Indiana and from the Danville Black Sheep Squadron. Great to see those guys join us! All in all, it was just a great mix of guys and we had a lot of fun together. There was good sportsmanship all around and everyone helped everyone else maximize the day.

During the pilots meeting, we stressed the confines of our field and the unique rules due to the flying field being within the Plainfield Educational Re-Entry Facility. Everyone understood and complied

with the rules during the day. Then, I went over the specific rules for the day and declared myself "Dictator" on any disputes. Fortunately I didn't have to wield my awesome power during the contest and lock anybody up in the shed.

Due to the recent death of the soldier from Avon, who was laid to rest the day before our event, my mind was focused on him and his family when I was driving to the field that morning. I couldn't get over the contrast of the beautiful morning and the anticipation of such a fun event in contrast to the sacrifice he and his family had made. So, I mentioned it during the pilots meeting because I felt it so deeply that morning. I wanted to remind myself and those competing, why we were together and what it means to be able to enjoy each other's company for a day of flying in this great country of ours. I think it helped me, and perhaps others, realize how lucky we all are, and to keep the day in perspective. After that, we kicked off the event on a gorgeous June, Indiana morning!

Doug Fish, our club President, helped me run the contest all day. This allowed me to also be able to fly in the event in addition to being the Contest Director. I hope the other competitors didn't mind that I flew too. I don't think they did. I know some think that the Contest Director should not be a competitor in an event they are running. But, given the fun nature of the event, I don't think there was any conflict of interest. Besides, since I put together this event, as you can imagine, it's exactly the kind of shindig that I wanted to fly in!

Again, we had exceptional free flight weather in the morning. Several of the rubber-power planes had nice long flights. It was a great sight to see their tissue-covered wings silhouetted in the sky. One flight by James Karpy was almost a minute long! That's probably not long for the AMA Nationals, but it was amazing to watch happen at our field just the same. Virtually all planes featured Balsa & Tissue construction, earning them an automatic extra 10 points for the event.



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The Control Line event included a balloon bust this year. That was really fun! To make things a little more competitive, we added a rule that you had to put one lap in between each stunt performed. All stunts were done in a 60 second period. That kept a stunt ship from looping virtually continuously to win as was the case last year. The rest of us flying air-pigs didn't have chance that way, so we added the new rule. The balloon bust added 5 points to a flyer's score and was something the slower control line planes were a little better at.



The limbo poles definitely took their toll during the day. Several flyers hit them, including me. When I did, my Hangar 9 Twist did a strange little spin out. What I didn't realize when I was flying in Round #2 was that I'd bent my rudder push rod arm somehow. No wonder that plane didn't feel right when I was flying it! Oh well, my problem was easily fixed compared to Al's. Anybody want to invent a non-damaging limbo pole? We'd be interested!



R/C Fun Fly saw the destruction of our returning Champion's aircraft! Al Myers was our 2005 R/C Fun Fly winner. We all felt Al's disappointment when his self-designed fun fly ship clipped a limbo pole. The result you can see in the photos. The silver lining was that Al Myers won the "Most Spectacular Crash of the Day" award. For his trouble, he received a big bottle of CA for a prize from Bob Smith Industries. Did I mention he was trying to do inverted limbo in order to double points? Hey, No guts, no glory! Al is a great flyer. Just one of those things.

As the event ended, I headed to the backseat of my car where I had a laptop computer. I hurried to plug flyer's scores into a spreadsheet that I'd developed for the event. It automatically totaled everyone and made sure that I did not goof up on my addition. The overall place of each flyer was what determined the "Grand Champion" of the day. We also kept track of total points in case there was a tie. That didn't happen; the overall winner was quite obvious! It was Mika Woodward.



Mika also narrowly won “Control Line – Champion” over yours truly. But, he overwhelmingly won the “R/C Fun Fly – Champion” award. And, as I say, he also won overall “Grand Champion” for the second year in a row!

By the way, next year I’m adding a new rule: People with last names that start with the letter “W” will not be allowed to enter. (Just kidding Mika!)

James Karpy, a former Screaming Eagles member from Florida, won the “Rubber-Powered Free Flight” award. His plane was a really great performer.



My “One Nite 28” from Peck Polymers was a sweet flyer, but never came close to James’ 53 second flight. As a side note, guys, if you have not built a high performance rubber-power model, you need to give it a try. It’s breathtaking when they float around in light lift like James’ aircraft did.

I won “Coolest Plane of the Day” for my orange & white One Nite 28. I was happy about that. That plane was NOT a “one night” build! It took me some time to complete and I literally got it done the night before the event. All I’d done prior to the Triathlon was fly it for short bursts in my back yard in the early morning with a cup of coffee. I’m a Big Orange UT fan, so that caused my color choice!



The day’s Grand Champion, Mika Woodward, had his pick of the prizes. As you guessed, he grabbed the Great Planes U-Can-Do. That was fitting because he will be able to really fly the bonkers out of that plane and maximize its potential.

My wife and kids had arrived at the contest from a little league game in time to help out with raffle prizes. We had a LOT of great stuff to give away! Everyone went home with a nice prize. The flyers all got one raffle ticket per event they participated in. And, we made sure that the guys who helped out also received a raffle ticket too. It worked out well for all.



I do have to mention that Steve Ragsdale won the Global Hobby “Lucky Stik” when his ticket was called. In true Steve Ragsdale fashion, he generously gave the airplane to young Christian Karpy. Christian has just mastered a trainer and the Lucky Stik is the perfect next plane for him. Guys like Steve help make this a great hobby. I had a couple of guys like Steve help me when I got started in the hobby when I was 15 years old. Without these kind of people, I don’t think I could have stayed in the hobby at that time with only my income from mowing grass and painting houses supporting my crashes. Steve gets the Good Joe award for sure.



As said, the 2006 Triathlon of Model Aviation was truly exceptional this year. I could not have been happier with the day and the fun we had. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for June 16th, 2007. I hope you can join us. Start building and practicing!



*All Photos by Ron Richardson