

The Fliteline

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Next Club Meeting At the Field!

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Editorial Report

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From The Editors Notebook:

- There was an oversight in last month's newsletter report on the Chapter 561 fly-in. **Richard Washington**, a qualified EMT, set up and manned an emergency aid tent for the event. In addition, **Dave Bloomer** brought his portable frequency board and, along with **Gene Margiotti**, supervised the management of the folks flying on 72 megahertz. I am sorry for the oversight guys; and thank you for your service that day.



EMT **Richard Washington** patiently waiting for "victims of the heat." The good news, there were no emergencies that day. ☺



Frequency-meister **Dave Bloomer** guarding the 72 MHz airwaves. It must have worked since there were no incidents.

- **Pilot Proficiency Certificates.** Seems things sometimes fall through the cracks simply due to lack of attention. One of these things is the awarding of *level 3 – proficient RC pilot certificates*. Most get their *Level 2 – solo certificate* soon after accomplishing that great feat. However, the promotion process has really become dormant lately. This year the only Level 3 certificates awarded have been to **Eric Mohr**, **Shea Farnsley**, and **Bruce Boaz** long after they were qualified. (See picture below). If you are flying on a level 2 - solo certificate and think you are fully qualified as an R/C pilot, please make Ron Richardson or any club officer aware of it. Also, if you are

interested in becoming a certified club instructor, let them know that, too. I received my club instructor certificate in 1984. Framed, it hangs proudly on my ego wall in my “hanger,” albeit yellowing with age, covered with balsa dust, and fly tracks. Yep, in spite of Bloomer and Fish trying to rescind and burn it, it is still there. ☺

- **FaceBook & Indy RC Online.** There are a couple of internet sites currently used by a few Screaming Eagle members. First, there is the FaceBook site where individual FB accounts have been established for the Screaming Eagles, and IMAA Chapter 561. If you are a FB client, check it out...

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=160602129586&ref=ts> .

The second site is “Indy RC Online,” an R/C site that covers all the local clubs. Again, the Screaming Eagles and IMAA Chapter 561 have pages there, too. Several of our members are part of this site...My handle is “indyeagle,” go there and you will find links to other members and clubs. Check it out.

<http://www.indyrconline.com/>

- **An email from Doug Fish.** Bob, this may help with your survey you are trying to figure out. I took the log sheets home with me the other night, as it was quite full. I looked back over a period of 7-1 to 8-08 (5 weeks and 2 days). This is what I came up with, we had 32 different flyers:

- 12 members with 5 or more visits
- 18 members with 5 or less visits
- 1 non-flying visit by John Barber
- 1 non-member visitor - Terry Nitsch

The person with the most visits was Steve Ragsdale with 12, followed by Bob Groves with 10, Doug Fish and Joe Wilkins with 9

each. I know I have, and you said you have on occasion, gone out and not signed in. (*SHAME ON US, because if everyone did this we could not get this info.*) Interesting numbers and I guess some spin I may put on it is...we have had lots of rain, windy conditions, and real hot weather the last couple of weeks. I also think people are just busier with families, work, etc., I know I am.

*(Editor’s note: 12 “most active: flyers out of 58 or 20% of the club membership. Several members have told me they “fly about as much as they want to.” The question... what, if anything, can the club do to get them to “want to fly” more? Send your suggestions to **Eric Mohr**, our promotions and events chairman. emohr@indy.rr.com*

- **Frequency Boards.** There appears to be a misunderstanding about the procedures for using the 2.4 gighurts board by a few of our members. The green pens are for attaching your membership or AMA card to the board, NOT for decorating your radio, strap, or ear lobes. The green clothespin’s sole purpose is functional...to clip a card to the board; therefore, if you are on 2.4 GHz, DO NOT remove a green pin from the board. Remember, however, if you are flying on 72 MHz, you MUST take a frequency pin from the 72 MHz frequency board. Also, remember to extend your extremely long bright shiny metal antenna, a mistake I almost made recently that would have cost me my Christen Eagle. Believe me 2.4 fliers; your little short stubby black rubber appendage is more obvious that a green clothespin hanging from your neck strap and is sufficient to let others know what “hertz” you are driving. They can take comfort that you are not a “shoot-down” danger; at least from the frequency you are

flying...your skill is perhaps another issue. ***BREAKING NEWS!*** **John Nyland**, who shall remain anonymous, informed your beloved newsletter editor that he takes a green clothespin simply as a reminder to gather up his membership card from the board when he signs out for the day. So I stand corrected...for our elderly senile older aeronauts with PPM, feel free to dangle a green clothespin from any appendage you desire so you, too, can remember to gather your membership card when you sign out. What is PPM, you ask? *PissPoorMemory...* (wink, wink, nudge, nudge)...so, when you see someone dangling a green clothespin, just smile and tell them you understand their PPM malady; and be prepared to remind them of your name. ☺

Joe Winterrowd wants to know if anyone is interested in pylon racing with either small electric or glow powered aircraft. Let him know...

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Vice-President **Shea Farnsley** welcomes new member **Al Torres**. (Hmmm, appears Shea has one standard smiling pose.☺) Welcome aboard Al!



In spite of a heat index of over 100 degrees on August 9th. It was solo day for new member **Doug Nastally**. His primary instructor was **Doug Fish**. Very impressive Doug, you soloed very quickly in spite of your instructor! ☺

From The Editor's Camera:



Bruce Boaz receiving his Level 3 Pilot Certificate from Vice-President **Shea Farnsley**



Giant Scale News

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Amelia Earhart Big Bird Fly In

Four 561'ers traveled to Lafayette, IN on August 21st for their annual fly-in. Through noon, clouds and intermittent rain showers dampened the event. By noon, however, the clouds started breaking up and the sun heated up the afternoon. Mike Hasting won the 50-50 raffle and all flyers returned home tired, with all airplanes intact. A good time and a lot of fun.



We enjoyed a good time flying with the **Lafayette Cloud Jockeys**, a club with a friendly membership AND outstanding pizza.



Eric Mohr and Bob Groves in the 561 pit area.



Joe Wilkins taking a break from assembling his Waco.



Mike Hastings' Monocoupe being prepped for a flight.



Demonstrating skill and daring, **Eric Mohr** prepares to launch his Four-Star 120 into the clearing skies.



Mike Hastings's YAK dodging water that ponded on the asphalt runway during the morning rain showers.



Mike Hasting performing "stooge" duty for **Joe Wilkins'** Waco startup.



Joe Wilkins, with safety **Mike Hastings**, wowing the spectators with weird and wild Waco aerobatics.



Eric Hurst

City-Wide Report

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Wow, what can I say? The City Wide Fun Fly was a great event. It was held at our field on Saturday, August 21. There were 17 registered flyers, 8 from the Screaming Eagles, 7 from the Southside Club and 2 from Danville. Many others came out to watch as well.

Cloudy skies and a slight wind down the runway made for ideal conditions throughout the contest.

The huge success was mainly due to our club members that helped during the day.

John Nyland put up the signs and had the field in tiptop shape. (Several people commented on how nice our field looked).

Mark Crittenden ran the concessions. The "Donations Only" bucket yielded a profit of about \$40.

Ron Richardson was taking wonderful pictures during the whole event. He is a real pro with that camera and long lens.

Our judges and scorers did a fantastic job. They were Gary Cornwell, Andy Clark, Tim Woods, Shea Farnsley, and Doug Nastally. They kept the contest moving and running smoothly without any problems.

Steve Ragsdale was the CD and carefully explained the rules during the pilots meeting.

Participants from our club were Dick Dietz, Al Myers, Doug Fish, Mike Karnes, Bob McClure, Joe Winterrowd, Eric Hurst, and Steve Ragsdale (our highest scorer).

In the end, a good time was had by all.

And oh, a rally in the second round came up short for the Screaming Eagles as the Southside Club won again by a very narrow margin.



Dick Dietz

Treasurer's Report

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Your Future Field Fund totals \$3,170.

These funds have been deposited in a CD for security and to gain interest. Thanks to all the members that supported our 2005 campaign or have contributed since then. You made this possible and successful.

Additional pledges are welcome and donations continue to be made to this fund. If you are interested in making a donation, send your check to me or bring it to a club meeting.

The Screaming Eagles Treasurer's Report is presented for review and acceptance at each club meeting. Copies are available to all members upon request. Call or email your Treasurer if you want a copy. Or better yet, you can attend the meetings with me.

We finished 209 with 64 members and have 59 paid for 2010. I'm sure we can find even more candidates to join us in our great hobby. Bring a friend to the field or meeting and let's make it happen!

2010 Screaming Eagles Field Events

- October 9th – 23rd Annual Fall Fling

Don't forget training evening each Tuesday.

2010 R/C Events Not At The Field

- Aug 28th – Giant Plane Fly-In – Champaign, Illinois
- Sep 11th – Giants Over the Heartland – Winamac, IN.
- Sep 18th – IMAA Chapter 48, 28th Annual Fly-In – Elwood, IN.
- October 2&3-IMAA Chapter 561 Morristown Jamboree.



A full-scale mid-air collision.



A classic **Andrew B. Clark** before and after photo of a ducted-fan jet crash at the field, circa 1984. This was back when our runway was carpet.