

# The Fliteline

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## Screaming Eagles R/C Club 14th Annual Fall Fling October 8, 2011



October 8th was a perfect day for the annual fall fling featuring a blue-eyed Indiana sky, warm temperatures, and light winds. Attendance was great with nine guest flyers and twenty club members. Planes were flying all day long, and public spectators were many and appreciative of the aircraft and some skillful flying. The concession stand and swap meet were great successes, as was the demonstration training flights for the youngsters. Mike Hastings won the 50-50 raffle and the club made a little money. That is good since we need to replace our club training plane.

A special thanks goes to the activity chairmen who planned and managed this great event; viz, **Matt Brown, Doug Fish, Brad Miser, John Nyland, Ron Richardson, Richard Washington, and Joe Winterrowd**. They will be the first to give credit to the many club members who showed up and provided the labor to set up the field, cook the food, instruct the youngsters, and all the other chores it takes to hold a daylong event.

Bob Groves, Event Coordinator



A big hit with the kids, many from the scouts, was a chance to get some stick time on a buddy-box. Instructor **Chris Atwood** is on the master-box while instructors **Doug Fish** and **Eric Hurst** observe.



Instruction chairman **Doug Fish** instructing a young lad while instructor **Doug Nastally** observes. All the instructors took turns on the master-box and flew many sessions with numerous youngsters. It was a major hit during the fling. Thanks to **John Nyland** for loaning his Stick 60 for training flights. *(The club's Stick 60 expired in the cornfield; engine deep, a couple of weeks before the fling.)*



We had nine guest flyers, mostly from the Blacksheep Squadron club. This is father/son team of **Tom E.** and **Tom L. Hatfield**. They were smiling large before I walked up to snap their picture...it's this hobby...brings folks together for happy times!



**Dave Bloomer**, a Screaming Eagle since 1970 and recently retired, took on the thankless job of registration and frequency control. Of all the flyers, only two were on 72 MHz...2.4 GHz dominates these days, a real blessing for events. Dave was the main mover and shaker in the mid-80's for getting our asphalt runway. *(Today he is senile and drools a lot, but helpful when we need him.)*



Our beloved **John Nyland**, a man of many hats. For several years, he has been on the executive committee, served as field chairman, and "Raffle Dude". Anytime the club needs a service, Big John leads the pack...he even decks his wife, **Karen**, out in a club t-shirt. (*Too bad I did not have a bucket of cold water, if you catch my drift. Wink, wink, nudge, nudge...☺*) John is a good sport, always in good humor, and a quintessential club member. (*Somewhat like your beloved newsletter editor, yeah, right. ☺*)



Charter member **Larry Ross's** wife **Barbara** set up her booth in the swap area. She was selling jewelry and body lotions. It was nice to have a female booth since there were many ladies attending the fling. (*Speaking of ladies, Larry flies teeny, tiny electric toys these days, rather than his big, manly turbine jets.*) ☺



**Bob Groves, Jr.** and his wife **Brenda** drove over from Mahomet, Illinois to enjoy the fling with his old man. He learned to fly in 1983 at the age of 15. He left the hobby in 1987 and just this year decided to get back in the hobby. Even after so many years away from flying, his first flight on a buddy-box was boring, he never lost control and made the takeoff and landing on the asphalt! Here he is dusting off a little more rust with safety pilot and instructor **Mike Hastings**. (*Obviously, his intellect, talent, and skill are DNA based.☺ Shut up, Bloomer. ☺*)



**Ron Richardson**, (standing), was the event "Air Boss". (*The dead weight holding his big Sukhoi is Doug Fish.*) Ron is an accomplished flyer of both airplanes and helicopters. (*His rambunctious nature makes him a hit during pit bull-sessions. He be a cool dude and a friend!*)



Here's proof flight instruction is not limited to the uber-young. Instructors **Larry Ross** and **Doug Nastally** (with the master-transmitter) help a senior citizen maneuver the Stick 60 around the pattern. *(The referenced senior is the one on the left. 😊)*



One of the most demanding jobs at the event was running the concession stand. Chairman **Joe Winterrowd** was kept hopping with long lines and hungry folks. He even had to make a resupply run to satiate the crowd's appetite. **David Jugg** and **Dave Thomas**...and probably others that I missed, helped out.



The swap meet area set up in the picnic area. It has been larger in past years, but this is a good start for next year. There were several sellers and buyers with much stuff sold and traded. Thanks to **Brad Miser** for heading up this important activity.



A lonely, but satisfying vigil for our event EMT/First Aid practitioner **Richard Washington**. Richard happily reported no emergencies, not even a prop cut. He foregoes flying so he can watch over us full time...whatta dude! Elderly members like Ross and Bloomer really appreciate his vigilance.



We were pleased that several Blacksheep club members attended our fling. They pitted in the east end shelter and lined the pit with several nice airplanes.



One of only two remaining Screaming Eagle 1970 charter members on our roster, **Mike Girdley**, (in yellow shirt) is showing off his injured thumb caused by the action on a Glock pistol. Mike rebuilds wrecked full-scale aircraft and is a long-time full-scale pilot. *(I am glad he tangled up with a Glock and not with his 1929 Fleet Biplane.)*



Long-time Screaming Eagle, "**Smokin' Joe Wilkins**" with his well-known, *(and sometimes abused)* Stearman. He puts out more smoke *(and BS)* than a coal-fired steel plant...a real crowd pleaser. *(The plane, not Joe. 😊)*



New member **James Richardson** with a telltale expression. He flies with a video camera onboard chasing others trying for that elusive gee-wiz golly video sequence of the airborne.



**Mike Hastings**, (*my favorite Englishman*), assembles his venerable YAK 54 for yet another superlative aerobatic, death defying flight sequence. (*Death defying because I hide in my pickup when he flies. 😊*) Mike qualifies as a great flyer and a good friend.



Full-scale jet pilot **Chris Atwood** with wife **Heather** gracing our sun-heated aluminum bleachers. Chris has several interesting hobbies and abilities, but we are glad he takes time for the club. He is a crackerjack flyer and an excellent instructor. (*He is just too stinking young and talented to be so good and experienced... just sayin'.*)



Guest flyer **Scott Black** and his daughter doing that flying thing...again with telltale smiles on their faces.

*(The following photos are by David Johnston)*



The other club charter member on the roster dating back to 1970, **Larry Ross**. (*Larry is elderly and as a result has gotten deep into electric powered aircraft; therefore deserves to be known as "Ol Sparky".*)



**Smokin' Joe Wilkin's** big Stearman chased by **Mike Hasting's** Stearman in close formation.



*(The following photos are by Ron Richardson)*



I tease Doug Fish mercilessly, but in reality, he is the oil that keeps our flight training humming and deserves high credit. *(Therefore, I shall refrain from making my anticipated caustic comments about these photos. ☺)*



**Lance Burris**, a master instructor at the Indiana Police Academy, trying out R/C flying with instructor **Doug Nastally**. *(Lance is member **Todd Burris**' father.)*



The Blacksheep members pitting at the East end at the new shelter.



The club boasts an outstanding 3D flyer in **Matt Brown**. Matt is a crowd pleaser and always volunteers his airplanes and helicopters for club airshows.



**Joe Wilkin's** giant P-47...simply beautiful, *(the plane not Joe. ☺)*



We had a good mix of fixed-wing and rotor-wing flying...helicopters are a real hit with the spectators, especially the kids.



Spectators came and went all day long.

*(The following photo by David Jugg)*



There is no rational reason to put a **Bob Groves Sr.** picture in, but... ☺