

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club



July 2011 Newsletter

The July meeting was called to order at the Shiller Woods Flying Field by President Les Schier at 6:30 p.m on July 7th. The minutes of the June meeting were read by Secretary Ted Noncek and approved by the club. There were 30 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's report. The club started June 2011 with a cash balance of \$1,865. During June dues were paid from eight members, plus donations of \$35 were received for a total receipt of \$345. June expenses total \$292 for the purchase of keys to the Knaack box and the frequency board materials and supplies. As a result, the club's ending cash balance including \$343 in PayPal was \$1,918. The treasurer's report was approved by the club. Terry welcomed a new member joining at the meeting, Patrick Flynn.



Vic Szajna adjust his Tower Trainer before a recent maiden flight.

Committee Reports

Field Maintenance: Chairman Mike Reinhart presented the Field Maintenance Committee report. Mike noted that fertilizer was applied last month, and the weed killer approach to creating the field

markings were working out great. Mike noted that the club has spent about \$120 annually on striping paint, and that the use of weed killer was saving that and the need to maintain after cutting. The



Someone had a bad day with their Cub!

next topic Mike presented was the status of rolling the field. Mike noted that the rain had not fit well into the rolling schedule last month and that the club needed to decide if it still wanted to roll the field since it is getting late in the season. After discussion with some members opposed to rolling, and other members supporting rolling this year, it was decided that the decision to roll this year would be put to vote of the members present. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of rolling. As a result, Mike will notify members as soon as he determines that the conditions are right, and a rolling day will be set.

Field Safety Committee: Co-Chairman Tim Novak presented the Safety Committee report. Tim

started his report by asking that all members pay attention to where they are flying, and to please encourage non-members to do the same. After the start of the Safety Committee discussions, President Les noted that flyers are not always calling their intentions at the right time. By this he was referring to calling "Taking Off" or "Landing" too early. This causes other fliers to be on guard for the maneuver earlier than need be. The discussion finalized rules we have discussed previously that someone getting ready to take off should announce "Taxiing" when entering and rolling down the taxi area, then call "Taking Off" when at the point of entering the field. It is always necessary to listen and look to other fliers to make sure they have heard you, and are not trying to approach a landing when you call for taking off.



Mike Zawadzki approaches a landing with his sea plane at the Independence Day Fun Fly.

Fliers wishing to land should call "Landing" when entering the downwind leg of the pattern, and also listen for objections from other fliers. Ed Bywalec noted that proper etiquette at the flying field always gives preference to the flier attempting to land. And, of course, anyone calling "Dead Stick" due to a motor failure is always able to take preference to landing--even from fliers who called landing and are in the final approach.

It was also discussed that fliers that are practicing touch and goes should announce their intention to other fliers, to make sure others understand to stay clear of the infield during these practice approaches.

Les noted to everyone that now that we have a new frequency board, please use it. Les noted that the Forest Preserve Police have indicated that they will

be conducting spot checks of the board to ensure all fliers have AMA.



President Les Schier helps keep Jon Fischer's trainer out of danger during the Independence Day Fun Fly.

Flight Training Committee: Chairman Don Zeller presented the Flight Training Committee report. Don started with a status of the several new members undergoing training. Don noted how much fun it is to help out a new pilot since it reminds us of how hard it was to start out in this hobby. Don then presented the new Pilot Training Program Manual. Don and Ted Noncek worked on the new booklet that can be used to guide the basic training program of student pilots. Several copies of the first edition were passed out to instructors, and some suggestions were made as to additions to the booklet.



Tim Novak and Adam Lukasik enjoy the Independence Day Fun Fly.

Planning Committee: Chairman Tim Gombert presented the Planning Committee report. Tim started by discussing the new signs that the Planning Committee has added to the entrance areas of the pit area. The new signs on the way in

instruct fliers to post AMA or club cards, and on the way out, remind the flier to not forget their card on the frequency board. Tim next discussed getting the "Who Am I" information he collected on the club website, as well as the invitation to helicopter pilots document he prepared. Tim would also like to put the member photos on the web site so that we can get to know one another better. Mike Reinhart indicated to Tim that he should send the items to him and he will place on the site.



Rick Silva gives a thumbs up before launching his Striker for another flight at the Independence Day Fun Fly.

Report on Independence Day Fun Fly

President Les thanked Mike Reinhart, Don Zeller and Rick Silva for heading up the organization of the Independence Day Fun Fly. The club usually has had a fun fly on Father Day weekend, but we missed it this year. Luckily for the club, Mike, Don and Rick got together and pulled off a very enjoyable event on Independence Day (Monday), moving it from the previously planned Saturday due to high temperatures and winds. And boy did Mother Nature cooperate with the Monday event, which had perfect flying weather and a great day of fun and contests. Special thanks to Jim Schmidt of Strictly RC who generously sponsored the prizes for the contest events, with \$100 in gift certificates to Strictly RC.

Mike reported that the club hosted approximately 60 people during the day, both pilots and spectators, with 25 non-member spectators/guests paying the club a total of \$120 to enjoy the burgers and sides. Congratulations to the following

winners of the contests who each won a \$25 gift certificate to Strictly RC:

Balloon Pop	Jamie Solis
Hang and Glide- Electric Glow	Marek Kikias Mike Reinhart
Loops	Ted Noncek

See last 3 pages of this newsletter for more photos of the fun fly event.



Elder statesmen Tom Jacobs and Tony Loquercio enjoy some shade at the Independence Day Fun Fly.

Show and Tell

Because we met at the field the club did not have any show and tell projects. The club had a great time flying together and we had plenty of birds up in the sky following the meeting adjournment.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Shiller Woods Flying Field.

By Ted Noncek, Secretary (tnoncek@comcast.net)

More Independence Day Fun Fly Photos



Don Zeller's WWI biplane makes a dramatic dive.



Joe Long get's his Tower 40 ready for another flight.



Plenty of planes were on hand. Note Don's biplane safely on the ground after an "interesting" landing.



Mike Zawadzki performs some field repairs on his war bird.



Scott Bianchi tends the corn.



New members Patryk and Wojciech Rafacz discuss their next plane amidst the variety of aircraft on display in the pits.



Mike Reinhart and Scott Bianchi enjoy the great food.



We sure had a variety of planes to fly.



The hang and glide contest had everyone looking to the heavens.



That is what I call close to the spot!



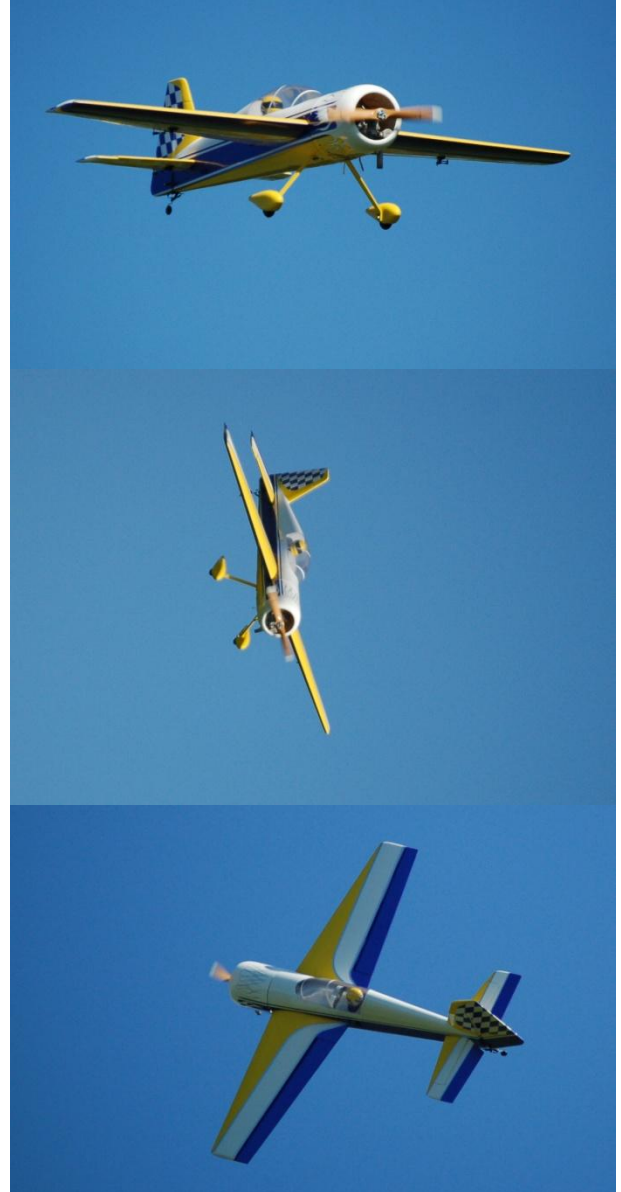
Boy they went up there high!



Marek savors his victory.



Don Zeller puts his plane through the paces during the hang and glide contest, while T Galfi watches his time.



Special thanks to Fun Fly sponsor Jim Schmidt of Strictly RC who provided the crowd with a great demo of his flying skills with his 89" Carden Edition Yak 54 gasser.



Mike Zawadzki checks his sea plane out after landing.