"Prop Kicks"

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Dog Days are Here

President's Corner

Our annual Fun Fly is now behind us and by most measures was a good success. The weather was about as nice as it gets and we had lots of visitors. We had about fifty percent of our members there, but only seven signed up to fly. We had exceptional support from "Fast Eddie" and the Alpha Squadron Show Team as usual. They certainly demonstrated their talent with almost nonstop flying. Our thanks to them all.

The raffles were won by club members Bob Fling and Mike Rubini. Bob won the T-Craft while Mike got to ride in Bill Losey's ultralight. Our thanks for the raffle donations which contributed about \$170 to help offset our event costs.

Work is now getting started for a Family Picnic event to be held in September. This will probably be at West Field and for club members and their families. My concern for this proposed activity is sufficient interest and, more importantly good participation from our members. We should test these elements to determine if we should proceed. This will be discussed at the August 14th meeting, so plan to attend and have a hot dog with us too.

See you at the field!

Dick Plyler

August Meeting

Our August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 PM at West Field. We will be discussing possible plans for the Family Picnic event as well as enjoying some food from the barbecue. Please plan to attend.

Fun Fly Memories

Thanks to all who attended the Fun Fly this year, and especially to those who worked to make it such a successful event.



"Fast Eddie" tries to figure out what that heli is doing!

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The flight line was crowded.



Hey, airplanes aren't supposed to hover!



Youngsters try out the simulator.
All the fun without the risk!



Bill keeps cool in the shade of his ultralight.



"Walt's Amazing Collection of Antique Machines"

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You have to start these things topless!



Spectators tried to stay cool in the shade.



Candy sales were brisk.

Dog Days

As we suffer through the dog days of summer, extra caution is needed to protect ourselves and our models from the blistering heat. Remember to stay cool and drink plenty of liquids, and plan your flying activities so that you are not out in the heat during the late morning and early afternoon. Also remember your sunglasses, sunscreen and hat.

Electronic components can also fail or exhibit sporadic behavior if overheated. This also applies to batteries. We have had several models go down due to radio faults which could have been caused by component failure or by radio interference. Interference seems to be more prevalent when the weather is hot and humid.

UFO Report

Lost: A white trainer airplane that decided to fly off by itself from Harris Field on Saturday, July 28th. Last seen on radar heading toward Cochranville at about 4000 feet altitude with a full tank of fuel. If you've heard any reports of this aircraft being found, please contact Harold Dunkle. Let this be a reminder to all of us to check the radio control integrity before **each** flight, even if you have just had a successful flight.

Membership News

We would like to welcome Mike Rubini and Eric Froysland as full members of the club, as well as Christopher Martin, who joined us this month.

Our membership has certainly grown this year, with many of the new members requiring some level of flight training. We will need to discuss the flight training program at our next meeting to make sure that our members are also progressing to becoming qualified R/C pilots.