

Washington R/C Flyers Newsletter April 2011

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be in the evening of April 12 at the Washington Park District on Spruce street. A brief show and tell kicks off at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder! Club dues are still being accepted. Please bring your check to the meeting or mail it to Harold Hoskins at 717 Santa Fe Trail, Metamora, IL 61548.

MARCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Marshall. The February minutes were read from the newsletter. There was one new member, Jeff Davidson of East

Peoria. He was a flyer back in the early 1990's.

The financial report shows a balance of \$2944 in the General Fund, \$623 in Savings, \$3700 in the mower fund.

Marshall reported that five pilot stations will be constructed in the Spring for late May and early June use. The event dates were handed out to the attending membership and are as follows:

April 12th meeting will decide the work crew weekend date. It will not interfere with Easter activities.

May 10th Meeting. The Spring "take off" is on the 15th. (Mother's Day – 8th, Memorial Day – 30th.)

June 14th Meeting, Open House is on the 12th, (Father's Day – 19th).

July 12th Meeting. Picnic / Funfly is on the 9th, (Peoria Air Show – starts on the 24th)

August 9th Meeting, Club Breakfast is on the 27th.

September 13th Meeting Club Wiener Roast is on the 17th, (Labor Day – 5th).

Mark Reeves suggested that our banquet for 2012 could be at Gracy's on Cummings Lane. He volunteered to ask the management and obtain information.

An open discussion ensued about the swap meet to be conducted at the June Open House. Harold Hoskins is leading the initiative



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and asking for any ideas that would be beneficial. He thus far has suggested that there is no charge for setting up a tent and displaying items. Each person intending to bring items must provide his own tables and tents. He has invited some hobby shop owners to attend as well as RC Clubs in a fifty mile radius. The WRCF club will provide only cookies and drinks. With the Open House starting at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 12th, No lunch will be offered. Logistics for its preparation are still being constructed.

INDOOR FLYING

It's been sweet and sweeter since the early days of February, having the Washington Park District gym for our use as well as the distant location at Lostant where the Streeter Club flies indoors. There are a handful of us in our club that have really enjoyed it, many of us also having made a few flights at the WRCF field in March. But there is quite a difference in style. Both have their graces and etiquette. Our "little" gym here holds us to very small and light airframes, except Harold who manages to push around a sizable foamy, and do respectable 3-D with it (them - he has a few.) There are three of us that could compete with Harold if we spent the time he does on the simulator to teach ourselves 3-D

like he knows it. I, Bob Heuermann and Marshall Logue have the four channel BNF (bind and fly) Extra 300 that has only a nineteen inch wingspan but designed for fantastic 3-D, even in a hall way like found in a hospital. We don't come close to flying it as it is designed to be flown, but at least we can keep them airborne in the gym space that we have. Many of us casual flyers have the "VAPOR" or the "EMBER" that just floats along like a slow sail plane under power. The Vapor is so slow a person could walk behind it and keep up - just a walk. The Ember is a little faster and you would have to jog along at about 5 to 6 mph. Lots of us started out with just a foamy airplane but in due course of time, got an inexpensive helicopter of the coaxial type. These are so easy to fly that even seven and eight year old kids are doing it. Just go to Lostant for an evening of indoor flying!!! Then some of us advanced up to the fixed pitch type. Three of us have the fixed pitch, Harold, myself, and Wally. They can really take off and go, but cannot fly inverted or on edge like the fully collective pitch can. These little marvels of miniature flying technology are really stable and have been quite an experience in themselves for those of us flying them.

Our club program is going to continue flying in this gym every

Tuesday (until farther notice about a change in day and time) for the complete year, Thus on warm summer Tuesdays, with the double outside doors on the North open for fresh air and comfort, we will be enjoying our little miniatures for quite a while.

I would like to welcome a flyer that has been coming for the last three or four consecutive times, a flyer that has been flying RC since the early 1950's and was a close friend of Cal Speerly. Anyone out there remember Glen Howard? He has been flying with us in the gym too. Glen has a fleet of small scratch built foamies and has been flying in a lot of indoor facilities, including the large one in Cuba, Illinois. He and Tom Imhoff are considered among the most accomplished flyers in central Illinois both indoors and outdoors.



OUR NEW WINDSOCK!



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Notes from the President:

Each March we are all waiting for those nice spring days to begin to try out our big wings again. Thanks to John, Marshall and Harold we have been able to practice our skills indoors, but there is nothing like the smell of fuel and a noisy thumper sailing through the air. This time of year brings back memories of those that paved the way for our new home here in Washington. Six years have passed since we signed the lease for our current field. Six years and a lot of hard work by club members have resulted in a flying facility that is a pleasure to visit. Below are a few pictures from the past.



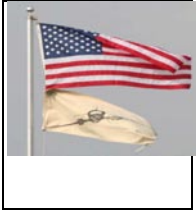
Above: Bob Heuermann, Vern Mall, Wally Walwer and John Bremenkamp at the lease signing. Second picture is the work crew on 5/15/05 including our neighbor Ron Hastings who provided heavy duty digging equipment.

Harold reports that club membership is 34 as of the March meeting, so we will need to continue to work to attract new members this summer. I am looking forward to getting back to the green pastures of Illinois this summer. See you at the April meeting.

Paul Cobb

PICTURES ON THE NEXT THREE PAGES

The next two pages have scattered pictures of us flying in the gym within the last few weeks. Those of us that have been doing this off and on are: John Bremenkamp, Marshall Logue, Harold Hoskins, Bob Heuermann, Doug Norman, Richard Franzen, Wally Walwer, Steve Grob, John Blind, Kayton Heavrin, Mike Lynn, Larry Roberts, Jim Sturges, Wally Walwer, Bob Warner. Not everyone was captured in a photo.



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Marshall with a missing left wing. Midair mishap.



Harold Hoskins piloting.. Jim Sturges in the background.



John Blind working on his Ember.



Kayton Heavrin flying his Vapor. Doug Norman and Wally Walwer too.



Doug Norman with a small high wing. Wally in the background



Harold Hoskins with a large 3-D .



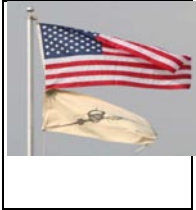
Bob Heuermann flying his Extra 300 with a Spectrum 8-DX



John Bremenkamp flying his coaxial Police helicopter. Has flashing running lights.



Wally Walwer flying his very small fixed pitch helicopter.



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Glen Howard flying his home built.



Glen Howard's scratch built. One of many designs he has ready to fly.



Glen Howard's in the air flying like a beautiful choreographed dance that has some 3-D and some elegance.



John Bremenkamp's Police heli.



Harold Hoskins putting it on it's tail with a torque roll.



Harold repairing a minor fin that came loose.



Embers are so very easy to fly, you can really relax while keeping them going.



Marshall really watching the 3-D workout by Harold.

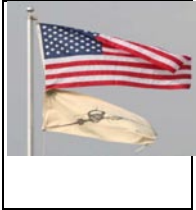


Bob Heuermann flying the Extra



Harold Hoskins putting it through its paces – getting the most out of it.





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With all this excitement of flying electrics indoors, a little rubs off for the outdoor scene too. I took advantage of Horizon's Bind and Fly packages to purchase the above, which is a small foam War Bird P47. It flies terrific.



Bob Warner has been out doors a couple of times this March with his high wing Cub Cadet. It looks bright and super nice in the air.



Harold has been flying many of his glow and gas planes. I just caught this one while missing out on the big extra with a gas DL 50.



Mark Reeves and Mike Lynn are regulars at the field with Mike's high wing flyer that currently has a lot of flights on it since it's debut last year around August or September.



John Bremenkamp even got in the flying act with a glow type airplane, his old faithful "Tommy Miesel" bipe that has been around for over ten years.



Looks like the winter weather has taken its toll on a couple of our signs. The quality of paint may not have been up to par here. The next coat needs researched.