



Balsa Dust

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***** **NEXT MEETING** *****
DATE: *Thursday, November 8, 2007*
LOCATION: *East Bloomfield Town Hall*
TIME: *7:30 p.m.*

Prez Sez

Recently spent an evening going down memory lane. I had the opportunity to look at some photo albums of Dick Parshall's. Among the hundreds of photos of aircraft that Dick had built over his lifetime were some photos of the different flying fields that our club has flown at over the years. Did you know that our club used to fly in Hemlock? There is a photo of Red Randall taken in 1970 preparing his airplane for a flight at the field in Hemlock. It was nice to actually put a face to the name I have been hearing Charlie Vogel speaking about for all these years. Also included in the photos are some of our field on Purcell Rd. which is actually the same road we fly on now just further down the hill. Pictures include some of our past members Ed Roberts, Don Heath, Jim Hende, just to name a few. It was interesting to see the different aircraft that our past members built and flew. Giant Scale was popular with our past members. My participation with our club began just as we were moving from the Purcell Rd. location to our present location on Middle-Canadice Rd. so some of the photo's looked familiar to me. Lastly there were photo's taken at our present location. I can't believe how many people we have had for some of our club picnics. I hope to bring these albums to the next club meeting to share with all of you.

One comment that comes to mind while I was looking at all of these pictures is that it is extremely helpful to have names and dates and any other pertinent comments written on the pictures. How do we do that with digital photos?

Don't forget that at the next meeting we will be nominating officers and elections will be held in December. Also for those members who did not attend the last meeting we have decided to give a free T-shirt to members who renew in a timely fashion. Well that is all for this month. See you at the field!

Jim

At The Field

By Glenn Crocker

Ladies Night Out is history for 2007. We had 32 people attend this year. The original Choice of "The Inn on The Lake" had to be changed because the restaurant went out of business. Cheap Charlie's in Bloomfield served a good meal at a reasonable price and even upgraded the roast beef choice to Prime rib at no extra cost. I would like to thank Max for making the arrangements this year.

Who would have "thunk" we would be running around the flying field in our shorts the third week in October. The weather has been great this fall and the field still looks like a golf course. I think I am working on record fuel consumption for 2007 and there is still some good flying weather left.

Charlie is still holding court at the field even if he does get to work a little late in the morning. Nick and Joe (the flight line food critics) are going thru withdrawal because Thursday Pizza night is done for the year. Henry was even spotted trying to tear the wings off his red plane. I don't know what he is going to do when the snow flies. Don Allen is putting in a lot of flight time and he really looks forward to the windy days for practice.

We will continue to mow until the weather closes us down so don't shy away because of concern for high grass. Look on the bright side, it will be quiet, the Titusville Terror is in Florida.

Enjoy your flying but remember the trees are not in hibernation yet.

Deer Season

This is the annual deer season warning. Please do not use the field from 11/17 until 12/11. People will be deer hunting in the woods around the field. We will check with Carol Coye to see if we can use the full scale runway during Deer season like we have for the past two years.

Thank You Abe Sickles

I would like to thank Abe Sickles for mowing the high grass again this year. He has spent a considerable amount of time keeping the field looking like a park.

For sale: Three good planes with radios

For sale: three built-and-ready-to-fly planes, with radios, instructions and plans:

- **Goldberg Eagle 2**, with Futaba FP-T4NBF FM transmitter (Channel 37) and OS FP .40 engine. Good-flying trainer. \$50 for the package. \$20 for plane alone without transmitter.
- **Herr Aqua Star** seaplane with Norvel Big Mig .061 engine. A nifty flyer, but best hand-launched as it has some trouble "swallowing" water on takeoff. Can land on water, grass or snow; probably could take off from snow. Uses same Channel 37 radio as Eagle above. \$50 for the package. \$20 for plane without transmitter.
- **Goldberg Gentle Lady** glider, with Cox Black Widow .049 engine, Futaba FP-T4NBF FM radio (Channel 31). Excellent slow-flying trainer. \$50 for the package.

(Note I have just the one Channel 37 radio, so if there are different buyers for the Eagle and Aqua Star, one will have to go without the transmitter.)

If interested call John Street at 585-229-5491, or e-mail at streetaj@frontiernet.net

Lynfield Lewis

Lynfield Lewis, one of our long standing members, passed away Monday 10/22/07.

Mt. Kilimanjaro

Ned Holmes is planning to participate in this climb next spring. The accompanying letter explains the purpose of the climb. If you have questions or want to support this effort you can give Ned a call.

Dear GVAM members:

I recently joined a group of local people [cancer survivors and those whose lives have been touched by cancer] to raise funds to support the American Cancer Society. We will undertake an 8 day journey to climb the 19,300 foot peak of Mt Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, Africa in late February 2008

One out of three Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in a lifetime. There has been a revolution in cancer research in the past decade. Researchers and physicians are beginning to understand the causes of cancer and are making inroads into new methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Your contribution will help to support these vital efforts.

The goal of our group is to raise \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society and each of us has committed to raise \$2,500 to support this important cause. I would appreciate your help in this project by contributing to our "Climb to Conquer Cancer". All monies donated will go to the American Cancer Society.

You can make your tax deductible contribution by writing a check payable to the American Cancer Society and sending it to me. Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society with my name in the memo field.

If you would like more information about this undertaking, please visit our website www.journeysofinspiration.com. We are planning to report the progress of the climb on this site.

Thank you for your support



Tex always seems to be towing a plane. Saves on fuel I guess.



It looks like the real thing. Very impressive!



Running up the engines on the PBY.



Cecile B D'Miller at the lens with Charlie at the controls.



PBY getting ready for take off



Tex, Charlie and Dana at Canadice. Don is pacing the deck.



Joe is guarding the cold bags with the hamburgers and hot dogs.



Hurricane taking off (just over his left shoulder).



GVAM doing what it does best (eating).



Hurricane just prior to touchdown.



Jim got tired of the wind and dug out the kite.



Henry is getting the big guy ready.



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