

# Wing Tips

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*Regular Meeting July 10th at 7:00 PM Flying field Mammoth  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, July 8th Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30  
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## Prez Says

GREETINGS: You will notice that the field has a new look, the benches have been sealed and the impound has been painted. Thanks to all who came to help. Kudos to Jeff Hails for all his efforts as well as Vaun Hile, Ron Gade, Jim Pennington, Jim Buzzard and Mark Withrow. A special thanks to Greg Lazarchik for donating the sealer for the benches. Hopefully this will last for several years.

June was not the best month for flying being wet and/or windy. As we look to the month of July, there are two scheduled club events. The scale contest will be held on Sunday, July 12 around 1:00. As Bill Cecchetti has described planes can be scale, semi-scale, or just thinking it's scale. The purpose is to come to the field and have fun. Let's have a great turnout for this event. The next scheduled event is the pylon race to be held on Sunday, July 19 around 10:00. This event will consist of the regular pylon races followed by the electric pylon races. Come and enjoy these races!

The July meeting will be held at the field on July 10 at 7:00. Hope to see many of you there. As usual, I hope all of you are well and enjoying the summer months!

Rene

## Minutes of the Meeting of June 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 25 members present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi again circulated a flyer for the Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Society (CORKS) Skydiver Rally, in Centerburg, OH, on July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The Treasurers report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Super Tigre .61 engine, Ringed with Muffler. Curt McFadden also donated an assortment of Permatex products, which he sells, to the raffle. These included thread lock compounds, epoxy adhesives, hand

cleaners, cleaner for plastic windshields, stripped thread repair kit, and many others. (Thanks, Curt. That was very gracious of you.) Field Control/Safety Officer Jeff Hails reported that the field is in great shape. As newsletter editor, he reported that there were three newsletters returned to him in the mail with address labels missing. He is not sure what happened, but will try to avoid it happening in the future. Webmaster Rob Whalen reported that the website is up to date and working fine.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Electric Pylon Races:** Rob Whalen reported that the first race would be moved back one more week, as there were no planes ready for racing. Races will be next Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, for sure.

**(b) Hats:** The new club hats are in and available at \$10 each. More can be ordered as needed.

**(c) Chairmen Still Needed:** Chairmen are still needed for the Endurance Contest and Snyder Cup Speed Trials.

**(d) Opening Day Picnic:** All went well. The weather was good. There were approximately 45 people in attendance. Food was great as always. The balloon slalom and limbo fly were great fun. Mark Yothers got “special recognition” for his outstanding marksmanship. Thanks to all who attended, helped and participated.

**(e) Complimentary Memberships:** Newsletter ad sponsors were sent letters and membership cards acknowledging the complimentary memberships which were included with their ad subscriptions.

**(f) Flea Market:** Still waiting for word on scheduling at the Hempfield Hunt club.

**(g) Thursday Flying/ Student Training:** Weather has not cooperated very well, so far. We can't do much about it, but instructors are available when students are there.

### **New Business:**

**(a) August Picnic:** Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Chairmen: Food – Jeff Hails; Fun Fly – Doug Hagy. Joint picnic with Keystone Clippers at Mammoth Field.

**(b) Pylon Races:** The second Q-500 race will be Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Turnout was good last month. Racers are ready to go again.

**(c) Airport Open House:** Saturday & Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at Arnold Palmer Regional (Latrobe) Airport. Our club is invited to present a static display, and some time will supposedly be provided for flight demonstrations. It is also rumored that the B-17 will be there.

**(d) Impound & Bench Painting:** Scraping & painting of the Tx Impound and recoating of the cabana benches with wood preservative is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> beginning around 9:30 AM. A motion was passed to purchase the tools and materials needed to do the job. Volunteers are needed.

**(e) Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, at the Mammoth Field Pavilion. In case of rain, the meeting will be held at Pavilion #13, across the lake.

### **Show & Tell:**

Doug Hagy used Rob Whalen's Delta Demon electric foam racer to explain a problem

that he encountered, which resulted in a crash, in flying his own foam racer using a Spread Spectrum radio system. The problem is referred to as “uncommanded down elevator”. It is an unusual condition which occurs when mixing aileron & flap functions + elevator & rudder functions. In Doug's case, it resulted in “uncommanded down FLAP”.

After communication with the manufacturer, Doug reports that the solution to the problem for now is to eliminate the mixing and use a Y-harness. Bob Bushmire also confirmed that it is apparently the mixing of the signal codes in the Transmitter that causes the problem.

Curt McFadden gave a short presentation explaining the features of a few of his new Permatex products. In particular were: an improved gel thread lock compound to replace Loktite (both permanent red and removable blue); a fast (5-min.) cure Epoxy-in-Cup; and a fast cure epoxy in a pouch, which is mixed in the pouch, and cures clear and colorless in 5 minutes.

**Raffle:**

The Super Tigre .60 engine was won by Greg Lazarchik. The (approximately 2 dozen) Permatex products were each won by individual members in separate drawings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Don Accorsi*

**Scale Contest July 12<sup>th</sup>**

***Come out and fly whatever you have that might resemble a full sized aircraft. Super scale, kinda scale, all welcome. There will be judges and scoring but the emphasis will be on fun.***

***Bill Cechetti***

***Opening Day Picnic:***

***Although the turnout wasn't spectacular, it was a great day for food and flying. Many thanks to those that helped make it happen. Thanks to Brian Moore for providing top quality food, thanks to Steve Mickel for manning the grill. Thanks to all those that brought side dishes ( Mark I think the old man would love to taste your Korean dish)***

***The Fun Fly events didn't go off without a few problems.***

***The first event was a ground based slalom that required a zig zag run through obstacles and a race to the finish line. The competition was really close as there were only a few seconds covering the field. It was fun to watch the big planes trying to make a tight turn and the fast planes doing a power slide to make the turn.***

***Final Results:***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Charley Zera 26.88 sec
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doug Hagy 29.91 sec
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Moore 31.13 sec
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Craig 31.54sec
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Bushmeir 31.72 sec
6 <sup>th</sup>	Chuck Zera 31.97 sec

***Le Mans Race:***

This was not well received and a flying balloon bust was offered. Note to anyone trying this, rubber/latex balloons don't hold their contents all that well. You only have a few hours before

they can't lift their own weight. If you want to try it go with big mylar balloons, they can hold their gas for 5 days as opposed to 5 hours.

Thanks to Mark Yothers for at least giving it a shot.

**Limbo:** Now the fun begins! This was the most entertaining and challenging of events. More than a few people said “ no big deal! It's just like landing just don't touch the ground”

Yea right!

The first rounds were easy and even the bigger glow planes could hit the mark. Unfortunately, Mark Yothers thought hitting the target included the pole for the Limbo ribbon.

He managed to hit a 3/4” pole with the spinner dead on. Glad to say the only major damage was ripping off the landing gear, the plane was out the next day at 100%.

The first few rounds were pretty much dead heats by giving a second try. When it got serious, the electrics had the advantage.

Rob Whalen took the gold with his foamy electric racer clearing a 2 foot pole at not exactly a slow speed. Not too bad considering it had been repaired with duct tape! Way to go Red Green!

Rob Craig came out next with his slo flyer electric, John Hathaway came in third with his electric powered glider.

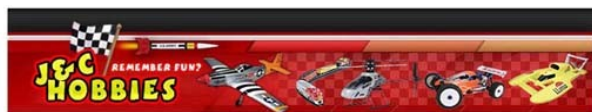
Doug Hagy and Charley Zera did well but were disadvantaged by flying 3D or glow planes. Charley should be honored for being the only one to make a clean pass inverted. After breaking the glow plane, they fell back to a shock flyer. When it comes to up-close and precision flying, electric has distinct advantages.

Jeff

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