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******Next Meeting September 28th 7 P.M.**
Maplewood Center, Maplewood West of Merriman,
Garden City MI

Hope everyone had a great summer. I have to apologize for neglecting the newsletter this month. Part my fault and part computer gods fault. I have not received the meeting minutes from our August meeting at the field. They will be posted online as soon as we get them. There was nothing earth shattering that I recall.

The meeting was awesome as we had a bunch of flyers having fun and socializing.

I have not been able to get to the field but a couple of times this past month. Everyone else has social events for my family to attend.

Can't remember exactly when but I met a guy in Livonia at the empty school yard we fly electric at. He had a Hanger 9 eighty inch P51 with a 2.20 Saito 4 stroke in it. I really thought he believed he would fly that at the schoolyard someday (welcome to the ARF world). He asked if I would test fly it. He brought it out to the field and after fixing a few minor issues I gave it a try. I trusted him when he said it turned 8000 rpm with the 4 blade prop on it. It started right up but had a bit of an issue getting it to turn some rpm. He swore it ran 8 grand. Well, we acquired a tach, and set it to the 4 blade setting. It said 6 grand. We set it to the 3 blade setting and guess what, we had 8 grand. He still thought it was in the rpm range. Figured it would fly even at the lower rpm. Take off was

flawless and after a lap it began sputtering. Managed to make the smoothest landing ever I think. Ran it on the ground again, seemed fine, he said give it a shot. Took off and before I made a full lap it was laboring again and losing power. Short story is I made a landing at the West end of the bean field, breaking the gear mount in one wing. He fixed it a few days later. I heard he crashed his trainer (nitro) he flies at the schoolyard and another plane and have not heard from him since. I encouraged him to get AMA and come out and fly but so far no luck. I enjoy saving airplanes. Oh yeah and I will fly that P-51 again even if I have to buy it. It seemed to fly incredible for the short time it was in the air.

Jason Horn is continuing to do great in his training with me. He has been able to complete numerous take off and landings. We just haven't been able to get enough hours in to get him to solo but that time will come. After 28 years of flying I really enjoy teaching people to fly, almost more than flying myself.

New member Gerry Turchanik has been out burning up the sky with his electric planes. He has an incredible amount of knowledge about electrics so feel free and talk to him about it. My stuff flies good but just followed someone else's advice with what works, which is not a bad way to go of course. Gerry knows a bit more about this stuff. He does have a four stroke Decathlon too.

THE ROAD: Well, Ford has put down the ground asphalt with less than spectacular results. I have not got a response on a couple of voice mails but it is usable so I think maybe we will let it be for now. I also heard that the lock was stolen. I am not the only one out there so how about making a call to Bob or another officer and let them know so we can get this fixed. We do have a responsibility too try our best to secure our field.

I still have the sign in my garage. Last time I was out the old sign was still up. It needs to be removed asap. I will get to it eventually but if it was removed it would be a lot easier for me to get the new one up.

A couple of weeks ago I was out and the field was in great shape. The grass is growing too good this year, at least for the smaller planes.

This is all I have. Please Email with suggestions for anything on your mind about the club or flying. I impress myself with my writing but gets a little old.

Till next time....Scott

*******A note to all. This is Ford's property. We are the only people other than the farmer that is allowed to use it. Our agreement says we cannot alter the property in any way with out written permission except to maintain safety and cleanliness. Please do not give anyone permission to ride motorcycles etc. Advise them it is private property and hopefully they will take the hint. I believe we put the club on the hook if we tell them it is ok. Our agreement specifically says our use is for model aviation*****.**

Of course there is no problem with visitors and spectators.

The latest Model Aviation magazine had an article with tips for flight instructors. The one I see as most important and applies to numerous pilots that I know. They refuse to fly when there is wind. Well folks there is always wind. Our field is pretty decent for consistent wind which is the biggest issue. If the winds are out of the West or Southwest, North or South they are pretty steady. If they are out of the East the trees will cause turbulence at the East end of the field. The downwind side of any hill, trees etc will cause downdrafts that will suck your plane to the ground if you are not careful. Then the upwind side, aka the wind is out of the West blowing at the trees or into a hill, will create lift. You can fly all day with a glider on top of a large hill with a decent wind blowing at it. This is called slope soaring. Getting off track a little bit.

Bottom line is fly in the wind and have your students fly when there is wind. Then on those rare windless days you can savor them as a treat from mother nature.

SIGNAL SEEKERS RC CLUB MEETING

Meeting Date August 24, 2009

Meeting, which was held at the field again this month, was called to order by President Bob McDonald and the roll call was taken.

REPORTS:

- The Minutes were approved as printed and the Treasurers Report was approved as read.
- A brief report of the Control Line Contest, held August 15th and 16th, was given.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The new sign, to be displayed by the entry gate, has been delivered but has not been installed as yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was proposed that next year the June, July and August meeting be held at the field, followed by open flying.
- Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are now available from Bob Dunlap. See him and pick up yours to save mailing costs.