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****Next meeting, Monday August 24th, 5 pm fun flying, 7pm abbreviated meeting*****

Well the summer weather has finally arrived. Early in July, actually the week before the 4th, while Kurt Nofz was working on the road, Ford became aware of our road maintenance efforts. Due the fact that the entire area is a wetlands mitigation project, it is under strict rules about changing grades etc. He was ordered to stop and obliged. Myself and Bob McDonald met with Ford at the field and it appeared quite grim. We had no license agreement (lease) in the last 6 or 7 years. Apparently the paperwork we were sending them didn't get to the right person. Well, we figured out who we had to talk to real quick. Actually they found us. After several days of sweat and work by Kurt, me and Bob, to fix what Ford wanted fixed, we had a license agreement from Ford Land and we had a field again.

As part of our discussion, our contact said they would maintain the road, gate etc. In fact they were grinding up an asphalt parking lot and were going to dump the grindings to improve our road. Kurt created a road like we have not had in years. The grindings should improve it.

*******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 family picnic on August 2nd went great. It was very blustery but there numerous flights and if I remember right, no airplane carnage. Jason Horn, our newest member and a good friend of mine tried to trim the trees on a landing while not listening to his instructor (his admission) but was successful with several landings even in the wind. We have since been out and he made about 4 more landings.

Thanks to all those that helped out with cooking and serving etc.

The control line contest has passed. I have no report but my dad said the turnout was good when he stopped by on Saturday and of course the weather was great. I was out of town AGAIN!

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.

Upcoming events: August 29th and 30th the Detroit Aero Modelers in Rouge park are having an open fun fly. 10 dollar landing fee. Open to planes and helicopters.

Ford has come out and dumped numerous truck loads of ground Asphalt. Currently the road is very bumpy and uneven. I have been in touch with Steve and they are working to get it smoothed out. Please stay on the road, don't drive in the farmer's field.

I have sent Jack Ripper and Associates the pictures and info for our sign. I think it will be up by the next meeting. Vacations got in the way of getting it done for the control line contest weekend.

Mike Ferguson took it upon himself to clean up around the our sign at the entrance. Thank you Mike. I also heard that the gate is back in place and functioning well. Make sure you lock it when you leave!

Mike Ferguson and Jim Esper also installed a cool wind indicator from a former airplane of Mike's.

The necessary stuff:

Meeting Date July 27, 2009

Meeting was called to order by President Bob McDonald and the roll call was taken.

The meeting was held at the field with open flying before and after.

REPORTS:

- The Minutes were approved as printed and the Treasurers Report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The annual picnic and fun fly will be held on August 2nd.
- The Control Line Contest will be held on August 15th & 16th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob McDonald reviewed the minor problems we had with Ford concerning our lease and the work we were doing on the road. Not all of improvements were approved by Ford and had to be undone. The good news is that Ford has promised to work on the road and keep it in good shape.
- Mike Ferguson and Jim Esper have installed a new wind sock at the top of the frequency pole.
- The sign at the gate, advertising our club, is going to be repainted for a cost of approximately \$125.
- We received a card from Sharon Kopacz thanking us for selling Walt's model equipment.

SHOW AND TELL:

- ***Bob McDonald demonstrated flying one of his control line planes, using the maneuvers he uses in contest flying.***

We have gained 6 more paid members since June.

Two are brand new, Gerald Turchanik and Jason Horn I will find out if the others are as well and welcome them.

