

Fly-In Sun. June 25

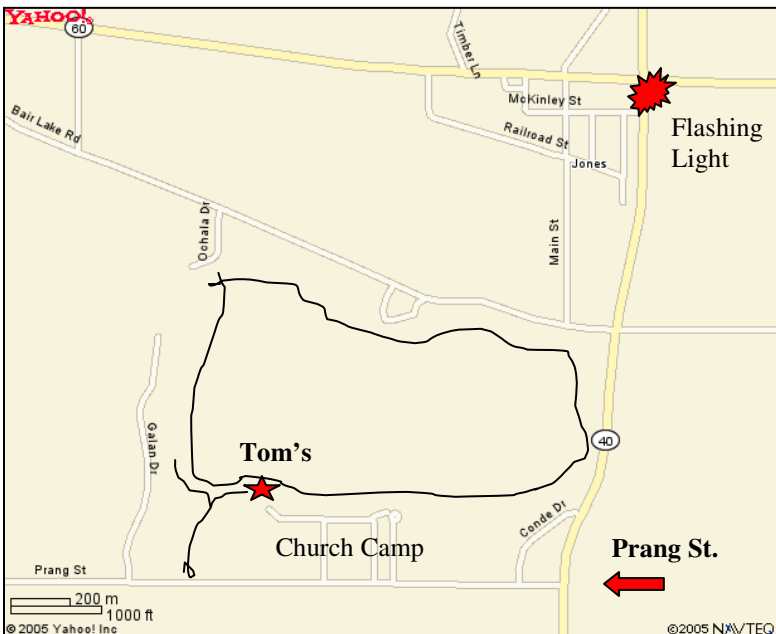
Notice! Notice! June Meeting/Picnic at Tom Gahans Campground this Sunday, the 11 TH at 4 PM, see map below. From Niles go east on M-60 through Cassopolis and Vandalia. At the blinker in Jones, turn right on M-40. Go past the lake and turn right on Prang St. Go past the church camp and turn right on the lane at the bottom of the hill. Go right at the fork and you're there.

The Chapter 865 twentieth anniversary fly-in breakfast is coming up fast. Final plans were made at the board meeting held last Monday. Members are urged to donate money to help defray cost. So far Jim Coffman, Dick Haigh, Dale Neddeau, Ralph Ballard and Jim and Bev Thompson have made donations. Saturday the 24 TH will be cleanup and setup day, starting at 10 AM. Sunday we need to be at the hangar at 6 AM to start things going. All members are asked to make an effort to help.

The Prez Sez
By
Jim Coffman



No Prez this month.



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Some fly-in pics

Top Pic: Our only fall fly-in, Oct 1999.
Bottom: Late 1980s, the fog rolled in around 8 AM.
Bummer!
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1st Annual Phantom Factory

Fly-In & Pig Roast

by Erik Pederson

(Ed. Note: This is at the Three Rivers Airport)

We are going to be having the 1st Annual Phantom Factory Fly-In and Pig Roast on June 17th and 18th. It is going to be a couple days and everyone can camp next to the factory if they'd like. There'll be fuel, bathrooms, and water. A small fee around \$8 will be collected for the camping and pig roast. I know it coincides with the Uncle John's Cider Mill Fly-In, but I figured not everyone over here would fly that far on that weekend.

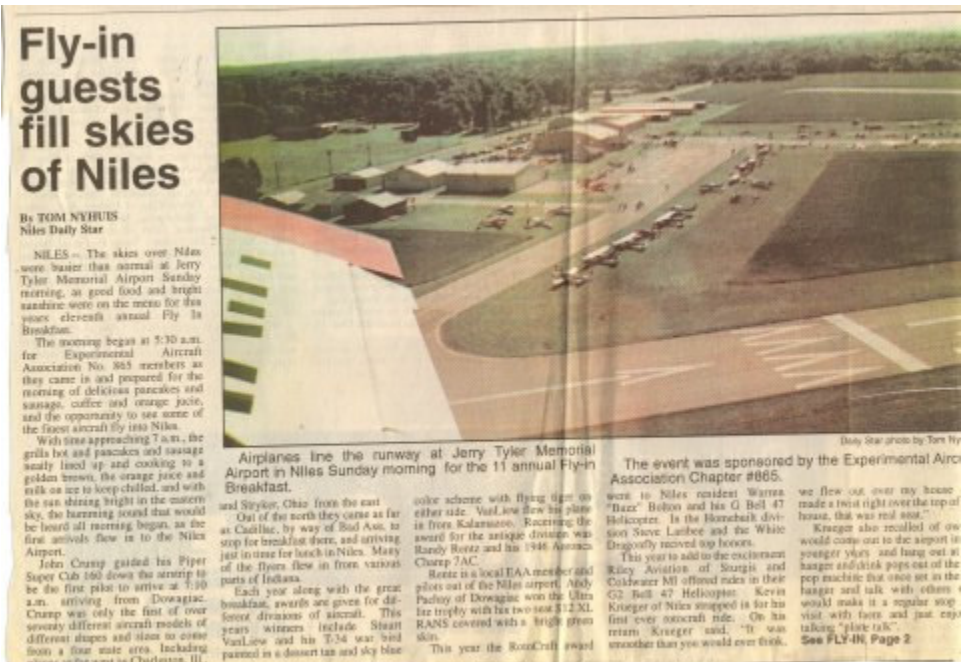
Here is the itinerary:

Friday the 16th - Drive or Fly-In and setup camp

Saturday the 17th - 10 a.m. Alamo Air Force Olympics at Perry's Field 10 minute flight to the North, Stage and Fly-out from the Factory 3 p.m. or so Pig Roast at the Phantom Factory 8 p.m. - Bonfire and Fireworks from the Three Rivers Water Festival viewed from the Airport

Sunday the 18th - 8 a.m. - Noon. Three Rivers Pilot's Club Pancake Breakfast

I will be putting information on the Phantom Website www.phantomaeronautics.com for directions to the factory and directions on how to fly-in. I should have them up next week.



Above: Our 1997 Fly-In was a great success. Front page news in the Daily Star
Below: The same held true in 1999 with a great write-up in the Home Town News



Right: Bill Ortman and his Rearwin Skyraider helped promote an early 90s Fly-In. The text said, in part, that Bill restored the Rearwin over a 12 year period, and only 83 were ever made.



Flying and flapjacks
 Ralph Ballard, left, of Chapter 865 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, and William Ortmann clean up Ortmann's 1941 Rearwin Skyraider in anticipation of Sunday's annual fly-in breakfast at Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport in Niles, Ohio. Ortmann said he restored the Skyraider, only 83 of which were made, over a 12-year period. The fly-in featuring helicopter rides and at least 100 aircraft, if the weather is good, costs \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Neat plane found on ebay. Single place, experimental aircraft built in the 1960's. It is in great condition and flies great. It is a one of a kind called "Cyclops". Total time on engine and air frame is 192 hours. It is a tube and fabric fuselage and tail. J5 Cub wings, Ceconiet covered wings and tail. Front of fuselage covered with linen. Removable canopy, Lycoming 0-145, 65 horsepower engine, no starter. Cruises at 90 MPH.



Left Top Clipping: Dave Thompson and I Promote the 1999 Fly-In
Left: Groundbreaking for our hangar.
Right: Dick Haigh and I promote the 1999 Fly-In



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Calendar of Events

June 18: Three Rivers Fly-in and Pancake Breakfast

June 18: Mishawaka Pilots Club Fly-in Breakfast

June 23,24,25: SAA Convention, Urbana IL

June 25: Niles MI Fly-in Breakfast, EAA 865

July 15-16: MULA Fly-in, Chesaning MI

July 24-30: AirVenture, Oshkosh WI (1Mos, 3Wks)

Aug. 19: Newmans Airpark Fly-in, Kazoo

Aug. 19: Holland MI Fly-in

Aug. 20: Ducks Picnic Fly-in

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