

Fly-In Breakfast, June 24

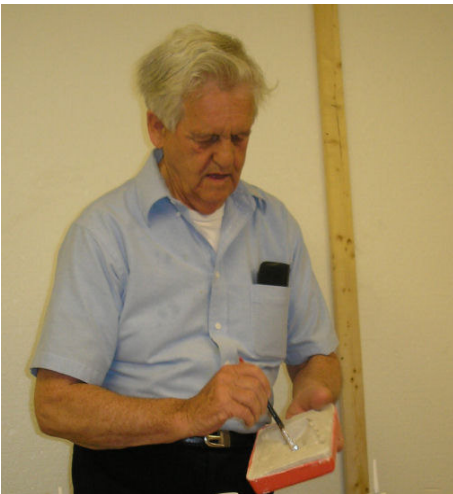
June Meeting in our hangar, on Mon. the 11th at 7:30pm

Agenda:

- ◆ Hangar sign
- ◆ Fly-In Breakfast
- ◆ AirVenture
- ◆ Chapter project
- ◆ Fall Fly-In

Last Month we had 8 members and three guests.

1. A decision was made to use the aluminum sheets and vinyl lettering for the hangar sign.
2. Hangar rearrangement- we'll play by ear.
3. Apple Fest- no news.
4. Fly-In- planning at June meeting. Ask members for \$ donations to fund.
5. Picnic at Tom Gahans in Aug. Aug meeting in conjunction.



The annual Chapter Fly-In/ Breakfast, is fast approaching. We'll need all the members to step up and volunteer, to make the work load light for everyone. Hangar cleanup is slated for Sat. the 23rd, 10am. Bring brooms and mops.

This should be a very special event. We will have Michiana Aviation on hand to give rides to the public. WWII B-24 pilot Barney O'Hare will be attending and he loves to tell war stories. If we have enough help we could even give some rib making or covering demos. We have two new members to welcome, Jarrid Burdue, and Bob Rogers.

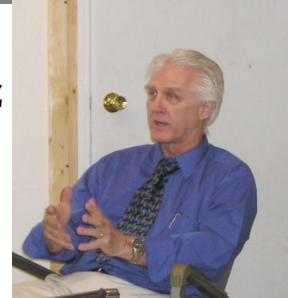
Pictures: left, At the May meeting Bob Crowley showed us another way to make plastic parts using a dental medium. Right, BBQ attendees from left, Dick Haigh, Bob Crowley, Dale Neddeau, Bev Thompson, Jordan Suchobsky, Jim Thompson, Bob Rogers, Jerrid Burdue, Dave

Nicholas, and Jerry Burdue



The Prez Sez

By
Bob Baird



The Past, the Present & Future.

Let's pretend you have come from upper Michigan in a light aircraft. Lets pretend its gone great and you almost hate to see the flight coming to an end. You are thinking you are somewhat near South Haven, maybe, sun sinking below the great lake, beach line below, twilight on the way, one-half hour to go, no traffic, smooth air. VOR needles centered on Gipper. On the ground an occasional car winks its headlights on and crawls along on its way. A few street lights begin firing up

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T-Shirts are still available in all sizes for \$10 ea. Have You Paid Your Dues?

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here and there prematurely ahead of the light/darkness curve. You notice a herd of farm animals heading back to the barn following a boy on a bike and a dog. Dajavue. The wholesome scene is silently folded into a warm memory. Euphoria. The past and the present merge together in a joyful celebration within the heart. It doesn't get any better than this and you feel it. You and your trusty mechanical companion soar effortlessly along, a mile high, with a Creator like view of the heavens and the earth. The sun is gone now. It's well on its way. As the day and the journey ends for you the sun will be beginning its dance of the dawn for someone else. The past and the present are good.

Everything changes with a whiff of plastic smoke, peace followed by war. The brain awakes from its peaceful slumber. Then the problem becomes audible. Snap! It came from the bottom of the instrument panel. No power, no dash lights, no radio, VOR needles collapse, no nav lights, no strobes, no beacon, no landing lights, no mike button to click the runway lights on. Visual problems. Smoke curls up from the bottom of the instrument panel. The main circuit breaker is melting! Now the present is crappy. Fond memories are erased. Sweaty hands need to be dried on your jeans. The whole experience can be summed up with this thought, "I'd rather be down there wishing I was up here instead of being up here and wishing I was down there."

Question, "What are the two most important aviation decisions?"

Answer, The next two decisions you make are the most important!

They always are.

Lets have a good and active meeting on Monday night and make some good decisions that make the now and the future better. Let's get to it.

Past

The Old Buzzard Fly in was wonderful. Jordan Suchobsky, who will become our newest member had an intriguing RC helicopter he flew in the hangar. It was cool! An RC helicopter in your living room to pester small animals and delight guests. Wow!

John Quest from New Carlisle may join with us also.

Tom Gahan brought his engine stand tethered down in the back of a pick-up. We heard his VW conversion to aircraft engine run for the first time. This was fun because we have all seen this beautiful engine sitting around in the hangar waiting for service. The engine has now reported for MiniMax duty. It was really fun to hear it fire up with a nice looking high tech prop on it to push some air around. I wondered if anybody on the road thought that Tom used and airplane engine to push his truck down the road like an air boat?

Many of us sat spell bound as we heard Barney O'Hare tell of his amazing flying career in the Army Air Force. Barney had forty

bombing missions on Japanese installations in China in a B-24. We will see Barney again at the fly in. On one of Barney's missions his bomber was the only surviving bomber to return. Dick Sayer was thrilled to be with the guys again as he battles illness. Ralph did a good job with the food. Brats, burgers, soda, sausages and carry-ins, thanks to all that helped.

Dick's RV-6 is a nice show piece for all to see. We all need to thank Dave Nicholas for giving rides in his beautiful Grumman Tiger, Wow! I don't have time to mention all the good things. The past was good.

Present

Make plans to be at Monday nights meeting now so when Monday comes you will be ready for it. We need your help! This meeting will set up the Fly-in on June 24. We need to make the right decisions, have plenty of volunteers and get it done right. The two fly-ins that we are having this year are our main revenue resource. Help your EAA Chapter work. We Need You.

Future

The KR-2 RG is coming to the hangar from Dale's barn. After a brief assessment the Boredom Fighters have all the wood necessary to complete the wings. We need to build ten wing



Above, Tom G & Tom T. Barney O'Hare, PIC. Doodlebug survived the war without a Bullet hole!

sections. Jerrid and Jerry are going to start building Boredom Fighter wing ribs for their Boredom Fighter. The MiniMax wing is ready to assemble. The MiniMax is the first priority project for me. All the materials are purchased for the assembly table which is the bottle neck to our construction right now. Building this table will be the first job after the materials are brought to the hangar. By end of June we will begin construction of the various projects I've been talking about. I am very excited because I believe things will move quickly. For the future the beginning has begun.

The past is full of wonderful memories. The present is good thanks to all of you.

Bob

Airport Update

By Neil Coulston, Public Works Director/Airport Manager, City of Niles

Projects we've been working on over the past several months:

Approach Easement Acquisition and Clearing for RWY 14/32 and ALP Update.

We are still working toward securing easements to allow us to remove or top trees which are obstructions in the runway approach on the north side of Lake on National-Standard's property. We will also be updating our Airport Layout Plan, which was last updated and approved by the FAA in 2000. Mead and Hunt, Inc. of Lansing is under contract to handle a major portion of this project. This work is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000.

Runway Rehab

We are working with Mead and Hunt, Inc. on plans to rehabilitate

the south end of RWY 14/32 to repair the uneven, deteriorated pavement. It is expected that work can commence late this year or early next year. Estimated cost is approximately \$200,000.

Fuel Farm

We are working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics, and the FAA on a project to remove the existing underground storage tanks and replace them with an above ground system which would include two tanks (100LL and Jet A), pumps with a card system to allow 24 hour use, leak detection system, etc. The new site is expected to be on the south side of the apron opposite the administration building. The project would also include the removal of the existing tanks and equipment. Estimated cost is approximately \$450,000.

Please contact me should you have any questions. Thanks Neil!

How to be a "Real Pilot"

By Mark Shanks

If you're interested in a simulation of a flight environment, you would be much better off by buying yourself a surplus flight helmet (preferably one that doesn't fit perfectly), a sun lamp (to get your head nice and toasty), and a pair of Nomex/leather flight gloves (soak 'em with sweat/oil/hydraulic fluid for that crisp but slick feel). Put your monitor a little above coffee table height. Get about 4-5 of those concrete slabs you see at the garden section of your local K-Mart, top'em with the thinnest cheap cushion you can find.

(That's your "ejection seat".) Wipe the mask out with denatured alcohol (smells nice), and clamp a rag soaked in JP-4 (kerosene will do) on the end of the oxygen hose, and strap that puppy on 'till it leaves a ring on your face that lasts for hours. (You do this 'cuz when your face is sweaty and you're pulling Gs, the mask will be on your chin if it isn't on TIGHT.) Turn the sun lamp on and point it at your head. Now you're doing it like the big boys! Optional "realism" techniques: Buy some nylon webbing (the kind you use to repair old-fashioned lawn chairs with). Cut two straps of this and wrap them between your legs TIGHTLY (that's your `chute harness). Play when you've got a BAD hangover. (Rough night at the O Club.) Have your wife/friend/neighbor pester you with questions out of the Owner's Manual (your pretend "Dash One") while you're trying to fly (Check Ride!) Get up and play at 4:00 am (otherwise known as "oh-dark hundred"). Make a cheese sandwich, wrap it in waxed paper. Stick it in a shoe box with a half-pint of milk, a bruised apple, a crushed bag of Fritos, and an onion. Put in the fridge overnight, then take it out, throw out the onion, put the box under the sunlamp while you're flying, and eat when you're hungry. (Box lunch.) With some imagination and very little cash outlay, you can do a hell of a job simulating what it's like to fly. That other stuff, consoles, switches, speakers, etc.) is strictly for show, and doesn't do anything towards giving you that "There I wuz" feeling.

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777 Displays



Above: My son Jeff is restoring an International Cub. He sent me this picture of a Cub being used as an aircraft tug. No date or details.

Farmer and the Airplane

A farmer and his wife went to a fair. The farmer was fascinated by the airplanes and asked a pilot how much a ride would cost. "\$10 for 3 minutes," replied the pilot. "That's too much," said the farmer. The pilot thought for a second and then said, "I'll make you a deal. If you and your wife ride for 3 minutes without uttering a sound, the ride will be free. But if you make a sound, you'll have to pay \$10." The farmer and his wife agreed and went for a wild ride. After they landed, the pilot said to the farmer, "I want to congratulate you for not making a sound. You are a brave man." "Maybe so," said the farmer, "But I gotta tell ya, I almost screamed when my wife fell out."

"Saved By A Leatherman Tool"

This is the actual first-person account of a U.S. Forest Service employee who was a passenger in a Hiller 12E helicopter in February 1997 when the collective control linkage became disconnected at the rotor

hub and the aircraft started an uncontrollable climb. The passenger climbed out of the airborne helo, managed to reconnect the linkage using the awl of a Leatherman Tool, and held the makeshift repair in place until the chopper could land safely. Incredible but true!

Calendar of Events

June 15-17: Father's Day Fly-in, Uncle John's Cider Mill, Info...Bob-Beck (989) 224-1675.

June 16: Alamo Air Force Olympics, Perry Field, Schoolcraft, MI 10:00 a.m.

June 17: Fly-in breakfast, Three Rivers, Mishawaka Pilots Club 3C1, Elkhart IN 3C1, Valparaiso IN VPZ

June 23:- Allegan, W MI Flyin, Padgham Field

June 24: EAA Chapter 865 Fly-in breakfast, Niles

June 30: Steak Fry, Watervliet **July 1:** Fly-in breakfast, Watervliet

July 14: Alamo Air Force Lakeshore Run, South Haven Airport, 10:00 a.m.

July 14-15: MULA Fly-in, Chesaning Airport

July 23-29: EAA AirVenture 2007, Oshkosh

August 11: Corn and Sausage Roast, Wolverton Field

FOR DETAILS ON ABOVE EVENTS CALL RALPH @ 269-684-0972

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