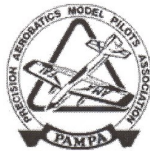


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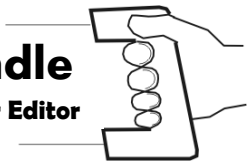


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At The Handle

Ramblings from your Editor



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Hello folks, the *Circulator* is here again to brighten your day. It's already August and the summer is entering the final phase once again. I hope you are getting out and doing some flying while the weather is fine. Last week we wrapped up another round of Kidventure in Oshkosh. Man were there the people. According to the numbers put forward by the EAA, over 600,000 aviation enthusiasts made an appearance at Airventure Oshkosh. Even though the camping area was expanded as compared to previous fly-ins it was full to the brim. As far as control line flying with the kids goes, our hearty group of volunteers put up 1,695 flights. We may have actually broke the 1,700 mark because a few rug rats snuck through at the last moment while we were winding down. The Kidventure experience has grown into a multi faceted affair with most of the hangar space at Pioneer Airport housing various activities for kids. A big part of it is now the junior A and P program where a participant learns skills like building wooden wing ribs, riveting sheet metal and basic electrical wiring. If a kid finishes all of the stations, they take home a pretty substantial tool kit of their own. Competition with these other project driven activities puts a bit of a damper on the number of control line flights. It's not the same deal as it was back when control line was Kidventure period and we were the only game in town causing inflated numbers. Our club should be proud seeing all of the goings on. Don't forget this whole shebang started with a few Circle Masters armed with some trainers and flying with kids.

One of the arguments against the whole Kidventure program is that we don't attract and retain members from our efforts. Actually, I think some of our newer members are a result of contact made during Kidventure, they just aren't kids. Though it doesn't involve the club directly, I had one interesting experience while volunteering this year. A middle aged guy came up to me and explained how a few years ago his young daughter flew with us and was so enthusiastic, she went home and pursued the hobby on her own. Today she is 18 and still flying! You never can tell what impact we are having.

By now I'm sure everyone has heard about the Big How thumb incident that went down at the July meeting. I wrote a short article about it in these pages but suffice to say that safety should never be taken for granted while flying. That still hurts just to think about it.

Apart from the thumb deal, the July meeting went pretty good. Lots of flights were put in. Pete was kind enough to perform a stunt check flight on my Skyray 35. I was just gearing up to try a few aerobatic maneuvers for the first time in a long while when the prop on the old girl bit me, cutting my day short. Before I forget, let me thank everyone who defueled my planes and wrapped up my lines while I was in the ER. That was a huge help.

On the bummer side, the VP and I both have to work for the meeting and the Lisbon show. A guy just got fired where I work while we were already short handed and the place where Melissa works is perpetually short handed these days. Not to get too political on you but remember when a certain former president said that traditional jobs weren't coming back? Well, they're back. Guess what that gets you? More work. So far we should be OK for the Steam Show.

See you at the steam show. Don't demolish too many of your models in the Lisbon Vortex. We need them for the Antique Power gig! Somebody please take pictures for the newsletter at these two events.

See you at the Steam Show,

Big How

**CIRCLE MASTERS FLYING CLUB
MEETING MINUTES FOR: JULY 2018**

The July meeting for the Circle Masters Flying Club was held on Saturday the seventh at the Dan Tetzlaff Memorial Flying Field. The meeting was opened by Pres. Chris at 1:05 PM. He began by asking the members present (14) if all had read the minutes from the last meeting and if any errors or omissions were discovered. None were found, so the minutes stood as published.

The Treasurers report was given by Wayne where he outlined all the last months receipts, payments and balance. This report was approved as read.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Howard reported that he received a thank you note from Charlie Bauer's wife for the flowers sent for Charlie. Dave announced that the judging for the Building Contest will finally take place at the Lisbon Heritage week end flying event on August 11th. Pete casually reported that thanks to the weed field he damaged yet another airplane and was upset. The weeds were to have been sprayed in May but seem to remain. Jason said that he will check with the Park dept. to see what was done about the weeds. Jason also will ask the Village about a paved circle. He thinks that they will be receptive about paving an area for the club.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike reported that he does have a few extra shirts in various sizes left. He is also collecting for the shirts we have received.

NEW BUSINESS: John reminded the members about the Bong Eagles pizza and fun fly at East Troy airport as was reported in the newsletter.

WEB BUSINESS: Dave reported on many hits on Facebook, again.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SHOW & TELL: There was no show and tell this month.

There being no further business to discuss Chris asked for the meeting to be adjourned. This was voted and seconded to adjourn at 1:35 PM.

Submitted by: Wayne M. Schmidt
Secretary/Treasurer
07/16/18

Upcoming Events GO TO THE MEETING AND FLY!

August Meeting: Saturday August 4th at Sussex Village Park. Meeting at 1:00 PM with flying before and after.

Town of Lisbon Heritage weekend fun fly: Saturday August 11th at Lisbon Community Park, N78W26970 Bartlett Parkway. Fly as long as you have planes left.

Sussex Antique Power Show: Saturday and Sunday August 25 and 26 Sussex Village Park.

September Meeting: Saturday September 1st at Sussex Village Park. Meeting at 1:00 PM with flying before and after.

October Meeting: Saturday October 6th at Sussex Village Park. Meeting at 1:00 PM with flying before and after, weather permitting.



Get a load of this picture from Pete's club scrapbook. These were the Circle Masters who participated at the Sig contest way back in June of 2001!

Thumbs Up!

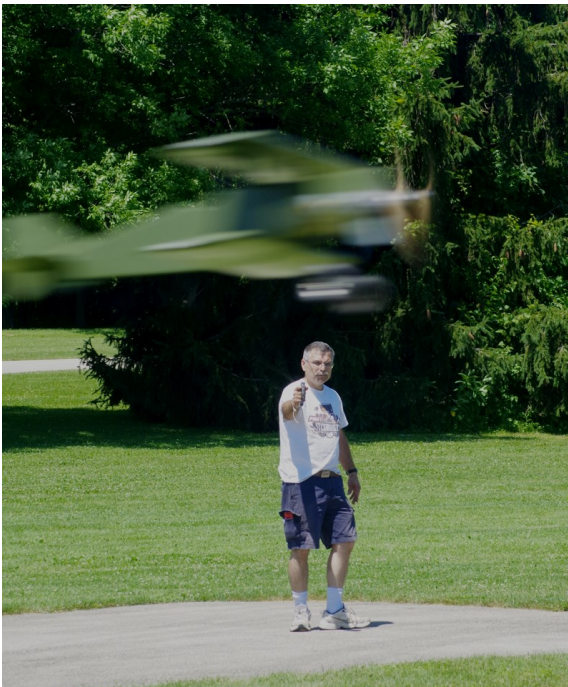
Brrrp! That's the way I remember it, followed shortly with excruciating pain in my left thumb. There wasn't even time to have that moment of wonder where you know you got hit but you aren't feeling it yet. Believe me I felt it immediately. So what happened? The short version is, while reaching for the glow driver on my Webra .35 powered Skyray, I stuck my thumb into the prop. The tips of the blades passed through the tip of my thumb, once right under the nail, four times before the engine quit. A ride to urgent care and eleven stitches later it looks much better now. I have more graphic pictures for those with morbid curiosity, I just won't put them here. Even the *Circulator* has some standards to uphold you know. Well the stitches are out now but my left thumb is much thicker than my right. The muscle popped out of the end before it was stitched making it harder to maintain my digits original shape. What's the moral of the story? Don't get complacent! I have been running model airplane engines of every description since I clamped my old man's Forester .29 into a workbench vise and cranked her up at the tender age of 8. I have been hit by props but never drew blood until this one. Pay attention, learn from my experience and avoid repeating this episode for yourself. I can hear some electric enthusiasts out there now saying how dangerous internal combustion engines are. Don't kid yourself. A fella at kidventure in Oshkosh showed me his healed up hand and arm that were hacked up by an electric motor on an R/C model. It looked like he came out on the losing end of a duel with a lawn mower! Props are killers, keep your appendages out of them. Pay attention to what you are doing and always respect them. You know the old adage "treat every gun as if it's loaded". Well treat every powerplant as if it could start up. I have had an engine start as soon as the plug was lit without turning it over so if it's hot, it can bite!



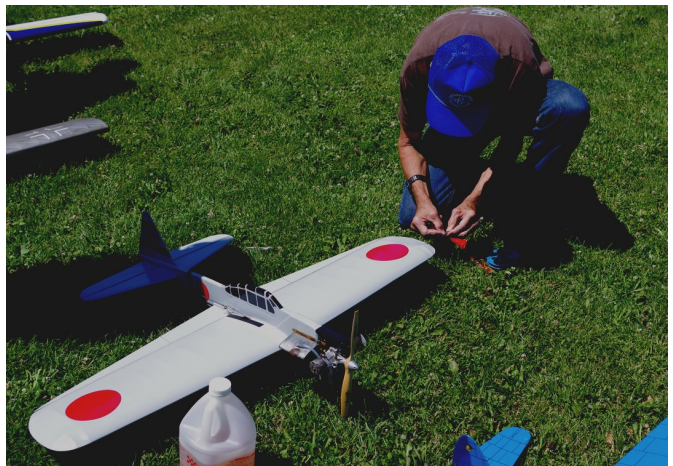
July Getting



Here's a beaut. Dave launching Chris's Cox PT-19. Pure poetry in motion. Chris not only looped the little devil but also flew it inverted!



Jason is all business flying his SE-5



Len readies his silk covered Zero for flight. Unfortunately this one didn't go home looking so good. I hope it's fixable.



Where was this bird when we were digging holes for the field box footings? Just kidding.

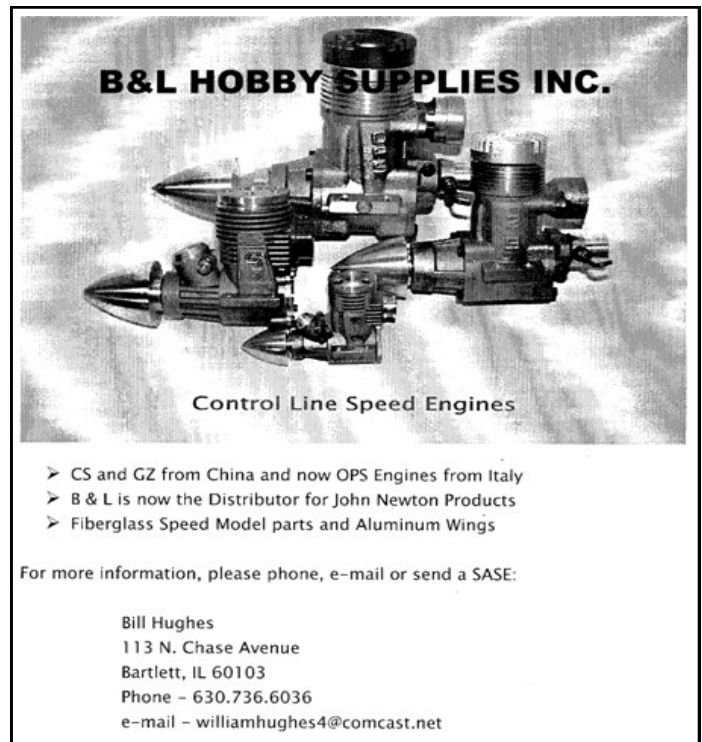
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