



Pit Talk

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****** NEW The June meeting will be held AT OUR FLYING FIELD on 1850N at the usual time and date (7:30pm on Monday, June 12). The public is invited to attend! To get to our field, take 13 (Anderson St.) north out of Elwood to 1850N, then turn R. The field will be on your left (N side of road) less than 1 mile from 13.******

Happy Spring!



Ummm, yeah. This picture was taken last week from the pit area of our flying field, and it pretty much tells the story of how this spring has been. Excellent building weather!

It's been a quiet month flying-wise for our club. Member Jon Fish went up to the Toledo show and took some photos, which will be included in the June Pit Talk. **June 17 is the date for our Fun Fly**, looking forward to a great time!

A flying memory from Randy Thomas



Sometimes, things that I've been close to return. Here's a picture of the very first airplane that I purchased 38 years ago. It is a men's trainer 60 inch wingspan with an under cambered wing. I recovered it 35 years ago using a mailbox emblem on the wing and it's still there. I flew the airplane Monday night and it flew just as well as it did 35 years ago!

Worth checking out

A few weeks ago I received sent me an email about an elderly gentleman from Muncie whose health has declined to the point where he can no longer fly, so he is selling his models & equipment. His name is Charles Smith. Because Mr. Smith is confined to a wheelchair and unable to even get things down from the racks in his garage, his pastor, **Daryl Gilbert** is helping him sell the items. Mr. Gilbert is the contact person, and he is willing to meet any interested persons at Mr. Smith's home and assist as needed with the sale. **Here is the contact info:**

Pastor Daryl Gilbert

Cell # (317) 250-4009

email: daryl.gilbert@inumc.org

Here are pics of some of the items for sale:



There are many more items, I just chose some of the highlights to give you an idea. Looks like an opportunity to get some cool vintage stuff!

Officers' Reports

Secretary Bill Hallsworth:

April 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes

There were 10 members present.

President Art Frye called the meeting to order.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as they WILL be printed in the future newsletter. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Byron presented the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted unanimously.

Tom Seres: talked to PAU about a discount on one of their airplanes for a raffle prize for the Old 48 fly in. He is also going to arrange for door prizes.

Mike Sharp: Fun Fly is coming up on June 17. We have sticks and paint for the events. We also need some trophies. Nine trophies (novice, sportsmen, expert, 1-2-3). We also need some flyers.

Randy Thomas has all the pertinent information for the website.

The Giant Scale Fly-in has been set for September 9, 2017.

Bill Dewitt: the Z turn has an oil leak. It will be investigated further, but it might be quite costly. To add more stone to the parking lot, it would cost around \$2000. Our options include doing the whole lot, part of the lot (where cars park), or not doing it at all. We need to make a decision about doing the lot or replacing one of the tractors. A motion was made to purchase one truckload and see how far it goes.

A motion was made to buy a Cub Cadet for \$900. The motion passed unanimously. The mower will be purchased later this week. We will try to sell the Z turn for \$500.

Jon Fish has finally made contact with the Eagles. They may let us use the facility for FREE!!!!!!

50/50: Randy Thomas won. Donated to Tractor fund.

The meeting was adjourned. **-Bill**

Treasurer Byron Hamrick:

Paid the Field rent of 1680.00, the insurance of 379.00 sold the Z-turn for 450.00 {thanks to tom K) and took care of the business entity report to the State. busy few days of late as I sit watching the rain that lasts forever. the ditches are full but have not overflowed the field yet..... I hope we don't have to chase railroad ties down the creek as in the past.....field in good shape but needs sprayed for weed. we just need to get a sprayer to pull....stay warm and dry as we wait for the return of warm spring weather. Glad I'm not a farmer..... **-Byron**

Field Marshal Bill DeWitt:

Field Marshal report ; Well just like buying a used car , we found some problems with our new to us mower. One of the spindles had a bad bearing and the previous owner had tried to repair it. I found that two of the four bolts were missing and the threads had been drilled out of the holes, but that has been repaired as well as we could at the cost of about forty-one dollars so we can mow with it, it does a fair job of mowing now . We did get a small amount of water that covered the middle of the field last week but it was gone by Friday afternoon , myself and Tom Kelley went out on Wednesday and put our generator up on some blocks in case it got any deeper. We also got everything off of the floor in the other building ! JUST IN CASE!! Maybe we can get some good weather to fly some time this month Now that we started building that ARK!!! Well safe flying and happy landings to you until next month .Your Field Marshal **Bill DeWitt**

Newsletter Editor Dave Johnston:

Hi everyone! Thanks to **Randy Thomas**, who has, and continues to, put in many hours of work learning the system left to us by Joe Bays, we now have the website/newsletter interface working. Accordingly, I will be sending Pit Talk to Randy for publishing on the web site, instead of sending it out as an email as I have for the past few months.

Feels like I'm all dressed up and nowhere to go! Or more aptly, all airplaned up and nowhere to fly. I now have 6 planes ready in the hangar, 2 in the repair shop, one on the build table and one kit in the box. Hope some good flying weather comes along soon, the wifey won't let me get any more planes until I crash and destroy a few of my current ones!

Apologies for not getting the Toledo show pics into this issue; Jon got them to me in time, but unfortunately my computer isn't compatible with the format that the pictures were in. We will get it figured out for next month!

Have a great May, and **don't forget the Fun Fly on June 17! -Dave**



I feel the need..... the need for speed! -Maverick & Goose, *Top Gun*