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## Presidents Report

The weather is finally starting to moderate and we've had a few flyable days lately. Not on the scheduled race day though. Unfortunately the strong winds put an end to the first scheduled race of the season. So it looks like we'll be utilizing the make up date later in the season.

The first wave of fuel from Great Planes has been delivered and all picked up. Matt Gorzney gets the "prize" for being the last. He seemed kind of thrilled to "win" this honor. The Sig fuel is also here and everyone who ordered should have received an email notice. So far, no one who ordered Sig has come after it. Lets go people! Get it out of my garage!

Frye field is pretty much ready for summer flying. The comfort station was delivered yesterday, the pin board is up and the dust abatement is scheduled. Seems like the field is pretty solid too so as long as we don't get any torrential rains, you should be fine now driving out onto the grass. Use some sense though!

While it still seems a ways off, we are coming up quickly on one of our clubs biggest events of the season, our Scale Meet which is scheduled for June 25th. We will be needing the usual help setting up and staffing the event so if you can lend a hand, please start thinking about your schedule for that day.

Speaking of events, I asked Brian Utter about the proposed Cross Country event the other day and he indicated he'd still like to do it. Plans are still being finalized so stay tuned for updates.

I've also recently received notices of a couple additional local events that will apparently share the date with our scale meet. The Erie club will host a Fly-In/Swap Meet on June 25th at their flying field located at 8689 Star Road in Erie, IL. This will be a departure from their usual competition fun fly held in past years. Also, the Pekin RC Club will host their WWI Fly In on June 25-26th. I'll add flyers for both of these events to our web site if you need further details on any of them.

May is our first scheduled field meeting. As you should have heard by now, our move to the Davenport Library for our indoor meeting venue requires that we cancel the room if we are not going to use it. They require at least 24 hours notice of the cancellation and since the library is closed on Sundays, that means I'll have to make the call for the meeting location on Saturday. So if the forecast calls for inclement weather as of the Saturday preceding the meeting, we'll have to move inside. This might actually have us inside when conditions clear off by meeting time. This is unfortunately the price we'll pay for having the Davenport venue so watch your email or call someone if you are among the email impaired folks.

Progress on my Bulldog has slowed considerably with flying season and vacation lately. I've had a few diversion projects too. The Gee Bee R2 is ready for paint and I finished up a Great Planes Little Toni that I got a "super" deal on. Look for it at the field soon.

I thought I'd share a story here on another plane purchase I thought went bad recently. I got excited about a new Gee Bee R3 offered by Giant Model Products at the Toledo show. I ordered one shortly after I returned from that show. Time passed without any notice of the kit shipping and difficulty contacting the distributor. Little did I know that they embarked on a trip to China to meet with their kit manufacturer. From my perspective it seemed they had my money and weren't shipping the kit. To make a long story short, upon their return they bent over backwards to assure I was satisfied. I have now received the kit which is beautiful and they included free, 6 - 90 oz servos, all the extensions and a lithium battery pack. Now that's customer service! Watch for this plane at the field soon too.

*Keep the wheels down,  
Phil*

**MINUTES OF THE 11 APRIL 2011 MEETING**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by VP Steve Thompson, 19 members and guests present.

Treasurers report read and approved. Secretaries report read and approved.

Two visitors tonight: Jim Marshall and Wayne Youngberg.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dome now owned by St. Ambrose and Rod Schick will check with Assistant Director on availability .Mall show report given by Mike Smith. Total expenses were \$172.54.

**TOLEDO REPORT:** Cockpit detailing was unreal. A Gee Bee had an 400cc engine. Sig had a large booth and so did Balsa USA. Lots of good deals as usual. Thunder Tiger has 23% off batts and free shipping thru 15 April. Lots of our club members attended.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Frank Lang had a Multiplex Pico Radio and gave it away to Jerry Clemens. Bob Reeves showed his foamy combat electric built from Des Moines Club plans of .25" foam insulation, hot glued with Hobby King equipment.

Library reserved for May and June meetings. Must cancel on Saturday before.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

**MINUTES OF THE 25 APRIL BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Phil Vernon at the Davenport Village Inn.

**BUSINESS**

**Fuel Buy** - The Great Planes fuel is in. Chuck will be picking up the SIG fuel next Monday.

**Frye Memorial Field** - The outhouse isn't there yet. It might not be there for the first pylon race as the ground is too soft for the truck to deliver it. The county has added gravel to the road, and is still grading. Mike Smith has heard from the dust abatement people. Phil will make sure the stakes are properly placed this year.

**Prizes** - Frank Lang is already working on getting prizes for the Bud Miller Memorial Fun Fly.

**Kroeger Memorial Field** - The Whirlybirds have been keeping up with the mowing, but report that the mower is making a clunking noise.

**Library** - Steve Thompson talked to the library staff about canceling meetings. Since they are closed Sundays during the Summer, we'll have to call on Saturday to cancel/confirm the room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

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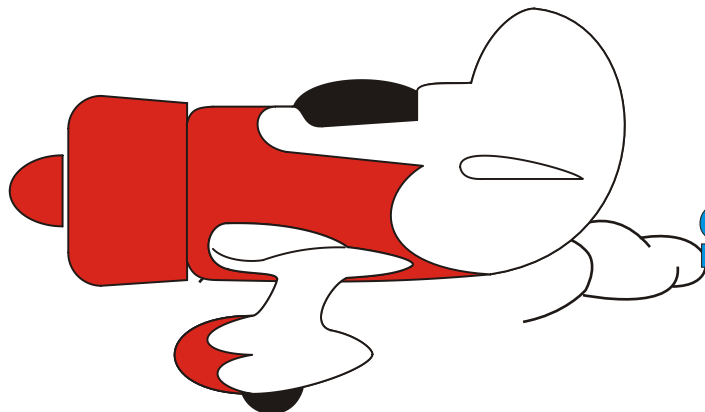
## Coming Events

June 11 -	Sig Fun Fly
June 11-12	Sneek In Fun Fly, Freeport, IL
June 12 -	Pylon Race, Frye Field, Davenport, IA
June 18-19 -	QC Air Show, Davenport, IA
June 25 -	DRCS Scale Meet, Frye Field, Davenport, IA
June 25 -	Fun Fly/Swap Meet, Erie, IL
June 25-26	WWI Fly In, Pekin, IL
July 9 -	Heli Fly, Skyraiders Field, Moline,IL
July 10 -	Pylon Race, Frye Field, Davenport, IA
July 10 -	Aerohawks Airshow, Iowa City, IA
July 23 -	Fun Fly, Ottumwa, IA
July 23	Warbirds Over Iowa, Cedar Rapids
July 25-31	Oshkosh EAA Fly In
August 6 -	Flying Hog Roast, Frye Field, Davenport, IA
August 14 -	Pylon Race, Frye Field, Davenport, IA
August 21 -	Skyraiders Float Fly, Campbell's Island

## Midwest Pylon Racing League 2011 Race Schedule

**Time Trials**  
9:30

**Racing**  
10:30



**May 1**  
**June 12**  
**July 10**  
**August 14**  
**September 25**

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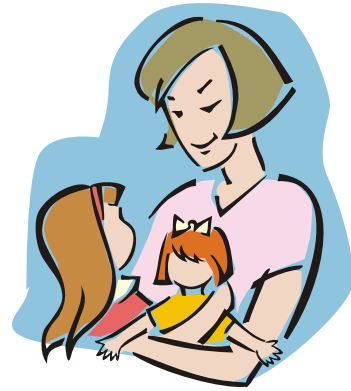
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**Next meeting**  
**Monday- May 9th 7:00 p.m.**  
**Norman Frye Memorial Field**



**Happy Mother's  
Day**

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