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## Presidents Report

The Bud Miller fun fly went well this season with 16 registered pilots. Looked like most folks had a good time this year and we had favorable weather conditions for a change. I made a remarkable personal effort in the spot landing even that actually wound up with the winning spot. If you missed the meeting last month I'll briefly go over the details of my "technique". Maybe some of you can pick up a few pointers. I had set up a switchable mix on my transmitter to reverse the elevator thinking it might be helpful for attempting an inverted limbo pass while flying "normal" upright elevator control. I actually abandoned the idea after doing some pre-contest test flying. A prudent person would have also disabled the mix after conclusion of the tests. An even more prudent person probably would not have chosen a switch for the mix on the same side of the transmitter as the kill switch. Enter now the spot landing event. After setting up for my landing and thinking I was flipping the kill switch, my elevator reversed. The rest is history. At least I crashed close to the spot landing target. The resilience of gutter planes was also demonstrated, only the motor mount (and the motor) sustained damage. The plane is essentially unscathed... So there ya go, see if you can pick out the pointers I was talking about.

The outdoor flying season is starting to wind down with the onset of cooler weather and the approach of the last scheduled club event for this year. Hopefully we'll still have a few more flyable days before being forced inside for the "building" season. The racing season was cut short by rains on Sep 24<sup>th</sup> which caused cancellation of the final race date of the season. Overall, it was a short racing season with only two races in the books this year. Two of the regular season dates were rained out and the makeup date as well. I suppose it will have to be better next season.

Our last scheduled club event for this year is the Night Fly coming up on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a tune up night flying session after the weenie roast earlier in the season so presumably everyone has had an opportunity to work the bugs out of their night flyers. The surface mount LEDs have really made it easy to get a plane ready for night flying and greatly increases the visibility of planes in the dark. Most any reasonably experienced flyer should be able to handle night flying with the current technology. I suppose the likelihood of carnage has been reduced as well but not completely eliminated. In any case, the night fly is always a spectacle to watch so even if you can't bring yourself to give it a try come on out and watch. We are hoping to expand the event for observers and participants as well, with a bonfire after the flying has concluded. Steve Thompson has suggested bringing his portable fire pit to extend the event to a little social hour afterwards. Floyd Layton volunteered to contact the sod farm management who have already approved of the idea. So we're all set to have a post fly fire, socializing and maybe a suitable beverage. If it should happen that there is some carnage involved in the night fly we could possibly end up with some kindling for the fire. Let's stick to wood planes, styrofoam stinks.

Once the outdoor season is finished, we may indeed be finished flying this season. Rodd Schick has been in contact again with the new St. Ambrose management of the dome. They have indicated that they do not want to enter into rental agreements this first season and expect to be fully utilizing the facility for their own purposes. Rodd has explained that we are accustomed to late hours and very little "supervision" is required for our flying sessions, essentially opening the doors to let us in and then locking up afterwards. While they have not yet given an emphatic no, the tone of their replies is now leaning against allowing us to fly there. We are still pursuing this so stay tuned for the final word as soon as we can nail it down.

If you haven't checked out the club Facebook page, go give it a look. Folks are posting lots of pictures of recent activities and building projects. Go check it out!

*See you at the field,*

## **MINUTES OF THE 12 SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Phil Vernon at the Norman Frye Memorial Field.

There were 14 members and 1 guest present.

### **BUSINESS**

Bud Miller Memorial Fun Fly - Sixteen pilots registered for the event, generating \$240 in income. HyVee's staff enjoyed the show. Rick Haney won both the kit and the gutter plane.

Pylon League - The makeup race will be September 25.

Night Fly - The Night Fly will be October 8th.

Meeting - The October meeting will be held at the Davenport Library Eastern Avenue Branch at 7:00.

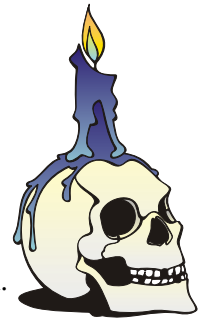
Dome Flying - Phil has attempted to contact St Ambrose about resuming the indoor flights, but hasn't heard back.

Facebook Page - If you have a lot of pictures, contact Mike, he will give you a hand getting them uploaded. There are 118 new photos from the Fun Fly. Events can also be set up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16

## **MINUTES OF THE 26 SEPTEMBER 2011 BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Phil Vernon at the Davenport Village Inn.



### **BUSINESS**

Meeting Location - Phil has reserved the Library for our meetings. The Board has decided to relinquish our reservation the the Carriage House, and the Secretary will contact them.

Night Fly - The Annual Night Fly will be the 8th of October. If we can get permission from the management, Steve Thompson will bring his fire pit for after.

Dome Flying - Phil has talked to Rod and it sounds like St Ambrose doesn't want to allow others to use the dome. Nothing for sure, but that's the sense he gets.

Swap Meet - Mike Smith will contact the National Guard at Mount Joy after they return from their deployment this month.

Programs - Need programs/presenters as usual. Suggestions for topics: throttle linkages, fiber-glassing, fuel systems.

Norman Frye Memorial Field - Phil removed the battery from the mower to check it out as it wasn't starting. It tests OK, but the leads were corroded. He will reinstall it this week.

Kroeger Memorial Field - The grass is being cut, and there haven't been any complaints about the mower.

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### DRCS Helper List

Individuals needing help with their airplanes are invited to contact the helper of their choice by phone. Otherwise they should arrive at the meeting ahead of schedule or stay on after the meeting to get the advice they need from the helpers available at the meeting.

ENGINES: Installation, running, troubleshooting.

Phil Vernon (563) 386-8205 Davenport

BUILDING: Assistance with choice of model, buying accessories, and actual construction, up to the point where the model is declared ready to fly.

Frank Lang (563) 391-5297 Davenport

INSTALLATION: Assistance with correct/safe installation of engine, tank, radio, pushrods, and setup of throws and controls.

Frank Lang (563) 391-5297 Davenport

Don Brick (563) 332-5771 Bettendorf

CHECK-OUT FLYING: This involves assistance with the first flight. Pre-flight checks, performing of a complete inspection and assistance with post flight changes needed.

Phil Vernon (563) 386-8205 Davenport

FLYING INSTRUCTION: This is the traditional teacher/coaching program of training a novice to fly solo.

Frye Memorial Field  
starting at dusk

DRCS  
night fly

October 8th

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**Next meeting**  
**Monday- Oct 10th**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Davenport Public Library**  
**6000 Eastern Ave**



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