



In Attendance: Ken McNurlen, Jerry Hahnfeld, Dennis Albee, Bob Thompson, Bob Hill, Brad Wolfgang, Luther Bitler, Brent Coyne, Ray Ruzsala, Jim Poanel, Michael Fjersted, Mike Nentwig, Herman, Barry K., Dave Handley, Steve Linley, Karl Eckerle, Chad Winslow

1. Minutes were approved. Funny since I don't think they were ever published!
2. Treasures report by Karl was approved.
3. John Potts from the Bay City club presented the details on the coming indoor flying season. Flying will be the first Sunday of the month from Oct. to March at the Tri-Cities Sports Dome in Auburn. Flying will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will cost \$15. The cost for the sports dome is \$375/Hr and the Bay City club hopes to sell sponsorships. AMA membership is required to fly.
4. Karl and Mike are ready for striping on the runway. Consensus seemed to be that center and border stripes would be best. There will be x's at the ends if they are required. The runway refurbishing has been paid for completely with member donations.
5. Training night is going well with 3-4 student pilots.
6. Mid Michigan Fun Fly was held at the Saginaw club. Only Karl from the Midland club attended. Karl noted that almost all of the flying planes were electric.
7. We have been asked to do demonstration flights at the fairgrounds for the Midland Balloon festival the afternoon of September 10. This is a good opportunity to publicize our club to the general public.
8. Frankenmuth will be having a tailgate swap meet and fun fly on August 23 from 10 to 5 at their field.
9. Our club fun fly is Saturday, August 13 at 10 a.m. There will be three fun contests open to all members. In celebration of National Model Aviation Day the entree fee will be a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the local food pantry or a \$5 donation. This will be fun for all and events will be suitable for all ability levels. Beginners can fly with a trainer cord!
10. The club picnic will be Sunday, August 28 at the field. Food will be catered by Kathy Gavit. There is no cost for this event and you are encouraged to bring your family.
11. The Midland swap meet is Saturday, September 10 at 8 a.m. Buy and sell treasures!
12. Bob Thompson discussed the Midland R.C Club Airshow, September 11. We need all members to attend, bring planes and fly. Set-up will be Friday morning, Sept. 9 at 8 a.m. and will be headed up by Ray Ruzsala.
13. Bob Hill has reserved the Stratford Lake pavilion for a float fly Oct. 8 at 9 a.m. There is a concern that the lake is currently choked with weeds.
14. Steve Linley had a conversation with a chopper pilot from the Midland hospital who expressed concern about traffic. Members were reminded to yield to all full scale air traffic.

AUGUST 2016 FUN FLY REPORT

Fun Fly with a cause: On Saturday, August 13 we gathered to celebrate National Model Aviation Day with a low key fun fly contest. Each of the participants brought a contribution for the local Emergency Food Pantry.

We had eight participants and a number of observers. The participants were Karl Eckerle, Steve Zahn, Dennis Albee, Jerry Hahnfeld, Bob Hill, Gary Brockhouse, Greg Gavit, and Jim Pozenel. The first event was the three minute timed flight with each of the participants trying to fly for exactly three minutes. Karl Eckerle led off the contest with a flight of 2:58. setting a tough standard to beat. After a twenty minute rain delay Greg Gavit hit three minutes exactly. At the opposite end Jerry Hahnfeld flew for 4:38 but complained there must have been a timing malfunction. In a travesty of justice, his appeal was denied and he took last place in this event.

The second event was "Bombs Away" in which a wooden bomb is loaded into a small cup and attached to the plane. The pilot then tries to drip his bomb as close to a Frisbee target as possible. Steve Zahn put the rest of the pilots to shame by dropping his bomb just 16 inches from the target with his unconventional use of a glider. The next closest was Dennis Albee at just 46". Bob Hill managed

to stay within Midland County but a search party found his bomb 216' from the target. (This event is not near as easy as it might seem.) The good news is that no planes were lost on their bombing missions.

The last event was "Roops" an event that is timed from takeoff to landing with the pilot doing three roll-loop combinations. Dennis Albee had a small aerobatic plane and set the standard at just 18 seconds. Jerry Hahnfeld, Jim Pozenel, and Steve Zahn were close behind at 25, 34, and 42 seconds respectively. Greg Gavit and Bob Hill were at a disadvantage with their large glow powered planes.

In the end, Dennis Albee had the best overall score of the day but the emphasis was on fun and friendship rather than competition. We all had fun and sharpened our flying skills. All of the pilots had a great time and agreed that we need to have more of these events.