RAINBOW AERO MODELERS SOCIETY



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday Sept 2, 7:00 PM

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Monthly Recap

August in Review

During August, Wisconsin has been trying to decide if summer is over or not. We have had some hot days in the 90's and cooler days in the 70's. We saw some rain and flooding, but not bad. The field is looking great.

At the last meeting, we discussed our annual members picnic, which is scheduled for September 26. We decided to hold off until the next meeting to decide if we will be having the picnic.

There are so many special things about this hobby. One that stands out to me is variety. Model aviation is more than flying a fixed-wing craft around in a circle. You can dapple in exciting areas such as combat flying, aerobatics, speed, aerial photography, autogyros, parachute drops, or FPV.

A new niche that I have found is paramotors. This month I maidened my **Hobby King** Paramotor, and it is an incredibly neat flying experience. The build was simple, but the radio mixing is a little complicated as it is not conventional. These are about \$150 from Hobby King and will hopefully be back in stock soon.



AROUND THE AREA

Upcoming Events

09/12/2020 8AM to 2PM Annual Swap Meet Flying Electrons Menomonee Falls, WI www.flyingelectrons.com

CANCELLED:

09/19/2020 RC Fun Fly Sig Manufacturing Montezuma, IA

09/19 - 09/20/2020 10AM
Pattern Contest
Flying Electrons
Menomonee Falls, WI
www.flyingelectrons.com

CANCELLED:

10/04/2020 Annual Swap Meet Winnebago RC Flyers Oshkosh, WI

CANCELLED:

10/2 - 10/3/2020 RC Fest Horizon Hobby Monticello, IL

New Product Spotlight

Horizon Hobby AIRMEET 2020

Last month, I showcased a couple of products that I recently gained experience with. This month, I wanted to highlight a couple of products that I do not have experience with, but think are relevant or cool.

The **Pro Tune Stick** is for the gasoline modeler that has a hard time tuning their gasser with a flat blade screwdriver bouncing around due to vibration. The stick has a brass sleeve over a flat blade to link up with the carburetor high/low speed needles. This tool is available for \$22.95 here: https://protunestick.ecwid.com/



An exciting announcement this month is for the new **Hangar 9 Pitts S-2B**. This plane was designed around the DLE 60cc twin engine. This Pitts has a wingspan of about 72 inches and weight of about 18 lbs. It is a bit smaller than the Great Planes Pitts Special of the past at about the same weight. This ARF is available for \$799 from https://www.horizonhobby.com/



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At the Field

A Little Post-Crash Fun

Club Member **Michael Schmitz** is learning to fly with his Apprentice, had a small incident, and wrote us this incident report.



Date: August 30, 2020 **Time**: 11:35 am

Location: Milwaukee County RC Flying Field

7000 W. Oakwood Rd. Franklin, WI 53132

Pilot: Michael Schmitz

Pilot Experience: 5 previous solos; approximately .68 hours of flying time

Aircraft: E-Flight Apprentice S 15e

Weather Conditions: Spectacularly clear skies, 5-6 mph NE wind

Field Conditions: Dry and perfect

Statement of Pilot:

Following an aborted first take-off, due to a minor nosedive while taxiing, my second attempt to take off was successful and relatively pilot-like in nature. I did not know at the time, that the first attempt was likely the aero modeler gods telling me to call it a day. Anyway, I flew into the wind toward the northeast corner of the airfield and attained an altitude of approximately 70 feet. I turned left to the west and enjoyed several seconds of blissfully level flight. I then turned left toward the south at which time the near gale force winds hurled my aircraft forward at an alarming rate of speed. As it approached the infamous stand of trees at the southwest corner of the airfield, I gritted my teeth and summoned the confidence of a pilot far more seasoned than myself. I decided that a hard left turn was necessary to remain over the airfield, so I began the turn and simultaneously kicked a little left rudder. At this time, the aircraft began to do things of an aeronautical nature for which I had no understanding nor cure. I immediately reverted to my novice instincts and began to wildly over-correct the flight controls. This caused a continued deterioration of the execution of my flight plan. At this time, I made the involuntary decision to terminate the flight at the top of a fortyfoot tree.

Crash Cause Determination: Ego-induced pilot error



At the Pond

MARKS 2020 Float Fly

The MARKS club held their annual Float Fly at the Bong Recreation Area in Kansasville, WI earlier this month. I always look forward to this even because flying off of water is such a rare thrill (even though our field floods occasionally). There was a good turnout from several of the other clubs in the area, despite the pandemic. Unfortunately the weather was a little less cooperative. Although it was a beautiful day, strong cross winds kept several pilots grounded and resulted in some interesting landings by some.





Show and Tell

New Planes in the Hangar

Jim Hatzenbeller completed his Sig Somethin' Extra that he built from a kit. Jim is powering this plane with an OS 46 AX glow engine. This kit design has stood the test of time since being introduced in 1998 and has a 52 inch wingspan.



Alan Borowski is showing us his new AJ Aircraft ARS 300. It has a 67 inch wingspan and flys on a 6s electric setup. Alan retired his previous 68 inch Velox and moved over all the electronics to this aircraft.

