



July 2011

MEETING NOTICE!

There's a club meeting this Monday, August 1, at 7:00 at the field. This is a very important meeting; details below.

New Lifetime Member!

Let's all extend a hearty welcome to our newest Lifetime Member, Jay Timmons.

Jay got involved with a dirt-moving project for us when the Railroad Museum offered to give us the top soil from their latest project as long as we could get it hauled over to our site. Jay contacted Pete B about paying somebody to move the dirt for us with a scraper but at the time the club did not have the funds to pay for this. Jay offered to upgrade his membership in the club to a Lifetime membership (\$1000 paid in one year) and this allowed us to cover the hauling expense. We now have some more of the dirt that Mike H. wants to complete the areas around the hangar. On a side note - Lee Morrison happened to be at the field the day they were hauling this dirt and he managed to hijack quite a few loads for the track area as well. These are two excellent examples of seeing a need for the club and stepping forward to fill the need.

Welcome Jay – and thank you very much!

Stop Procrastinating!

Last month we asked for all members to contact Jeff Cash, our Membership Secretary, as he is trying to put together both mailing and e-mail addresses for everybody. Part of the purpose (besides knowing who belongs) is to be able to distribute membership card/keys for the gate. We need to be good stewards of the facilities entrusted to our care, and keeping unauthorized people from entering the property is part of that. To that end, the plan is to have the motorized gate functioning by August 8 and then to use it.

If you haven't contacted Jeff, do so now. He needs your name, phone number, and address. If you have a membership card with the swipe/key, let him know. If you don't, let him know that too, or you may find yourself unable to fly when you want! Jeff's e-mail is jeffmcash@gmail.com

Better yet, show up at the field Monday at 7:00 PM and he can get it from you before or after the meeting! And if you aren't a paid-up member, bring along your checkbook and we can fix that too!

Event Reports

July 3rd Open House

WOW! What weather! What a crowd!
WHAT AN AIRSHOW!

It seemed like the past few months were flyable weather all week, then rainy weekends. Well that wasn't the case in Monticello this year for the July 4th weekend! We were blessed with a really hot Friday followed by better weather for the long weekend. David Payne organized an air show that several hundred visitors were able to thoroughly enjoy before the concert and fireworks. Pete Bergstrom did a great job as emcee for the show (as well as event organizer, chief cook, and lots of other roles). Amanda Weldy brought her camera and provided the photos in this newsletter.

Many of the visitors came only to see the air show, a fact that we need to take note of for future events. With some fortuitous spots on the TV during the week before as well as some advertising in the local papers and businesses, the news really got out about us being here and the great time we have. Shortly afterward, the News Gazette published an article in the local section about us, making the section front page and pretty well filling an two-page spread inside!

In many aspects the Open House was an investment in the future. Not only did we learn a lot from the organizational aspects, but we learned a little about why many came, how many to expect, and what services they need us to provide. That will be rolled into future events to make sure they garner more community support and help us pay our bills.



Pete Bergstrom took time from other duties to be a great emcee.



Seth Arnold stands ready to demo planes and helis during the Air Show segment.

The Next Big Event

The next big event on the horizon is the Illini Super Jets meet, August 25-28. We expect many returning pilots from last year, plus more and more as the word of the event grows and reaches out to more jet pilots around the country.

If you're one of those who likes to track things on the online forums, visit the link below and contribute your thoughts!



A jet fly-by is a great segue to our Next Big Event!

http://www.rcuniverse.com/forum/m_10643695/tm.htm

You can see more information on the website or by downloading our event flyer from this link:

http://www.elifield.com/flyers/2011_SuperJets.pdf

2011 Club Modeling Events

Illini SuperJets

North Central IMAC Championships

Aug 25 – 28

Sept 16 – 18

2011 Club Meeting Schedule

- Aug 1 General Meeting – Club Field
- Sept No meeting! (Labor Day – always, a great day at Eli Field!)
- Oct 3 Steeple Gallery, 7:00 PM. Video – Duxford's 70th Anniversary Battle of Britian
- Nov 7 Steeple Gallery, 7:00 PM. Video – Oshkosh 2011
- Dec 5 Holiday Party (tentative)

2011 Officers

- President – Pete Bergstrom - Pete17e@aol.com – 217-840-3400
- Vice-President – Mike Hilderbrandt – mhilderbrandt@hotmail.com
- Safety Officer – Mike McConville – mikem@horizonhobby.com
- Treasurer – Lee Anderson – lv2sail@mchsi.com
- Membership Secretary – Jeff Cash – jeffmcash@gmail.com

The Last Word *by Pete Bergstrom, President, pete17e@aol.com*

We have had a great summer with lots of usage at the field. Seems that later in the evening when things cool down a bit is when most people can find a willing partner to meet them and enjoy the evening.

Our first ever July 3rd Air Show and Fireworks night was a critical success. With over 300 people joining us from the local community for a night of airplanes, music and fireworks, the overwhelming sentiment from all was "I had a great time! Please do it again next year." While the event wasn't necessarily a financial success (we lost about \$270), I think it was very much a public relations success and it will build upon itself for the future.

We are current on our bills with the taxes, grass cutting etc., but we need to have to more good events to pay the second half of the tax bill and put ourselves in a good position going into the winter season. The first event is the Illini SuperJets event the weekend of Aug 25 – 28. Interest in the event from the pilots has been great with expectations of 40-60 people showing up with their trailers, airplanes and families to enjoy the weekend with us. There will be two 'official' air shows scheduled; each at 1pm on that Saturday and Sunday and the public is invited. Much like the gate and parking work needed for the July 3rd Show, we will need some assistance with these duties on Saturday and Sunday. Dan Maxwell is working with his Boy Scout troop to help with this labor requirement but we need club members to work alongside them. I need some help in Modine's Kitchen throughout the weekend as well. We will have our normal lunches to serve, and we're trying to figure out some breakfast items for the pilots. Don't forget the great banquet dinner we serve on Saturday night under the porch at the Hangar. None of this gets magically done so if you can help please contact me. In general we just need club members on the field as ambassadors of our club, doing what good hosts do ... making sure all the guests are having a great time!

Mike McConville and Mike Hildebrandt have once again volunteered to co-CD the North Central IMAC Championships the weekend of Sept 16-18. While not as resource intensive from a parking point of view there is still a lot that needs doing to make these people feel welcome and allow them to concentrate on competing in their events. Please contact Mike or Mike to volunteer your time and help.

We will have copies of the financial statements from the two previous events for review and discussion during the meeting.



Jason Noll's big Aeroworks P-51 stands ready for action on July 3.