



Fond Du Lac Aeromodelers Association

Our goal is to be the friendliest club for pilots and spectators in the Midwest. We welcome anyone with an interest in R/C aviation. Visit the website at www.FDLAA.com for information about membership, upcoming events, flight instructors, and weather conditions at the field. FDLAA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm (April through November).

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

From Club President Dave Elsinger:

Hi All,

I guess I have a number of sad things to tell you. Our past member & Club Treasurer & friend Howie Goeden passed away last week.

As you have been informed, the beer night working at the FDL Fair has been cancelled. The August Warbird & Classic event has been cancelled.

Now for some good news – the summer weather is finally here, and the field is in great condition thanks to our great field crew.

A Saturday work morning will be scheduled soon. We are having some black dirt brought in to fill some low spots. With some volunteer help, we could have the work done in an hour or two, so get those shovels and rakes ready.

Hope everyone is healthy & can enjoy our great hobby.

Thanks,

Dave Elsinger

UPCOMING EVENTS

~~AUGUST 13-15, 2020~~

CANCELLED

Warbirds and Classics Over the Midwest

~~AUGUST 16, 2020~~

CANCELLED

2020 Robert Wellnitz Memorial Air Show

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just a reminder - lock up the gate if you are the last one out for the night.

Have items for sale? We would be happy to post them in the newsletter.

Newsletter Editor:

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Robert Johnson – article and photos on pages 6 and 7. Thank you!

Please contact Jeff if there's something you would like to see in the newsletter.

2020 Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest Cancelled

Unfortunately, the 2020 Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest event has been cancelled due to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision was not taken lightly, but for the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved, it was the right decision at this time. I am certain that the event will come back stronger than ever in 2021.

I hope you all received the email from Dave about guests requesting to fly at the field during the weekend that was originally scheduled for the Warbirds event. Due to the volume of such requests, another tough decision had to be made and out of fairness for everyone, those requests needed to be denied. These decisions are difficult to make, but I want to thank the club officers and the board of directors for their leadership during these trying times. These decisions are made for the good of the club, and all the members and our guests.

Upcoming Projects at the Field

A big thank you goes out to Doug Woolridge for getting the new weather station up and running at the field with minimal downtime.

An upcoming Saturday will be scheduled as a work morning to put black dirt in some low spots around the field. With the help of 5 or 6 volunteers, it should only take an hour or two. Check for an email soon to find out when this will be scheduled.

The old fence has been removed and the new fence should be up soon. Please use caution with the old fence down.

Flying Safely and Being a Good Neighbor

I hope everyone received the email from Dave about not flying West of the field safety line. It is imperative that we fly in the designated area and treat our neighbors with respect.

DIY Airplane Stand for \$6.27+Tax

I tend to be a frugal person and found some inspiration on the web for making durable RC airplane stands to transport and work on my smaller planes. These are probably not suitable for larger aircraft, but for smaller models I have made stands out of PVC pipe, fittings, and pipe insulation. These are durable and seem to work great for planes under 8 pounds. They can be custom sized to your aircraft as needed.

CA glue was used to secure the parts – I did not use PVC cement because the pipes do not need to be sealed. Before gluing, I assembled the stand and indexed the parts with a pencil mark to make sure the stand will not wobble when placed on a flat surface. While the pipes fit firmly into the fittings, I would still recommend gluing them. A hacksaw made quick work of cutting the PVC pipe to length.

For the stand shown on the following page, I cut the horizontal pieces to 18” and the end pieces to 6” lengths. One thing to keep in mind is making the end pieces long enough to keep the tail of your plane from touching the ground if the fuselage is resting on the stand upside down. A creative person could take these to next level by making a stackable design or installing 1/2” pipe caps for a more finished look.

List of materials (and cost at Fleet Farm):

1. 10' stick of 1/2" SCH 40 PVC pipe: \$1.69, one required
2. PVC 1/2" slip cross fitting: \$1.24 each, two required
3. PVC 90 degree 1/2" slip elbow: \$0.29, four required
4. 6' length of 1/2" pipe insulation: \$0.94, one required



PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

I took some photos a couple weeks ago and wanted to share them with you. I apologize that I did not get all the owner's names of these amazing aircraft.



Carl's incredible Mitsubishi G3M



This Avro Vulcan was a superb flyer.



This F6F Hellcat was awesome to watch.



Dave's beautiful F-16 is always a treat to see.



This beautiful P-47 is a superb performer.

THE MOWER GUYS

I want to thank Bob Johnson for contributing the following article and photos for this month's newsletter.

As you enter Wellnitz Field you will drive past three buildings located to your left. The largest of these buildings houses the four mowers that volunteer members of the club use to mow the runway, the pit area, the area around the clubhouse, and the parking area. Weather permitting, the usual 'ritual' is for the crew to arrive about 7:30 each Thursday morning, mount one of the machines, and proceed to mow the entire twenty acres that is home to the Fond du Lac Aeromodelers Association. The entire operation from start to finish, including refueling and cleaning the mowers at the end of each session takes two to three hours. Occasionally one of the mowers will experience a mechanical problem which requires one or more of the men to spend time acquiring and replacing a worn out part.

Without their dedicated service the club would not have the well-manicured field that we have all come to expect and enjoy. They probably spend more time operating and repairing the equipment than most of the members spend flying at the field. Whenever you see one of these dedicated volunteers be sure to thank them for their service. They are: Bill Ryan, Dan Frost, Don Kunath, Roger Woehlke, and Greg Wetherbee. If you have an open spot on your calendar on Thursday mornings, please consider volunteering to help the mowing crew. Either call Dan Frost (Cell: 920-296-9154) or just report to the field at about 7:30.

