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# At The Handle Ramblings from your Editor

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Greetings Circle Masters, I hope you guys are keeping from overheating. This is the only time of the year where it's warm in the old farm house at Circle Masters Outpost North but ninety degrees is a bit on the balmy side. This issue is being written with AirVenture looming large on the horizon. Tomorrow is Saturday and I think we are leaving when I get done at work. There is a real chance that we may have to rough it this year with no giant Airstream camper. The tow vehicle is sitting at Hucksdorf Diesel repair shop in Franklin waiting for parts to show up. This is not going to go over well with the Mrs. Tent camping is not her thing. Each year it seems as though we have fewer club members volunteering to help at KidVenture. I understand that it's a pain to travel to Oshkosh and work out in the hot sun. That being said, this year there will be a celebration on Wednesday evening celebrating twenty years of control line at AirVenture, it didn't become KidVenture for a few years after it got started and moved over to Pioneer Airport behind the museum. Let's not forget, the Circle Masters started the whole works by setting up a circle and flying with kids during the airshow. Now KidVenture has ballooned into a major event with dozens of aviation related activities for the youngsters. Big hassle or not, I would hate to see this become a non event for the club. KidVenture is a lasting legacy for the Circle Masters. Were it not for the original guys set up on the flight line, someone else would be butchering the newsletter right now. The Olson clan first discovered the Circle Masters back in 1998 flying at Oshkosh and you have been stuck with us ever since!

The July meeting was really a good one. The way it turned out is the way all of our summer meetings should go. A good number of members showed up to play and flights were coming fast and furious. I can't remember the last time we had a meeting where there was a wait to fly because planes were ready and guys were flying, putting them up one after another. There were some other memorable things about the meeting too. Wayne flew his new Bi-Slob and actually took it home in one piece! By one piece, I mean as in none the worse for wear, still flyable, no problem, not like in one busted up pile held together by the leadouts and pushrod. It looked great in flight too. We saw Gene's new aerobatic machine slip the surly bonds of earth with an electric motor and Gene's secret throttling device that controls the evil spirits to give more juice during vertical maneuvers. Ron W. was out there tearing up the circle, we don't see that often enough. The two juniors Ryan and Alex were making some laps. The whole meeting was good and fun was had. Hopefully this trend continues. Now let's see a few of our missing cast members show up at the events we have planned for August.

I hope you didn't think you were going to get through this issue without some form of biting political commentary. The AMA is sounding the trumpets in victory over the exception for model aircraft deal being kept by the Federal Aviation Administration. OK, what kind of big win results in the FAA requiring us to register model airplanes with the federal government? Even the socialist utopias of Europe don't require registration. Also, the FAA has not actually made their final regulations regarding model aircraft just yet, those could end up being another can of worms depending on how it turns out. I give the AMA credit for lobbying congress and trying to do something to help. Being recognized by the feds as a self policing organization is a pretty significant achievement and gives the AMA a credible seat at the table during discussions, but I just don't see how this is being pursued aggressively enough and not enough has been done to draw a line between us and them. In this case us is the traditional model airplane community and them is the blasted quad copter hooligans. I'm not registering control line models, the man will have to find me.

Don't fail to keep your calendar free for all of the events we have lined up in the next month. The Pebble Creek fun fly is tomorrow as I write this. The meeting, Town of Lisbon Fun Fly, the Steam show in Sussex, sheesh I guy could get dizzy doing all that walking in little circles. Do your best to show up for these shin-digs, you know I will be there if I am not at work.

Stay cool,

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### CIRCLE MASTERS FLYING CLUB Meeting Minutes for JULY 2016

The July meeting of the Circle Masters Flying Club was held at the Dan Tetzlaff Memorial Flying Field on Saturday July  $2^{nd}$ . It was a fine sunny day with light winds, great for flying and many members did just that.

The meeting was brought to order by VP Melissa at 1:20 PM. All members (10) had received the June newsletter and had reviewed and approved the minutes from that months meeting.

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The treasurer's report was presented by Wayne as Ralph was home recuperating from surgery. The treasurer's report was approved as given.

<u>REPORTS & ANNOUCEMENTS:</u> Wayne reported on an article in this months issue of Model Aviation indicating that Flying Models magazine will once again be printed. It also stated that all subscriptions will be honored. The time frame for this startup was unclear. Jason reported that he was told by our Park contact that the grass will be cut lower prior to the monthly meeting and the fence will also be repaired.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> A discussion regarding the up-coming fun fly at the Pebble creek R/C site began with confusion as to the date. The flying date is JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> with the 24<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. All C/L pilots will be charged a \$5.00 fee as will the R/C pilots. An email has been sent to all members with appropriate directions. We will need to bring cones, poles and caution tape.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: A discussion regarding flying on Wednesday nights and some safety concerns regarding disc golfers ensued. An email was sent to all members earlier detailing the reason to shift to Tuesdays.

#### WEB BUSINESS: None.

All business having been discussed, Melissa asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 PM.

#### **SHOW AND TELL:**

Submitted by: Wayne M. Schmidt, Secretary 07/07/2016

# Upcoming Events Live on the edge... GET OUT AND FLY A MODEL AIRPLANE

EAA KidVenture – Airventure Oshkosh July 25—31

August Meeting: Saturday August 6th, Sussex Village Park flying field. Meeting at 1:00 PM with flying before and after.

Lisbon Heritage Days Fun Fly: Sunday August 14th, Lisbon Park.

Sussex Antique Power Show: Saturday and Sunday August 27th and 28th. Note: The Antique Power club's Facebook page says they are starting at 7:00 AM this year!

September Meeting: Saturday September 3rd, Sussex Village Park flying field. Meeting at 1:00 PM with flying before and after.

Treetown Contest: Sunday September 4th. Aerobatics, Scale, Carrier and the world famous Jerry "Who" Memorial Sport Race. Aurora Municipal Airport, Sugar Grove IL.



Here is a vintage pic from the Circle Masters archive. An Art Weber twin stunt ship, probably based a on Sig Twister but I'm not certain. Does anyone recall this beauty flying? It dates to way before my time in the club. I might have used this photo before but it's a good one!





Gene with his new stunter



Alex launching, at least someone in the club still has all of their hair!



Who would want to see a picture of that guy?



Mike's electric Bearcat



Ryan out there flying. All of you guys should have a smile like that!



Wayne put on a show with his Bi-Slob



Jason refreshing his memory on how fun Half A engines are





Ron on the pad having a go at it



Here is the flyer for the Sussex Antique Power Show. Maybe we could petition these folks to mention the Circle Masters on their poster? The club has been doing demo flights at their shin-dig for over thirty years now and we are continuing for the foreseeable future.

Registration \$12 day of and \$10 pre-register by Aug. 1st Registration includes 2 wrist bands to see everything PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK OF THIS FORM

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