

# The Tale Spinner

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It's taken more time than we hoped, but it appears we will have our new lease shortly for the new field. I believe this is a critical time for the club as it will take everyone's help and co-operation to make this work. I am counting on each of you to step up and do your part. We hope to have things finalized for the next meeting so make sure you come out. Fly well, keep safe, and clean up before you leave.  
Your President

John Wikoff

## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1 to July 31, 2009

General Fund Acct. Bal	6/30/09	
<b>3846.63</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Dues		122.50
<b>+ 122.50</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Storage Locker		50.05
Mowing		500.00
Portable Toilets		45.33
Midway Maintenance		54.58
Swap Meet		<u>29.29</u>
	Total	679.25 -
<b>679.25</b>		
General Fund Acct Bal	7/31/09	
<b>3289.88</b>		

## SUN DANCERS FUN FLY September 26, 2009

The Board of Directors agreed that we should have a fun-fly in September. Saturday the 26th seemed like a good day to me. After looking over the fun fly programs we have had in the past, I picked the events that are not too hard and can be done by most novices. The events are:

Team Taxi  
Climb and glide for duration  
Loops and Rolls  
Dice rolls  
Bean Haul

I'll Post the details on the bulletin board. Funds permitting we will have food and soda.

Larry Olsen, CD

PS: Club Members Only for contest Food for everyone, if we have any.

**August Report  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Gang  
By George White**

As a follow-up to Larry Olsen's crash into the tailgate of Walt Swentzell's van, the repair cost was \$580, and it looks real good, can't see it at all. Larry found out, however, that he had a \$500 deductible on his homeowner's insurance so he opted to not claim this and paid the whole thing himself. No point in having a small claim on the record.

Paul Teitel continued with his bad luck and had one of the wing flaps come loose, and he lost his Big Stick airplane with the Super Tigre 2300 engine. Anyone have a spare muffler for a Big Super Tigre?

Van Huntman had a spectacular crash of his Sun Dancer Bipe that was a real 3-bagger (trash bags, that is). It seems that someone didn't install the wing cabane screw into its proper hole and the top wing came off after a short but spectacular flight. I wonder who?

Ned Flanigan had his Big Bud Nosen Citabria out, and its initial flight was a scary one. Ned was lucky to get it back to the runway in one piece. This is a lovely 17 pound airplane with 84" wingspan, but it turns out the elevator linkage was excessively flexible and thus difficult to control. Extensive revisions are now in process.

Walt's students Ernie and Arnie Cloock are doing real good and starting to build their own plane now. Ernie (the son) has soloed but is keeping Walt on his toes with more practice landings.

Your intrepid reporter has been having problems with an old Super Hots airplane that originally belonged to Bill Blackhurst before his passing. Seems the landing gear was too far forward and the tail wheel too far aft, but it seems to be almost decent after many tries. It seems I'm attracted to unusual airplanes.

Larry Olsen brought out his new trainer, and guess what? It's red and white and it's a Telemaster!! Actually it's his #5 Telemaster since he put over 1,000 hours on his first 4 Telemasters teaching all of us, young and old, to fly. He has a OS.61 SF to power it. Naturally it flies good, even if it does weigh 11.5 lbs. Good job, Larry.

Our young "old fart" Ralph Brockhaus has been starting to help instruct, and he claims he's "almost finished" his extra 300 that he's been building for awhile. He might get it to fly before me and my AstrHog I've been doing like forever.

Dave Larson is trying out a "High Start" for his New Glider, so beware of any long lengths of surgical tubing you might find at Midway.

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**Walt Swentzell - 465-4454 - Foam wing cores. Make wing kits. Model repairs too.**

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License Plates \$5.00  
Contact Ray Ingram at the field or call 489-9883

# The Blackwell Field News

By Joe Duvall

I remember my first trip to Blackwell field a few years ago and it wasn't much to look at back then. After being spoiled by flying at Midway Field for quite a few years, Blackwell was somewhat of a letdown to say the least. Some very generous members spent many man-hours working on this area, building a safety fence, setting up tables, putting up a shelter and working on a runway. Our thanks go out to those members.

The runway has been moved south to a better location and although it's not Midway, it is usable and gets utilized by various members from time to time. I don't know who else uses it for sure, but Dave Dickenson and I use it for electric planes in the early morning hours almost every Saturday. Did you know that in June it is light enough to fly at 5:30 am? Now it doesn't get light till almost 7, so I get to sleep in till 5:30 on Saturdays. For all you early risers, you know what I'm talking about.

The real attraction at Blackwell, as you may know is not the land anyway. It's all the water everywhere you look. We've got about three different water runways to use depending on the direction of the wind and amount of cloud cover blocking the sun. The morning sun is something to be dealt with. Most of us have learned to fly over it when it's early and fly under it later on in the morning. Simple solution: fly in the afternoon! That may be ok for some, but I'm a morning person and by afternoon I'm napping or busy doing what I'm told, if you know what I mean.

About six months ago, Dave and I investigated Blackwell field as an alternative place to fly on Saturday mornings. Midway gets real crowded, real fast on Saturdays, especially since we can't fly on Sundays anymore. At Blackwell, we fell in with the wrong crowd... Float Flyers! And you know how that goes... "Try it, you'll like it."

We tried it, we liked it and now we walk around with soggy socks, our covering is peeling off our planes and we spend every week trying to make this dang thing act like a boat and still fly somewhat.

There are a few veteran float flyers out here. Charlie, Don Bender and Vinnie do a great job at mentoring as they are all excellent float flyers. Don has a twin engine flying boat that just wants to be a boat. He's been trying to get it in the air for a few months now, unsuccessfully, but he reminds me "it's a hobby, not a job", no rush!

There is some new stuff out at the lake too. I've seen a few light weight electric float planes that really do great on the water and in the air. Very impressive.

One other thing about Blackwell I'd like to mention. In case you aren't really into float flying, but have an interest in nature stuff, there is quite a lot to see

there as well. We've got gators out here, trying to catch stuff to eat, including airplanes as well as many different water birds. We've got sand hill cranes like at Midway, but ours come up and peck on the cars and check us out. The latest addition this week was mayflies and purple martins eating the mayflies. It is like the show "Wild Kingdom" that used to be on Sunday nights when I was a kid. Critters eating critters. Speaking of that, bring some bug repellent.

As they say... keep um flying (and floating!)

Joe

# The Snowbird

I'm calling this piece the traveling man because I have done quite a bit of it this summer in Michigan.

The summer started out on a bad note because the first meeting of the River District R/C Eagles I attended when getting back, the members were informed by our interim president that the utility company who's property we have been flying at for a number of years informed him that the Eagles have been locked out because of a noise complaint. That didn't last very long and flying there was restored with some new rules like no flying Sundays before eleven AM or after six PM, only three planes in the air at any one time, No more combat because that involved more than three planes, no flying North of the flight line and no flying over three hundred feet AGL.



But in the meantime I joined the Wolverines. I had been flying "On their dime" for a couple of years with maybe three visits a year. The Wolverines field is about twelve miles from my home and that put it 9 miles farther than our "lost" property but at that time it was a good deal and, as all R/C

people are, nice folks. I even got to help in their (mine) spring cleanup of the field and also CDed a Fun Fly and came away from that with a nice prize and a full belly of Italian Sausage to boot.

My other club up here is the Propbusters and that field is about sixteen miles from home. I have been a member of the Propbusters for many years and have enjoyed doing the announcing for their "big "

events such as the annual fund raiser and also the annual charity event. Mark O'brian, a fellow Sundancer is also a Propbuster and we get to meet now and then.

The Propbusters also let the River District R/C Eagles host the annual Eddy Elementary kindergarten class event. This event has all the Kindergarten classes from the school and usually runs around 60 or so. We do a show and tell and enough candy drops so all of the kids and their teachers and parents and the announcer, me, get at least a little candy. The reason the Propbusters allow the use of their field for the Kids from Saint Clair is because the Eagles field is on



private property and quite a ways off of the roadway and the school busses aren't allowed to go there because of insurance issues.



My next travel was to the Sanilac Model Airplane Clubs annual tailgate

swap. I always figured the club should be spelled with a K so their initials would be S.M.A.K. The S.M.A.C swap meet is at a town called Crosswell, Mi. and the field used is a small private full scale airport

called Arnolds Field and would be so named on aeronautics charts. As you can see, my offerings were few. Just a couple of old fashioned radios ( FM ) and no takers. The T-28 was not for sale. It was my flying plane while I was there. Croswell is maybe 35 miles from Saint Clair as the plane flies.



My next stop a weekend later was to the Eastwings club about 3 miles North of Memphis, Mi. and maybe 25 miles West of Saint Clair. You can't see my Sig Space Walker in the pic because I was on the other end of the flight line. You can see the raffle table and would you believe I won nothing? But the Hotdogs were good. Not as good as Charlie Fisher's though.

The Eastwings are on their new field which is across the road from their old one. That was on a farm and the sister of a pilot who lived on the farm complained that the airplanes made her horses nervous so they had to move. That wasn't all bad because they made some improvements and they ended up with a really nice field.



I finally got to fly at the Detroit Radio Control Club at their Four Stroke Only Rally.

Their field is on state park land and the President tells me that their location is secure and if they had to move because of buildings going up near them the state would move them to another location. The R.C.C.D field is probably 35 miles from Saint Clair too but I'm putting them on my "goto" list because I came away from there with three prizes. A Micro Magnalite flashlight, a 10 / 6 prop for a 40 size engine, of which I have none but am looking at a Super Tiger 40 to use in the now allowed Quickie 500 club pylon races the Eagles hold and 2 ounce bottle of medium CA. All of this for a \$5.00 landing fee. The hotdogs? Not as good as Charlie's.



I also made a return trip to Croswell, Mi. to fly at the S.M.A.C. s own field and not the airport. I had never flown at the field and was curious and invited. The field is 150 by 500 feet and surrounded by corn but Dennis Bigger, who has the field said the corn is forgiving if a plane comes down in it. I don't

know about that and never want to find out! I do know that they have the nicest looking out house it's been my pleasure to use.



And now a little bit about my Sig Space Walker. I bought the kit to use my Saito 300 twin in. I have probably 20 flights on the plane and haven't used full throttle

since the first flight and haven't broken a prop while landing yet although the landings so far are nothing to brag about.

I won't be bringing the Space Walker to Florida because the wing is in one piece and I'd rather bring two smaller planes.

JackDeLisle

**SUN DANCERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.**

**Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number \_\_\_\_\_ IMAA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ (Former if retired)

First Name for Membership Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership(List familymembers names below)

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

List radio control transmitter frequencies (channel numbers) that you will be using on a regular basis

The 2009 calendar year membership dues are as follows: Full Member \$75, Family \$90 (Full member, Spouse & Junior age children), and Junior \$25 (less than nineteen years of age before July 1<sup>st</sup>) After June 30th all dues are half price for new members. Those initially joining the club after September 30<sup>th</sup> may pay dues for the full year and be entitled to membership for the balance of the year and all of the following year.

New members must pay a one time initiation fee of \$25. Junior members are exempt from the initiation fee.

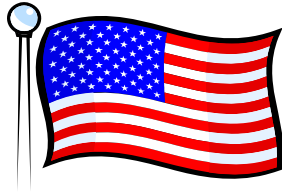
Memberships expire December 31<sup>st</sup>. Members have a grace period for renewal until January 31<sup>st</sup>, after which a \$25 late fee is required to renew the membership.

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR 2009 AMA MEMBERSHIP CARD to this application along with a check payable to Sun Dancers R/C Club for the membership dues. Send or deliver to Sundancers Membership Chairman Ken Bridges, 9639 Fairwood Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEXT MEETING September 5, 2009 - 11:00 AM**

**Midway Field**