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Upcoming Events

August 2 & 3 R/C Display & Demo at Norridgewock Airport

August 9 – Lily Pond Float Fly

August 23 – Club Fly-In - Carrabassett Valley (Note location change)

August 23 – Carrabassett Summerfest

The Carrabassett Summer Fest will be on Saturday August 23 rd. The organizers would like to have the FCAM club have a Model Display and Demo Flying for the public from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. at the Sugarloaf Regional Airport. We will have a grill and some hot dogs for the club members. Other happenings will be an Art show in the afternoon at the north end of airport. They will have live music at the Black Fly ball field. We hope to have a Fly-In (Real Airplanes), and expect a motorized glider for pay air-rides. Loyed Cutler will have an airplane for rides also. Dick Lahaye



***** **Next Meeting** *****

August 23

Club Fly-In and Meeting – Carrabassett Valley

**FCAM 2008
Event Schedule**

Feb 24 Meeting - Anson
 March 23 Meeting - Anson
 April 27 Meeting - Anson
 May 10 Madison "Spring Fest"
 Model Display/Demo
 May 10 Club Fly-in – Pease Field
 May 24 Club Fly-in / Meeting -
 Whispering Pines
 June 14 Float Fly – Lily Pond
 June 28 Club Fly-in / Meeting –
 Whispering Pines
 July 12 Club Fly-in - Pease Field
 July 26 Club Fly-in / Meeting –
 Whispering Pines
 August 2 & 3 RC Display & Demo
 Norridgewock Airport
 Aug 9 Float Fly – Lily Pond
 Aug 23 Club Fly-in / Meeting –
 Carrabassett Valley
 Sept 6 Club Fly-in - Pease Field
 Sept 13 Club Fly-in & Picnic –
 Whispering Pines
 Sept 27 Club Fly-in / Meeting – Pease
 Oct 11 Float Fly – Lily Pond
 Oct 25 Club Fly-in – Whispering
 Pines
 Oct 26 Meeting – Anson
 Nov 8 Club Fly-in – Whispering Pines
 Nov 30 Meeting & Election - Anson
 Dec 8 Snow Fly – Whispering Pines

Event Cancellation

Should an event be canceled due to weather, it will be held the following day, Sunday.

New Portland Bi-Centennial by Art Aube

The club had been invited to participate in New Portland's Bi-Centennial celebration, but putting on flying demonstrations, both at the club field and at the fairgrounds. I do not know how much publicity, if any, preceded the big day on Saturday, but it surely didn't draw much of a crowd at either place. The weather was nice, with only a slight breeze, but quite hot.

At the flying field, only ten club members showed up, plus invited guest Bob Chapman. I only saw a couple people come watch our flying. The demos at the fairgrounds didn't seem to attract that much attention either.

It seemed that everyone stayed in the shade near the edges of the woods surrounding the fairgrounds.

Our 50/50 raffle and Kit raffle were not too successful although we came out in the black for the whole days activities. We even collected a couple bucks more in the donation box (can) than the hotdogs, rolls and condiments cost us.

The flying covered the very quiet (hand-launched glider), the quiet (electric) and loud (nitro power). Only one serious crash occurred when Joe B's Senior Kadet wing folded. Another minor mishap occurred when Art's Mid-Star did a touch and go and left his main gear on the runway. Surprisingly the plane continued flying and he landed it in the tall grass surrounding the field. This latter mishap did put a black mark on Art's highly touted workmanship (let alone his flying ability) and it is expected to affect future orders for some of his work.

Thanks go to the members who helped stake out our flying area at the fairgrounds, and taking up all the stakes after we flew, also to Joe B for mowing the field, he did a great job and lastly to Rollie W for bringing and setting up, not one, not two, but three pop up shelters that helped keep us shaded and cooler.

All in all, it was a good day.

Late update just received from Frank. I had a call from Mrs Bearor and she is sending us a \$100.00 check for flying at the centennial. Frank



Vern Duckworth Memorial Float Fly by Art Aube

Vern must have put in a real good word to the weather gods, cause we got a real good day for float flying. It was hot, but with little or no wind. Strangely, there were a lot of hard landings and engines that did not want to stay running. Even the electric types were not immune to being retrieved. Wayne's canoe and later Joe G's kayak got quite a workout. I think I almost heard Vern laughing at all our misfortunes. But despite the tribulations, we all had a great time, as usual.

I was the first to arrive at 7:00am and was quite surprised to find no one there. Usually Joe G beats everyone and has put in several flights by the time the next flyer appears. We ended up with 13 club members, 12 of which had one or more planes to fly. We also had a couple guest/visitors Roger Engelhardt and Harry Murphy of Madison. Several other people stopped by to observe and chat.

The twelve flyers brought 24 models and I would say all of them got flown at least once. Just before lunch, Joe G informed me that he had put in seven flights. Most everyone got in four or more flights. It was a busy airspace over Lily Pond.

There were several hard landings, the most severe happened to Art Gertloff. I don't know the cause of the crash, but the plane came down in the puckerbrush across the pond. The plane was demolished.

My Geese' first flight was not a good one. There were several issues, too much elevator travel, probably tail heavy and greatly in need of DOWN elevator. The situation was so bad that I decided to bring it in. The landing (if you wish to call it that) was atrocious and the plane ended up, upside down. I was extremely disappointed and ended up giving the plane away. (after all the goodies are removed) There was very little damage to the airplane, but my ego was badly damaged.

The electric types suffered also. Their ego's likewise damaged. We found that when an electric planes ends up upside down in the water, it cannot get itself back to shore either.

Wayne and I brought our small grills and the crowd got to eat their fill of dogs and burgers. Thanks go out to Wayne for cleaning up and weed whacking the area the day before. Also thanks to him for making his canoe available. And again thanks to Wayne and Rollie W. for bringing and putting up shelters, which were very welcome on the hot day.

Other new planes that flew or attempted to fly, were Paul Flohn's Levesque, which I do not think got off the water. Bob C's Senior Kadet flew exceeding well, which is no surprise in Bob's able hands.

Missed seeing Matt Dyer, Greg Jolda, Jay Wiley and others who have participated in this float flying fun in the past.

The next scheduled float fly event will happen on August 9th. Hope to see a record crowd there.

Monsieur A

A couple of notes: *Along with Art's disappointment, I was very disappointed with my Mallard. I had Wayne test fly it and it wasn't fun so it most likely will not see the water again. Wayne says he is in "therapy" now to recover from the trauma!*

Paul's Leveque suffered an electrical failure after Bob was unable to fly it off the water. (The component has since been replaced). Hopefully, it will maiden at the next event – maybe a hand launch will be necessary. Joe



Editors note: Videos and photos from this event can be viewed on the KVMA Web Site
www.modelaviators.org

F C A M Meeting Minutes July-26-2008

Meeting was called to order at 12:18 pm by president Frank Bedard, with nine members present

It was voted to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter.

The treasures report was read by treasurer Ken Fenner and accepted by the members present.

Old business;

Frank Bedard recieved a note and a check from Pete Bearor. She explained that the \$100.00 check was donated to our club by the New Portland Bi-Centennial Committee, for our display of flying at the fairgrounds. The treasurer will compose a thank-you card and send it to Juli Wills of the Bi-Centennial Committee.

New business;

A discussion was made about the Norridgwock weekend. Art Aube, Bob Chapman, and Wayne White will be taking care of the site prep work the week before the flyin. Anyone who plans to come, on either or both days are encouraged to bring their best airplanes for display or to fly. Flying space is restricted, so pilots will have to be capable. For more info contact Art, Bob, or Wayne.

It was decided to move the Sport-fly and meeting at Whispering Pines on Aug.-23, to the Carrabassett Valley event. We have been asked to put on a display and flight domos. They will provide hot dogs and soft drinks.

Meeting ajourned at 12:42pm.

Minutes submitted by Wayne White (secretary)

Thanks

Just wanted to thank the Bi-Centennial Committee for their \$100.00 donation to our club. I know that none of us at the Franklin County Aircraft Modelers expected anything like this. We enjoy our flying and when other people enjoy it too, that is the best compliment we could we could receive. It's a pleasure dealing with such super people, and the donation will be put to good use at our club field. Thanks again from all of us.

Wayne White (Secretary FCAM)