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**Upcoming Events**

Oct 11 – Float Fly - Lily Pond  
Oct 25 – Club Fly-In – Whispering Pines

**Indoor Flying**

*“Today I got us on the schedule for indoor flying at the Anson Gym. For October we are on for the 14th and the 28th, at 6:00pm till whenever. I asked about getting our own key, and they will let me know. If there are any changes in the schedule, I will pass the word.”* Wayne

**Raffle Winners**

Harry Fish won the Sig Kougar Kit that was donated by Ron Smith's daughter for our annual raffle. Ron received the kit for Christmas but passed away before he was able to build it.

Frank Bedard won the \$50.00 gas card that was raffled off.

Congratulations to both winners and thanks to all those that purchased tickets. The Kougar raffle brought in \$83.00 and the gas card \$90.00.

\*\*\*\*\* Next Meeting \*\*\*\*\*

Sunday, October 26 at 7pm  
Indoor Meeting at Garrett/Schenck School - Anson

**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 – Whispering  
Pines

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.

**Joe's Seamaster 'E'**

Maiden flight of my new electric powered Seamaster took place at Pattees Pond on Sept 14 and all went well. Got in two flights before the weather took a turn for the worse. Flew it again at the Lily Pond event Sept 20. Three more flights and all went well. Bob Chapman flew it so I could get some video. (<http://www.modelaviators.org/2008/Videos/Float/Joe%27s%20SeamasterE.wmv>) Very pleased with the performance. Matt got some nice photos also. Notice the nice fall colors coming out!

~ Joe



## Lily Pond – Sept 4



An unscheduled event – Wayne was on vacation! - was attended by a few dedicated flyers, namely Wayne, Art, Frank , Bob H. and myself. The weather was great with very little breeze until we were just about finished shortly before noon. Some very nice flying! A nice lesson learned is bring more than one plane in case you have engine trouble! I had three so it wasn't me.

~ Joe G.

## Lily Pond - Sept 20



Another fantastic float flying day! Flyers included Wayne, Art, Frank, Matt, Roland, Bob C. (KVMA) and Roger, Paul F. (KVMA), and myself. Ken and Richard stopped by for a few minutes near the end of the flying session. A number of planes took to the air, some electric and some glow. Everyone got in some great flying with quite a number of models.

The breeze came up late morning but not an issue for most planes. The kayak was used a few times for rescue voyages and one plane managed to snag a branch near the road and suffered some damage.

After a nice lunch put on by chefs Art and Wayne and a bit more flying, we called it a day.

~ Joe

## Pease Field day

The day started out foggy but Wayne already had in two flights – in the fog – by the time I arrived at ten of eight! Just couldn't go too high!

This turned out to be an ideal work day as we mowed the entire field and were done by 10:15 am! Frank and Jim A. both brought their tractors and another individual – not a member – brought a four-wheeler with a bushhog. We also had our two small lawn tractors to mow the flying area. All this equipment made short work of our commitment to mow this field each year – our only requirement for using the field.

After the work was completed, we got in some flying and another of those “hot dog” lunches before I called it a day and headed back to camp.

~ Joe

## Annual Picnic

*“Despite some anxious moments the club picnic could be termed a success. Thanks to Bob Hines who saved the day by providing us with an old, medium sized grill. After it was cleaned up it worked well enough to cook the chicken. We had a total of twenty people showing up and eating. Roy Jackson and his wife were invited and joined us, along with Shirley Haggas (Vern's widow) and another couple who just happen to show up to watch the flying. The rest were club members and five of the members' wives.*



Nice to see the ladies join us for our Annual Picnic.



Art has been runover by one of his "favorite" types of planes. Actually, I think he refers to this as "cub ugly"!

*The weather was tolerable and improved as the day progressed. We had a good variety of salads, desserts and finger food. Thanks go to Wayne W., Shorty P. and Rollie W. for bringing and setting up shelters and to Shorty, Wayne and Joe Blier for providing tables.*

*Shorty and I did the cooking chores. Of the 35 chicken legs cooked I ended up taking home three (very well done) legs which no one cared to eat.*

*It was a great day for flying and everyone who brought planes, and cared to fly, got in plenty of flight time. I do not recall any crashes occurring, if there were any they were minor.*

*Thanks to all who brought promised salads, dessert, rolls, plates, utensils, butter, etc and Frank for the bean hole beans.*

*I do hope that whoever runs this thing next year has a good knack for mind-reading.”*

Monsieur A

### One, Two, or more batteries?

Those of us flying larger electrics sometimes have a choice to make, use a single large battery or two smaller batteries in parallel. Both solutions can result in the same power but there are some reasons why you might pick one solution

over the other.

First, a single larger battery will be easier and quicker to recharge if you have only a charger capable of doing one battery. And there is less wiring involved and it may be easier to secure in the plane. Simplicity! Less expensive!

On the other hand, some prefer using two or maybe even more batteries to accomplish the same task. Reasons? Well, those smaller batteries can individually be used in smaller models. If a battery is damaged due to an “incident”, possibly the other(s) are OK. In some cases, you may be able to install the batteries in a manner that makes balancing the model much easier. As an example, my new Seamaster is powered by two 5 cell 2200 mah batteries in parallel. (5S2P 4400 mah). Or by two sets in parallel of a 3 cell and a 2 cell 2200 in series yielding the same power but also makes for interesting charging! But I have some special cables I made up that solve the issue and I have multiple chargers.

But charging can become an issue as noted above. If you have the chargers available, not such a big issue. And you just might have on hand multiple batteries that can handle the task. Just personal preference!

~ Joe