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Next Club Meeting

Date: June 9th, 2007
Place: Wells Field – Deer Creek, IL
Time: 4-5 PM Gather, 5-6 PM eat & meeting

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Officers

Squadron Commander
Steve Hendricks

Flight Leaders
Jamie Kee
Art Tattersall

Treasurer
Richard Baner

Secretary
Lynn Dunaway

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor (not reporter)
Tom Eichhorn

Meeting Minutes

By Tom Eichhorn

May 2007

May's meeting was held at Wells Field in Deer Creek. Officers in attendance were: Steve Hendricks, Art Tattersall and Tom Eichhorn.

New business:

Cheryl Eichhorn asked that the April Club meeting be held at a convenient dining facility as the Jan, Feb and March meetings are, since the weather in April usually results in cancellation of the meeting. All agreed.

Rick Jones said he has a fellow that will roll the field for the cost of gas to get there and gas to roll it. All agreed.

A reminder that the next meeting will be at Wells Field, June 9th.

Since the weather is improving Friday, Saturday and Sunday barbecues are encouraged. Saturday barbecues being the more organized and family attended. Club members should bring a meat, bread to put it in (if needed) and a side dish.

Please feel free to invite guests the more the merrier.

May Happenings at Deer Creek International

By Allan Mays

The month of May signals the beginning of the flying season for many sport flyers and Deer Creek International has seen an increase in activity accordingly. The grill has been fired up and most aircraft are airworthy (or very close). We can look forward to summer meetings at the field and flying in the glass smooth air in the hour or so prior to sunset!

Deer Creek International has seen both the very young and the more mature take an interest in flying already this season. Tim and Barb Wells' grandson, Oliver, was a very pleasant young visitor at the field and appeared to be quite at home in the pilot seat of the Hendricks' trike!



On the other end of the maturity range, my mom went for her first flight in a trike, also in the Hendricks' ELSA. Thirty years ago this September I received my private pilot license and took my mom for a flight the very next day. I thought it would be fun to bring back some memories by taking her on a flight again; only this time flying a weight shift aircraft. We had a very nice flight exploring the Mackinaw River and generally enjoying the local scenery from aloft. I don't think we'll make the Guinness Book of World Records but, at 86 years young, I do believe mom can safely claim to be the most mature female flyer at D. C. I. airfield !



The latest addition to the field is a weight shift aircraft that started out life in far away Hungary. It won't be long before it's bright red and blue wing graces the skies above our home field. Remember, all are welcome at the field to visit, grill and of course fly for fun!



Special Thanks

Special thanks go out to Allan Mays for his contribution this month that made our newsletter possible

Notice to All Ultralight\Light Sport Aircraft Clubs

We encourage any club or organization that is within a 180-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois to email us with news of their club fly-ins or links to their sites.

We email our newsletter to other clubs (EAA, USUA, ASC or non-affiliated) in hopes of furthering the awareness of Ultralights\LSA and our sport within our communities.

Any farmer that is interested in developing an airpark and creating a higher yield than a cash crop, please email us.

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