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The next LCMFA Monthly Meeting is September 11th at 7:00 PM at the Pavilion. This will be our last 2024 meeting at the RC Park.

Mini-Rallies

It seems to me that this year there were only three or four weekends between our events that we did not have a mini-rally on Friday, Saturday or Sunday! Trying to work in a trip to an out-of-state event actually was a challenge. However, I skipped enough mini-rallies to make it to Jets over the Heartland, and Jets over Kentucky. Also I have my sights set on Rosewood in October. I did miss Horizon Hobby's event this year because I just had to catch up on a few things here. Also, the new dog needed some time to get used to me. While being at home, I did manage to knock out most of the stuff on the to-do list I even managed to get to a couple of the mini-rallies.

The mini-rallies are NOT just for jets. I think I have seen every type of aircraft at the last couple rallies. So, you might want to join us. If you are interested in being in on the mini rally notices, please send me an email and I'll add you to the distribution list.

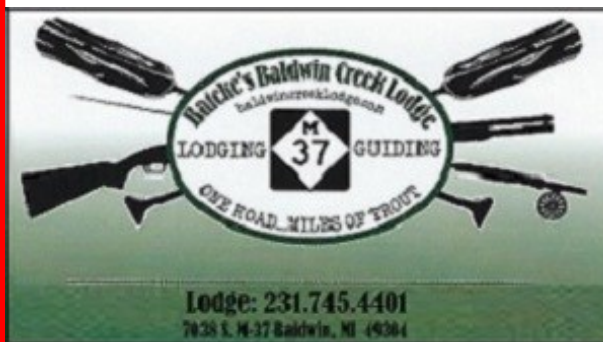
All Things Considered

As I write this we are closing in on our last organized event. The West Michigan Fun-fly is scheduled for this weekend September 13 & 14. Given all the shuffling around we did this year with CDs and food service, putting on our four annual events, this year has been a challenge. However, we are down to wire, and things are looking up for next year.

This year we also had several of our members not available to help with their usual contribution toward running an event, field maintenance and/or other things that need to be done to maintain the field. Fortunately, several members stepped up to help keep the grass cut and help with some of the other maintenance items.

Apparently few members realize what it takes to keep the field maintained and ready for use 24/7. Hopefully we can continue to expand the number of members willing to help with the tasks necessary to keep the field. Many hands make for easy work. If we can't maintain the field, we do not deserve to have it! I personally do not support a mandated work requirement for membership. But another year like this year and that could be on the table!

Sponsor of the Month



LCMFA 2024 Event Schedule

West Michigan "Fun Fly" - September 13&14, 2024

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School Program Update

With school back in session, I am looking at what we want to do with Drone Soccer. Ideally I would like to see the 8 students from last year return and also start 6 more new students. If we get two teams of five we can be competitive and enter into some of the competition offered by Drone Soccer USA.

Also, I would like to get a couple other schools involved this year. This will take some networking effort and may be difficult because of the involved startup cost and commitment from a teacher at each site. But, this year, I plan to pursue this goal.

In the meantime we need a couple more instructors. The plan was to get last year's students back and let them help teach the new students. But even then, the instructor to student ratio is 1:2 most of the time. Also, we will have to have something to offer the returning students to further their skills. So, ... this year we have a lot of work to plan.

If you would like to help with this program please contact me ASAP (907) 903-3569. That way we can ID the best day to meet with the students. You really do not need much experience. We'll get you up to speed as we go. So please do give some thought to helping the kids out!

Grand Oaks' Car Show

In our spare time, ... Several of our members installed our admin tent and 20' pop-up at Grand Oaks Nursing Home so their residents could attend a car show in their parking lot. To the crew that showed up, THANK YOU! It was a walk in the park, ... right up until we discovered that someone used the pop-up and put it away with a broken truss. FORTUNATELY, we had a spare truss.

If something gets broken, please let us know about it. I am not ever concerned with "who done it." I just want to ensure we can use it when we need to!

The RC Park Needs Some TLC

Somehow we have gotten all the through the season and not painted both building's service doors and pavilion boards that we should have done last year. Also the pavilion's safety nets are falling down because the end ropes need to be replaced. We also have signage on the fences that are blowing in the wind. I took several down. We do not even have the fun-fly signage up on the main sign! The weeds on the main runway are out of control. We typically take care of the weeds. Two Pavilion Solar Panels are broken and the whole panel is down on the table in the pavilion. This needs to be repaired and mounted differently so it does not ever again become a danger to our members.

With all the rain we got and all the mini-rallies, basically the main event area grass had to be cut almost every week. I also did manage to get the weeds on the main runway for the 1300' or so adjacent to the main runway.

Greg Bayle built the shelves in Building 2. He also reorganized and cleaned up Building 1. Greg cut the grass many times both as scheduled and in-between scheduled dates. I also cut the turf runways and control line area at least twice.

I know Greg and I can not continue this type of commitment to the RC Park's maintenance. We have to change things.

In the past, the President scheduled the work parties and listed what needed to be done in advance. Members would let us know when they can make it. They were assigned certain tasks so that they could come equipped with the right tools and materials. Then, we would show up and do the work. Many times Mac and I would tackle some of the bigger things before the work party. But we can no longer tackle things this way.

Just Catching Up, ... Maybe

I thank Jon Stotz for fixing the Sprinkler system. It was about to blow it's cork. Jon caught it in a nick of time. I really dread working on sprinkling systems. It made my day when I went out to ensure the system was turned back on after a mini-rally and it was fixed!

We had a really great Pilot's dinner at the Boondoggle. We awarded the silent auction stuff and made over \$600. I also thank the doners who paid for the dinner and cake. Without our doners, we would not exist! Thank you.

Crew Appreciation Dinner

The Crew Appreciation Dinner is on the agenda for this year again. We will settle on a date maybe in November to beat the fowl weather. I have a couple nice prizes pigeon-holed for that event.

Election Update

This year we have to elect a President. If you would like to be nominated for President, please submit your nomination before 7:00 PM tomorrow (Sept 11) to Tammy.

NOTAMs are Required

To fly w/o remote ID, we have to issue NOTAMs to let the FAA know we are out there and are not transmitting Remote ID broadcasts. We are fortunate in that we set up to do NOTAMs using the FAA's on-line system. It only takes a couple minutes to issue our NOTAMs. The hardest part is figuring the dates and times as the FAA does things in GMT. Also, remembering to even do them is sometimes a challenge. So far, we just put the NOTAMs in for sanctioned events and mini-rallies. Next year, I think we might put in NOTAMs with a month's duration. This will cover the times like Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and any other time within the NOTAM's duration

What R U Building?

I would bet that there is more repairing than building going on. It is that time of the year that we want to just keep things together long enough to get through the season. However, ...

I know that Jim Maike has been working on his jets. We were programming the turbine at the one of the mini-rallies. Below is his Reaction 54.



Marshal is starting on his new Bobcat.



Ken Olsen had built a new Extreme Flight Falcon for the Boondoggle. However, some of the formers needed to be reglued. Ken told me that work is done, and the airframe is flying. He is still working on figuring out that new turbine though.

Me? I am prepping Drone Soccer equipment. I disassembled for reuse a couple of the kits that were put together by folks who either did not complete them or are no longer with the program. Now I am about to experiment with programming roll, pitch, and yaw to make them more aggressive



West Michigan Fun Fly Sept 13-14 at the Baldwin RC Park



- The Lake County Modelers and Flyers present the Fourth annual West Michigan Fun Fly at the Baldwin RC Park (7668 S. M-37, Baldwin, MI.)
- **The Main Event Area will be open to jets, giants, helis, piston powered and electric operated planes. We will ensure that all types of aircraft get up into the airspace safely.**
- **The turf runways and fiber mat will also be open for your use. Bring your aircraft for this free two-day event.**
- **The RC Car and Rock Crawler Tracks will be open for use. Bring your toys and have some fun! Come check out the curves and obstacles on the car tracks.**
- **Onsite battery charging stations open for your use.**
- **Onsite food service on Saturday and maybe even Friday.**
- **Spectators are welcome Friday and Saturday 10am - 5pm. Bring a cooler & lawn chair to watch all the action at this free event!**
- **Bring the whole family outdoors for a fun filled day at the Baldwin RC Park.**
- **Free primitive camping for pilots, event workers, and their guests.**
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