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Greetings, members,

Our meeting is this Sunday at the field. The forecast now looks good for flying, but you may want to bring your tents because of high temp of 94 is forecast with 7mph on the wind. We will have plenty of ice cold water in the fridge. So, come early and bring a plane or two out to fly!!!

Seems like we are in the hot time of the year so when flying I will get an early start. There have been several new planes that have had their maiden flights with success. Just two fly-ins this month. Lawrence electric fly-in this Saturday and Warbirds over Perry on the 29th. Only one I see is August and that is at Hillsdale for their John Ostmeyer Memorial on the 26th. In September we have Salina's fly in on the 9th and ours on the 16th and Lawrence Big Bird on the 23rd. Summer is going fast so hope you can attend some of these fun fly-ins. We will be selling raffle tickets for our fly-in in a few weeks at the hobby shop for 3 different planes.

Rumors have it that Bill Miller will maiden Wayne's big 310 soon. Wayne has had some bad luck lately, but I feel that is going to change soon.

When the weather cools off we will have a work day at the field and repair several of our flight stands. Hope to see you at the field soon!!!

Remember to send John Kauk something to print/show for YOUR newsletter. I would like to have members write about how they started in the hobby and where they are today. Each member has a different story. Lets see it!!!

Remember to support your local Hobby Shop!!!

Vernon

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Ouch!

Last weekend I went up to Salem Township, Michigan to the 33rd Annual Mid America fly in. I've gone to that event 23 times in my life, and it's always fun. This time around, I had a few brain fades while flying and while getting ready to fly. All of these things were me getting out of my routine, doing things that I don't normally do, or just forgetting to do something I usually do.

Preparing for a flight with the little Avanti EDF, I put a battery into it and didn't check the voltage first. I always check battery voltage before I fly. Well, not any more, I guess. I took off and had a good flight, right up to the point where the ESC hit its cutoff voltage and suddenly I had no power. The plane was configured for landing, gear and flaps down, so I called "dead stick!" and immediately headed for the runway. I had just enough energy to skim over the top of the really dense, long grass around the field and made a nice landing on the runway. Disaster averted, but just barely and when I checked the battery after the flight I realized what I had done.

After that I was a little shaken, and continued to make little errors. At the end of the day I ended up crashing my Turbo Bushmaster pretty badly. I stalled it while flying aerobatics low and slow, and couldn't recover. I probably should have just stopped for the day earlier.

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All this just to point out that Bill Miller and John Dalton have a pretty good idea when they emulate full scale pilots and go through a written checklist before flights to make sure they've done everything right before committing to a takeoff. That wouldn't have kept me from crashing the Bushmaster, but it sure would have prevented the dead stick landing with the jet.

John Kauk
Editor

Summer Fly In Photos



Many thanks for all the hard work in the concession stand!

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Jim Morgan worked pretty hard in the registration booth. Thanks, Jim!



We sure had a good turnout, and lots of flying in spite of the wind.