

# N.E. Kansas Blue Sky Squadron, Inc.

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Vernon took this photo of Bill Miller flying at the Riley County Flier's fly-in in Manhattan on June 7. It looks like it was a pretty good day.

### Presidents Corner

Well, rain, rain, rain!! We asked for it and now we are still getting it!!! So our spring fly-in was rescheduled because of the weather forecast for windy and rainy weather. Ok, we could have flown, but not many people would come from afar because of the forecast and being on Memorial weekend (we didn't catch that one until it was too late), so maybe we are better off rescheduling it. Sorry John Dalton!!

We have moved our June meeting to June 14 so we can have it before our June 20<sup>th</sup> fly-in and also because of Father's day falling on the regular meeting day. The meeting will be at the flying site and we can review the details of our fly-in.

If at first you don't first succeed then try, try and try again. This is what Bill Miller has done with his beautiful Spitfire. He flew 6 laps last week without it overheating and dying. Well, maybe the 64 degree weather had something to do with it, but Bill has replaced/redone about everything on the front of the plane so maybe it is fixed. Tune in to July for the rest of the story!!!

Have you visited our club website lately? Darrin Nesmith is our new webmaster and he is doing a great job on it. It is still under construction, but improving every week. Thank you, Darrin, for your work on our website. And also thanks to all those who are mowing the field, and to Bob for mowing down the trees to the west of the field.

Bill Bibert was the lucky winner for the \$20 gift certificate to Dee and Mee hobbies at our May meeting. Congrats Bill!!!

We have had a few dry days to fly and it was good to see so many members at the field on a Wednesday!!! The field is looking good, but we will need to schedule a time to set the field up for the fly-in again. I will email everybody a couple of days before.

Looks like a few more fly-ins are early this month. These are fun to go to, to fly in a new place, to meet new friends and visit with old friends. You don't have to be an expert pilot to attend these events. We go to support their clubs and they in return

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come to our events to support us. If we get enough support from other pilots, we may not have to raise our dues, but right now we all (who used to be IMAA members) are flying for \$25 less a year without IMAA dues. Guess if we all would save a whopping \$1.25 a month, that would pay for a \$15 a month increase. Just something to think about. (Hmm, gas is also \$1 a gallon cheaper this year). Enough of that for now.

Remember to support our local hobby shop and if you have anything you would like to share, please email it to John Kauk.

See you at the field!!!

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SERVED IN THE ARM FORCES!!!!**

Vernon Nelson



Here's Bill's big Spitfire mentioned in Vernon's article. It's a beautiful plane, and flies really nicely.

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### Paola's Float Fly

On Saturday, June 6th, Paola area clubs held their annual float fly. John Dalton, Jim Morgan, Gary Rauckman and Bill Miller were there to participate in this event. The weather forecast was for no rain for the Paola area when we left. We stopped at Hardee's on the turnpike for breakfast and that was when the rain started. We drove through very heavy rain all the way to Ottawa, then it let up a bit. We got to the flying site and no rain, but no one had set up yet. We waited for only 10 minutes and the hard rain hit us. It only lasted about 15 minutes then let up to clear skies.

It was a bit muddy but that did not stop us from having some float fly fun. There were only about 18 pilots there this year. The club lost two of their members; one to illness and the other in a motorcycle accident. But let's talk about a lighter subject now. Below are some pictures from the event.



Dalton's and Miller's planes sitting in front of our shade.

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A Canadian Bombardier Air 415.



Gary Rauckman's plane.



This is Jim Morgan's Neptune.

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We all had a good time flying. No one damaged anything but Jim did give us all a show or scare, however you want to call it, but made a near perfect landing.

If you never been to a float fly you need to go, lots of fun and excitement. The Lawrence Model Masters are holding their float fly on Saturday, June 27th, at the town of Clinton on the lake. Dalton, Morgan and Miller will be there for sure and hopefully more club members. Come and enjoy!

### Wayne and Bill's 310 Project

Things are getting closer now to having our Cessna 310s completed. Bill has caught up to Wayne in the process and is now taking the lead. They are both ready for the final painting process. Wayne is painting his own while Bill is hiring it done. Wayne is on hold while he works on a full size Cessna 172 that he has gone in on, to restore and sell someday, plus working on other projects as well.

Below is Bill's 310's parts in a primed condition waiting for the next steps to begin. The first step is to spray the parts with a primer-sealer coat. After that comes the polyurethane white base coat. The plane will be trimmed with Missile Red and pinstriped with black. All parts will be painted with clear coat for that glossy glass look. All painting should be completed by July 1st.

