



Balsa Dust

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***** **NEXT MEETING** *****
DATE: *Thursday October 14, 2010*
LOCATION: *East Bloomfield Town Hall*
TIME: *7:30 p.m.*

Max Says

Hey guess what? It's October. Fall is officially here and that means it's time to start on that new winter project or maybe finally finish the one you started last year or several years ago. My project will be a restoration of a plane originally built by Dick Parshell. It's a DeHaveland Gypsy Moth, the predecessor the legendary Tiger Moth. What I got includes wings that need repair, the tail and the landing gear. The fuselage is missing but I have a set of plans so I'm ready to go. I'll keep you posted.

Over Labor Day weekend Nancy and I were camping down in Pennsylvania. While there we went to a Pancake breakfast at the local airport. These types of events are a lot of fun and are held at airports all over. The Experimental Aircraft Association or EAA has a listing of the local aviation events coming up in your area. Just go to www.eaa.org and towards the bottom of the page fill in the form with your zipcode. Next time you have a free weekend day, check it out.

I have scheduled two indoor flying dates this winter at the Livonia Junior High Gym. Saturday December 4th and Saturday February 5th from one to four pm. So reserve the dates and get your indoor flyers ready.

See you at the meeting!

Max



Tips and Tricks

*From the newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Modelers,
Ft. Collins, Colorado*

Vinegar

To remove epoxy from yourself safely, use white vinegar. It's smelly, safe, and very cheap!

Flexible sanding block

A flexible sanding block can be made by contact cementing sandpaper to one side of a urethane sponge. Your sanding block can conform to any curve.

Handy soldering jig

Here's an easy way to solder a threaded coupler. Place the coupler in the jaw of a wire stripper and stretch a rubber band around the handle. This provides the needed tension to hold the coupler (or whatever else) in place while soldering.

—Mel Marcum, Eugene, Oregon

Installing landing gear

When installing landing gear onto the fuselage with plastic or nylon bolts, place a thin 1/16-thick sheet of light plywood or balsa between the aluminum gear and the bottom of the fuse. This way, if by chance you land hard and shear the plastic screws, you have a better chance of getting a grip on a section of the broken plastic for easier removal. [Tech editor's note: Possibly. But better would be to heat the tip of a screw driver in a butane touch and push the hot screwdriver into the broken bolt, it will make a very nice screwdriver slot.]

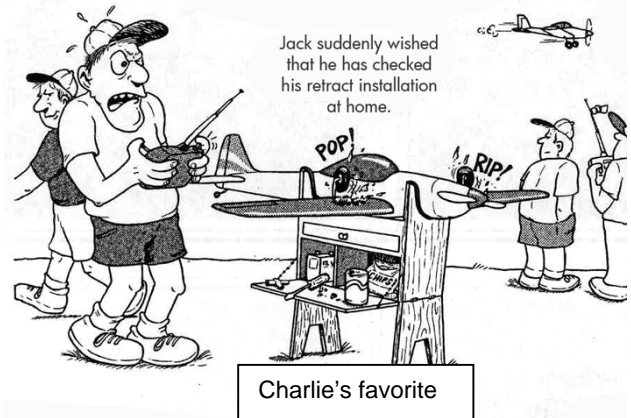
Wire bending

When bending identical parts from small gauge wire, tape the wires together and bend both simultaneously.

Radial engine cowling

Some two-liter soda bottles have a black plastic reinforcement on the bottom. This piece makes an excellent radial engine cowling for your next project. [Tech editor's note: The rest of the bottle can be used for canopies and emptying the bottle first can be fun, too.]

—Jim Trump, Corvallis, Oregon



from the Insider

At The Field

The weather is cooling off but the regulars are still showing up each day. There is the morning shift of Charlie, John, Harve and me and the afternoon shift of Henry, Dick, Don and morning holdovers. There are cameo appearances of Doug and Ned. We even had sightings of Nick and Dave this summer.

We decided to change the oil in the mower when the weather was warm. We removed the mowing deck and cleaned out the grass stuck to the bottom. The noise we heard must have been the back of the blades hitting the grass build up. When we finished the mowing deck was very quiet when engaged. I guess I would have made a lot of noise if I had that much grass build up on me.

We are still hopeful that we will get a few more days flying off Canadice this year. The weather hasn't been the best for this activity with the wind we have had.

Max has made arrangements for some indoor flying again this year. The specifics are in the **calendar of events**.

The pizza king aka. Joe made a cameo appearance at the field. He is still making repairs on his planes and hopes to be back in the air next spring. We have not seen the

Titusville Terror. I did some checking and he is still alive and kicking. With the weather we have been having he is counting the days until he heads south. This is the yearly warning to the Titusville flyers that Tom will be on his way on the 26th of October.

If you haven't seen Tom Sharpe fly his helicopter lately you would be very impressed with the progress he has made this summer. He is doing some face in flying and I have been told he is even doing loops. He is also the proud owner of a new T-Rex helicopter. I expect we will see the new one next year.

If you are not aware Carol Coye had back surgery in August. She is recovering very well and so far it seems the back pain has been resolved.

I hope to see you at Ladies Night Out this year. Max has done a great job of organizing things.

If you do get a chance to fly before the snow flies, be careful of the plane eating trees.

Max will be sending out a post card reminder and we will follow up with a call to determine attendees and obtain your meal selection.

I was not able to make the dinner last year but the feed back on the meal was very positive.

Calendar of Events

10/30 Ladies Night Out

10/30 Sky Rovers Auction

12/4 Indoor flying from 1:00 to 4:00 at Livonia Junior High

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More Tips

Ladies Night Out October 30th

Our annual Ladies Night Out is scheduled for October 30th.

- **Location:** Aces Restaurant in Honeoye NY
- **Time:** 6:30 PM

Menu Selections:

- **Chicken Romano-\$16.95**
Breaded Chicken Breast topped with ham, broccoli, Swiss cheese and hollandaise sauce.
- **Shrimp and Scallop Marinara-\$17.95**
Shrimp and Scallop marinara over penne pasta, served with garden salad.
- **Beef Pot Roast-\$16.95**
Beef pot roast served with mashed potatoes. Served with a garden salad.

All dinners include rolls, butter, coffee, tea and dessert.



SEPARATE THOSE SHEETS

The protective backing on some covering films can be difficult to separate, initially. A strip of masking tape applied to each side creates a "handle" on which to pull—sheets then easily peel apart.



Tom and the Joe aka. the pizza king found a restaurant when they went to the STARS rally in Olean.



Jim and Max enjoying the afternoon.



The Sky Rovers fun fly in July.



My P-47 on a flyby.. I thought Max did a great job taking the photo.



Max and Jim getting ready to put in a flight at the Sky Rovers.



Trevor Ewell and friends. Trevor pilots the B-17 shown in the next page of photos.



A beautiful B-17 that Trevor Ewell flies at the local events. He is getting more accurate with his bomb drops.



I guess the way Jim is standing it is Max that is doing the flying. Notice the famous billboard in front of them.



A nice display of planes at the Sky Rovers.



This one is for our Skyraider fans Ken, Greg and Stuff.



The gruesome twosome getting Max's plane ready for a flight.



Trevor making his magic with the B-17. He put on a very good demonstration flight.