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# W.O.W.

### **RCCD's 2010 Watts Over Wetzel**

It's Saturday evening, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The weather forecast for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the *Watts Over Wetzel* (W.O.W) electric event at RCCD looks dismal: Rain and wind, neither of which are suitable companions electric model aircraft. After many e-mails and phone calls that night and in the small hours of Sunday morning, CD Mike Pavlock and the RCCD leadership make the tough call to invoke the published rain date. W.O.W. is now rescheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. It looks like Mike's weather luck has finally run out.

Mike turns on his simple but effective W.O.W. communication: E-mails to the many potential participants, and a posting on the dedicated W.O.W. website that he had requested early in the planning stages. Communication so effective that no visitors showed up and just a hand-full of RCCD members did, just in case they were needed. In typical RCCD fashion, they made the most of their time, swapping yarns and cultivating lies!

Now the double guessing begins! What if the weather on the 16<sup>th</sup> will be worse?.....

Mike's lady friend returned..... Lady Luck brought almost perfect conditions for the rain



date. So why is it called a "rain date" when it is sunny, but the day that it rained is not called the "rain date"?.... I digress.

RCCD members started arriving at/or before 7:00 am to help with the set-up. After Mike's son, Scott, held the pilots' meeting, the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes signaled that flying could begin. The last pilot to register put the pilot count at 64 and there were also many non-flying helpers and visitors. RCCD field was a busy place. Continued on page 3

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Gravity wins!

# **The Presidential Podium**



Greetings fellow club members,

The 2010 flying season has been kicked off with some great events. Our Brag Day, although it fell on a poor flying day, was a lot of fun for the guys that did show. Our WOW event was a huge success even though we had to utilize the rain date. We had approximately 65 signed pilots and did extremely well for the club treasury. This event is getting better attendance every year and I believe it is time to kick it up a notch and make this a 2 day event next year. Now all I have to do is convince our electric CD's for life, Mike and Scott Pavlock, to go along with this. For a change, our first combat event had decent weather and I think it showed in the turnout. Don did his usual fine job of putting this together and also managed to compete. I would like to thank our members for the great turnout of people to work these events. Without your help these would not be the great events that they have been.

June promises to be a very active month at the field. First up is our joint EAA/RCCD event, followed by the Big Bird and  $2x^2$  Rally. If the weather holds, and if we get the same enthusiasm from our members, we should do quite well with these also.

I have scheduled a day trip to the AMA museum for July  $18^{th}$ . I have made arrangements to charter a bus for the trip. We will be leaving at approximately 6AM and returning about 10PM. The cost for the trip will be \$45.00 per person for the bus. I need 45 confirmed attendees to make this happen. I will need your money by June  $30^{th}$  if you would like to go. The Museum is open from 10-4 on Sundays, and also on that day the Pattern Nationals start, so you should get a chance to see some really cool flying.

On a final note, we have quite a few new members this year. Please try to show them the helpfulness and courtesy that this club is known for. Nothing makes me prouder of this club that to hear from visitors and new members how friendly everyone is.

Wheels Down, John

# The Editor's "Knife Edge of Reality"

This flying and events season is up and running and we're ready for some fun. Come on down and get high with us.....pun intended.

**Something worth checking into** is the **AMA** *Insider*, the AMA National Newsletter. As an AMA member, this is part of the advantages of membership. Go to: **www.modelaircraft.org/insider.** You can sign up and automatically receive the bimonthly newsletter. It's an excellent and informative publication.

If you have **something to contribute to the RCCD Newsletter**, an article or anything, please give me a holler. I'd like to be the "editor" as opposed to the "writer". ;)



duckguylsb@juno.com or (586) 790-2678. Thanks much, Lou Tisch

Note: the lead photo for the **Watts Over Wetzel** (page 1) is the 1/6 scale, 7.5 lbs. model of *Black Magic*, the 1934 *DeHavilland Comet* racer. It has an 88" wingspan and is powered by twin Scorpion motors and 4s2p A123s batteries. Photo by Lou Tisch

Special thanks to Greg Cardillo for the great photo work on our **Watts Over Wetzel** event. Greg has graciously allowed us to use any photos we wanted for the website &/or newsletter. Thanks much Greg......Lou

More of Greg's photos are available at: <u>http://www.gmcdesign.com/gallery/wow</u>

# Watts Over Wetzel



The six pilot stations were occupied much of the day, but there was seldom any waiting if you wanted to fly. And the pilots flew! Electrics large and small; early bipes to modern jets; scale and sport; gliders and hot liners; foamies and "crunchies"; even a Pterodactyl! In addition to powering model aircraft, electric watts can sure power the imagination.

The breeze picked up to about 10 mph during the middle of the day, when most of us took time to enjoy a bratdog, hotdog, burger, fixin's and a drink, thanks to the efforts of the folks at the grill.

Punctuating the day, we were treated to spectacular flight demonstrations. Keith Shaw flew his **DeHavilland Comet - Black Magic, Bearcat, Moeler Stomo, Bucker Jungmeister and Vought V173 – "Flapjack".** Chris Haas tumbled his dad's **U-Can-Do** with the nimble fingers of youth, and Ken Niewoit's **Ultimate Bipe** ended the myth very convincingly, that electric aircraft and underpowered! Take a look at the videos off these dem-

onstrations and other WOW highlights on the *WOW*, or *Picture and Video* pages on **www.rccd.org.** 





Joe McMillan's DeHavilland Beaver

Keith Shaw's *Moeler Stomo* makes a return engagement



Keith Shaw's 81" *Bearcat* uses 10s2p A123s, an Astro 60 brushless motor and a 3:1 belt drive. The 1/5.5 scale model weighs 14lb



JoeMcMillan's *Twin Otter* on display but not flown

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# Watts Over Wetzel



This was the first year we called the event the *Watts Over Wetzel*, but it was the  $5^{th}$  year we have hosted our Spring electric event at RCCD. Thanks to the great effort of the many members who helped out under the leadership Mike and Scott, it was again a great success and the turn-out continues to grow.

**RCCD** and all the pilots wish to extend a big thank you to the sponsors and your generous prize donations that were awarded throughout the day: *Castle* 

**CDs Mike & Scott Pavlock** throughout the day: *Castle Creations* who have supported us since the event started are joined by *True RC; Horizon Hobbies; Great Planes; Prop Shop; RC Foam; Air Time Hobby;* and *Land Sea and Air Hobby*. David Biegas was the winner of the "Must be there to win" raffle, the 40-size power system, consisting of a motor, ESC, battery and gift certificate.





Winner-Dave Biegas

So just how many watts were over Wetzel that Sunday? At 11:30 am, the plane count was over 120 aircraft, covering a very wide range of electricpowered models mentioned above.

From my 13-inch *Sopwith 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Strutter* at about 20 Watts, to Ken Niewoit's **46%** *Ultimate Bipe* with 8000 Watts "under the hood". My SWAG (Scientific Wild A\*\* Guess) suggests about 60,000 Watts of (mostly) Lithium-based grunt.



Samples from the pits







by Noel Hunt

# More...Watts Over Wetzel

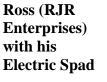
Our WOW Electric Event (Watts Over Wetzel) has become an outstanding success with phenomenal growth in this, our 5th year. Several years ago I bought a couple small electric planes and didn't really "see" where this electric "fad" was going. I brought 4 of those small electric planes: Cub, Extra, Christen Eagle & Miss Vintage. I was underwhelming with my assemblage of models. There were some collections of small field models but also some eye popping large & multi-engine rigs that left me dumbfounded, though there will be some that think I spend much of my time like that.





This years event really showed the current status and indications of electric's future and it seems that there is no limit. We saw Noel's tiny 1 1/2 Strutter alongside Ken Niewoit's 46% Ultimate Bipe (both shown on page 4). If I'm correct, Ken had a 15 hp electric motor in that Ultimate and the sound and performance were unbelievable. This was one of the best attended event in our recent history with 120 airplanes and 65 pilots. The Transmitter Impound gives you a sense of the number of fliers and that





Transmitter Impound Representing 120 Models **65** Pilots

Brian Gilkey with his **"Faster than the eye** can follow" 160 mph "WhatWasThat!"

**Doug Norris Electric Twin** Pterodactyl (impressive flying ship)

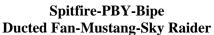
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# More...Watts Over Wetzel







Reactor Bipe-Cub-ME 109 Ready for the air



Team Gilkey Scott & Brian prep for flight



**Gaggle of Sport & Pattern Ships** 



Part of Ross Jones' Rig Spad-Buzz Bomb-Python-Jet



Part of Keith Shaw's Rig Bearcat-Stomo-Comet



Panarama of Ken Myer's planes



Keith Shaw giving some info on the plane that looks like it can't fly.



Keith Shaw's "discus" It's flown for a long time



Sweet Midget Mustang Pylon Ship



Keith Shaw's Jungmeister



Walled Lake, Michigan

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### More...Watts Over Wetzel



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# **Toledo Show-2010**

Finally, a Toledo Show where I remembered to plan ahead and have a list of things I needed to buy and vendors I wanted to visit. And, of course, there is the obligatory swings through the Swap Shop Section, even though I promised myself I wouldn't buy anything. Yup, broke that promise to myself. Found a framed up & covered Dehavilland Turbo Beaver. It was such a deal that I couldn't pass it up. Just what I was looking for...another project that needs to be finished. Well, the more planes I have, the less I'm concerned about crashing and being without something to fly. Good thing!



DeHavilland Turbo-Beaver Got the parts, it just needs to be finished & yes, I have the other wing panel.



1918 Curtis Jenny JN-4D by Randy Charles from Ohio

So, I was able to pickup the batteries I needed, along with bearings for 3 motors that I've worn out (worn out, not crashed) and a case of Wildcat fuel. While there, I figured I'd subscribe to RC Sport Flier. I had gotten some free ones at last years show and liked the magazine and figured it was time to ante up and buy it. Stopped by one of the booths selling small hardware and picked up 2 packages of 100 screw each for mounting servos & cowls. My buddy, Mike, & I spent Friday and Saturday roaming around the show. We were beat by the time we were done but it was truly a ton of fun. Having a list made up before the show really made a difference in my enjoyment of the show.



Giant Scale Corsair By Vince Blasky Michigan



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# Toledo Show-2010



**Couple nice looking Bipes** 



Loening By Allen Mrock Oxford, Michigan



F4F-3 Wildcat By Dennis Friesel Bloomington, Indiana



Handley Page 0/400 by Terry Overton Lake Orion, Michigan



Pica Duellist MK-II By Gerry Armstrong Palm Bay, Florida



Lancer By Lawrence Latowski Battle Creek, Michigan



Marines' Chopper



Old Timer Diesel Powered



1928 Ford Tri-Motor By Don Heinzerling Port Clinton, Ohio



**"The California Kid"** Continued on Page 10



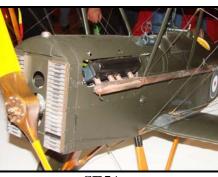
"Rare Wood"-Pleasure Runabout by Richard F. Koll-New Jersey Also owns "The California Kid"

# **Toledo Show-2010**





**Giant Gee Bee** 



SE5A By Brian Perkins

1955 Berkeley's Navion Super "260" By Terry Conley



Entil Louis

Classic Lightning by Eric Clapp (Owner/Pilot) Custom Painted Dragon by Imagine Art



Fieseler Storch By Glen McIntosh



A-10 Warthog By Joe Grice



F-18F Skymaster By Curtis Wade-Detroit, MI



F-16C Aggressor By Greg Mears-Ontario, Canada



Nieuport Z8C by Ross Wegryn-Jones



Completely functional V-8 Thanks all, Lou Tisch



Our Combat Guys "A Cut Above the Rest"

# **RCCD Mini-Toledo 2010**



Overview of part of the crowd



Ed Barbier P-40 Warhawk, began 13 years ago. Now...done.



The **Mini-Toledo Show** is an RCCD creation and occurs the first meeting after the "real" Toledo Show. This is a chance for all club members to show off what they've been occupied with during the Winter Building Season. The only criteria for entry is...the plane must be unflown. Pretty easy rules, huh!

We are a very active & creative club and it's amazing the number and variety of models brought out each year.



Ernie Varilone New Reactor Bipe-Irvine .72-JR & Hitech



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Russ Hope Eagle 580 ARF—Electric

# **RCCD Mini-Toledo 2010**



Phil Laperriere TF AT-6 w/ OS.91FS



Gordon Gibbons Twist w/ Thunder Tiger .42



Jack Sanzoni Found Stuka Wing, need Fuselage



Jim McCoul Ducted Fan-scratch built



Larry Parker Amphib.-scratch built



Dave Keats Dominator ST.40-Pylon



Pete Mlinarcik Modified Ugly Stick-OS.60



George Dudek Great Planes F-15 OS.60



Mike Pavlock RV-8 Hi Max HD50 48"ws



P-51 Mustang 2.4 gig. Evo.46 60"wingspan



Lou Tisch GP Ultimate 160 w/ OS 160FX



Kit Built Skybolt OS.91FS-57" ws

# **RCCD Mini-Toledo 2010**



Joe Tasse P-51 Strip/recovered OS.91FS Surpass II



Noel Hunt's—"Spitoon" Original cross between Spitfire & Typhoon



John McCormick Ducted Fan Foamie Jet



Bob Hunt 4 Star 60 OS.91FS Surpass





Shoestring 1/2A Pylon ship



Merlin McClellan P-40 Warhawk AKM Model-OS120-Retracts-74"ws



Hank Lawson Kit Built Top Flight "Contender" Very clean cover/finish job

Lot of fun and great eye candy. It looks like it'll be a great season.



Darrell Rohrbeck-Bipe Having trouble finding CG



P-51 Mustang Evo.46 60"ws 2.4 gig





## **Understanding Deans Connectors**

By Phil Laperriere

As I continue to discover more and more about the mysteries of electric flight, I'm never surprised when something that I initially think is a big problem turns out to have a simple solution once I understand the nuts and bolt about it. I'd like to share one of my latest learnings that supports this truth.

I've always been very mechanical and understood mechanical things. I also have always had a great deal of confidence about using tools and getting the feel for them quickly in order to make them work for me. That being said, I found myself getting a little rattled just using a soldering gun as I was putting together the "system" on my first electric power project. After purchasing motor, speed controller and battery, I eagerly started to string things together. I started by soldering the bullet connectors to the 3 wires coming off the motor. I spoke with Matt at the Prop Shop and he instructed me to fill the pocket of bullet connector with molten solder, then plunge the wire in, holding it until the solder cooled. The first obstacle I had here was that I simply didn't have enough hands to hold and clamp while trying to melt solder into the bullet connector. I overcame this by wrapping a rubber band around the handle of a pair of needle nose pliers. I was then able to position the bullet connector with no problem for assembly to the wire. I also quickly realized I had to slide the shrink tubing as far up the wire as possible before putting the bullet connector on. There is enough heat transmitted an inch or so up the wire to shrink the shrink tube.

Now it was time to solder the Dean's style connector onto the battery leads and the speed controller. 1 month ago I didn't have the foggiest idea what a Deans connector was. Now, here I am buying them at the Prop Shop and trying to tie them into my power system. I read the instructions on the back of the pouch that the connector set came in, and the instructions told me to tin (pre apply solder) to the wires and connector then touch the two together, add a little heat and you should have a good bond, ready for shrink tubing, right? Wrong!!! By the time I was able to melt the solder on the connector, the tab had melted the outside of the connector, allowing the tab to move out of position. Also, it seemed like an extended period of time before the solder would cool enough for handling due to heat being retained in the connector body. I also found that the bond between the wire and the tab was not very strong and was easily pulled free. After a long frustrating fight, I was successful at getting 1 set of connectors soldered in place. However, when I tried to plug the 2 connectors together, the tabs were so far out of alignment due to the melting of the outside shell, they simply would not go together. After ruining 3-4 pairs of connectors, I finally stumbled upon a solution. I found that if I first plugged a set of connectors together and afterwards started with the tinning/ soldering process, I had much better success at a good aligned connector. I also noted that the solder joint seem to cool quickly along with the tab alignment remaining intact and showing great bond to the wire. Having the connector plugged together also gave me enough material to hold in a vise for soldering. A couple of other observations I want to point out that seem to make sense to me after going through the process of assembly are as follows:

-Lightly sand the tab where you intend to solder giving the material an opportunity for "tooth"

-Always assemble the female portion of the connector to the battery side. By doing this, you won't be as likely to inadvertently short out your battery because the terminals are not exposed.

-Maintain a standard for your connectors for positive verses negative. Doing this, you'll have flexibility for switching between batteries and speed controllers. Typically, Dean's connectors recommend the wide end be utilized as the positive side.

-Have an extra set of connectors available that are used only for the assembly process. This way you won't power up the speed controller when doing assembly. Also, if you do utilize a set only for assembly, be sure to put shrink tube over the exposed terminals to minimize the risk of a short.

-Use shrink tube over your solder joints. Shrink tube serves two purposes. First and foremost, it acts as an insulator, minimizing the potential for a short. Second, it adds strength to the wire just behind the solder joint reducing the opportunity for wire fatigue.

Good luck and don't let the electrics scare you. I've been finding that when I first started getting involved with electrics, the amount of confusing information was intimidating. Learning and understanding a piece at a time starts to add up quickly, making the process manageable. Hopefully, I've been successful giving you a tip that will help you in your own building.

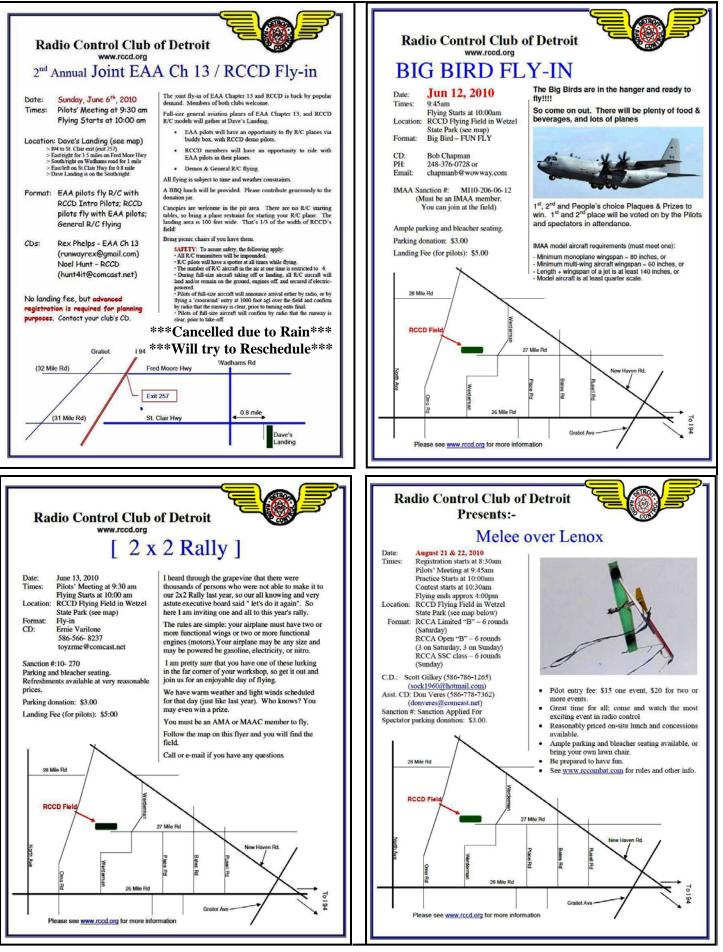


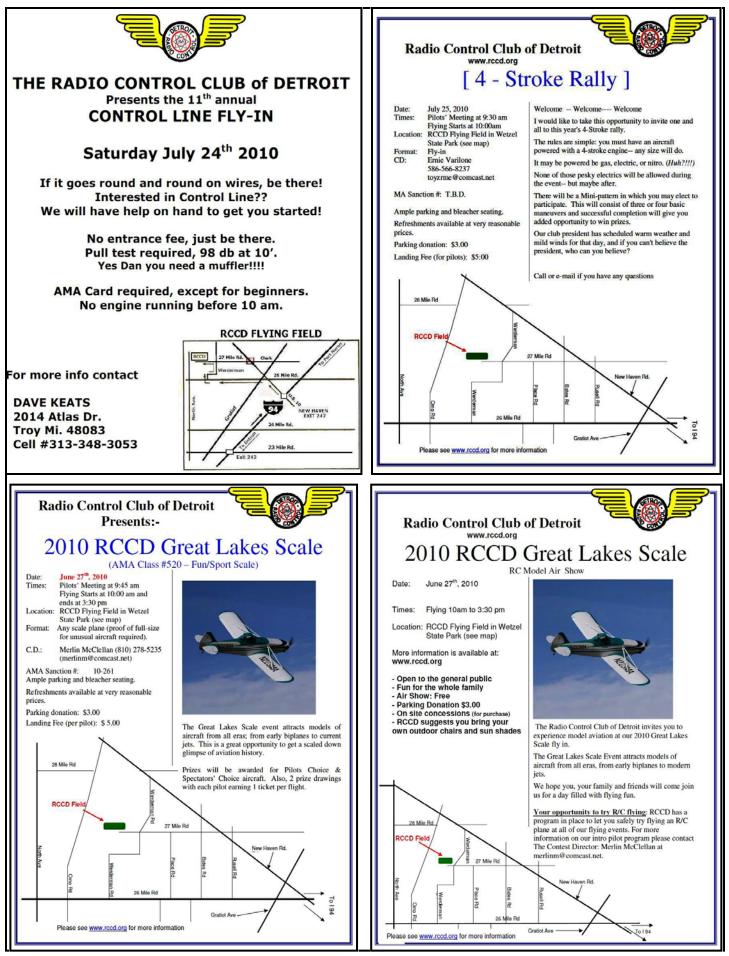
The Tour d'Michigan is the collaborative effort of three Michigan model aviation clubs ~ The West Michigan Smoke Rings, The Lansing Area Flying Aces, and the Broome Park Circle Burners. The purpose is to have fun while promoting the hobby/sport of Control Line flying. The chosen format offers something for every skill level. Each event will consist of 6 - 7 events selected from a pool of possible events. Craftsmanship will also be judged at each event. Owing to the recent popularity of the Perky Speed Contest, Perky speed run timings will be offered during each event.

Three contests are scheduled for 2010:

For more info: http://www.flying-aces.net/tour10.html

- Kalamazoo on 22 May 2010-done
- Flint on 31 July 2010
- Lansing on 25 September 2010





### 2010 RCCD Event Schedule

Month	Date	Day	Event	Event Description
Jan	24	Sun	14th Annual Swap Shop	An opportunity to make space for new stuff, or get a deal on "experienced" aircraft and equipment
Mar	20/21	Sat/Sun	Mall Show	Club members display models and answer questions about R/C model aviation at the Macomb Mall
Apr	24	Sat	Season prep of field	Getting the field cleaned up and ready for the warmer flying months.
May	1&	Sat &	Brag Day &	Saturday: An opportunity for members to grab bragging rights in various categories.
	2	Sun	Watts Over Wetzel-Electric Fly-In	Sunday: Open to any AMA member to fly only electric-powered models (Rain Date 5/16)
May	22/23	Sat/Sun	Great Lakes Combat Challenge	Pilots' planes fly with 30ft paper tail. The object is to cut tails of other planes, defend your tail, and avoid a mid-air. Heats in multiple classes.
Jun	6	Sun	EAA CH13/RCCD Joint Fly-in	Members of both clubs get together to share their respective aviation interests.
Jun	8	Tue	Kids' Night (1)	RCCD hosts kids from area foster and shelter homes, providing a meal and an opportunity to build a basic model and fly R/C. (Evening only)
Jun	12 &	Sat &	Big Bird Fly-in &	Saturday: Open to any AMA member to fly Giant Scale models. (1/4 scale or bigger; or minimum wingspan of 80in for monoplanes; 60in for bi-planes; or length plus wingspan of 140in for jets.
÷,	13	Sun	2x2 Fly-in	Sunday: A fly-in open to any AMA member, for models with two or more wings and/or two or more engines.
Jun	27	Sun	Great Lakes Scale	A fly-in open to any AMA member, for models of full-scale aircraft, with optional judged flying.
Jul	24	Sat	Control-Line Fly-in	Open to any AMA member to fly control-line aircraft in the club's U-control area.
	25	Sun	4-Stroke Rally	A Fly-in open to any AMA member, for aircraft powered only by 4-stroke engines.
Aug	10	Tue	Kids' Night (2)	RCCD hosts kids from area foster and shelter homes, providing a meal and an opportunity to build a basic model and fly R/C. (Evening only)
Aug	21/22	Sat/Sun	Open Combat Challenge	Pilots' planes fly with 30ft paper tail. The object is to cut tails of other planes, defend your tail, and avoid a mid-air. Heats in multiple classes.
Sep	4	Sat	Club Fly-in,	Saturday: Last "big bash" of the year. Saturday is for open flying.
-	<mark>&amp;</mark> 5	& Sun	Club Picnic and Fun-fly	Sunday: Bomb-drops, Keep- the-Jellybeans and/or other pilot challenges, plus picnic.
Oct	9	Sat	Winter prep of field	Winterize the field and enclose the shelter with plastic walls, for the hold-outs who fly though the winter.
Dec	14?	Tue	Christmas Dinner	Good friends, good food, good time. Date to be confirmed





### **Super Decathlon**



This Super Decathlon is another excellent model built by Bill Hackett. It has a 101" wingspan and has 5 great flights on it. He wasn't sure at the time just what motor is in it but just give him a holler. Asking: \$2000 obo Built by Bill Hackett Contact: Bill Hackett 586-209-6595

### 35% Carden Edge 540



Carden 35% Edge with DA 100-True Turn Spinner-Sullivan Smoke System-1 JR 8411 on each eletor-2 JR 8611 on rudder with match box-2 JR2721 on each aileron with match box-JR 811 on throttle-Duralite battery-JR 649Rx-Carden wing & tail bags-NO hanger rash-For more pictures go to Carden web site - 35% gallery # 4.

\$3995.00 For more info call Don Held 231-584-2662

### **Classified Section**



### **Extra 260**

This is a kit built, Extra 260 ready for your batteries and ready for the air. It is well built and in very good condition. This Extra 260 comes with a 3W-100i-B2 Twin with Electronic Ignition & Receiver (Hitec RCD Supreme-Super Slim-JR Ch. 24). You will need your own batteries (Ignition Batt. & Receiver Batt.).

Also included: Cannister Mufflers, Aluminum Spinner, 2 HD-Switch & Charge Jacks, Remote Fueler and Servos:HS-700BB (hi Torque)-Rdr, El, Ail.

Wingspan: Approx. 100"

Asking \$1100 obo &/or trade

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### Anchor Bay Models

(renamed from MALT Model Aircraft)

Mike Andros & Lou Tisch purchased Grant's Custom Aircraft out of St. Clair and relocated the operation to Lou's Shop in Clinton Township (see LSB card below). Currently, there are molds for 10 models, including: PBY Catalina (109" ws), Grumman Widgeon, Republic SeaBee (single & twin), Lake Buccanneer, Christen Eagle, several Mustangs, Pylon and fun-fly ships.

The 1st kit to introduce will be the SeaKing (Red plane shown below)

As operations progress, we will be presenting the model kits in succession. Keep your eyes open for the introduction of our first kit.

Thanks all, Lou & Mike Full Scale Aircraft photos courtesy of aircraft websites



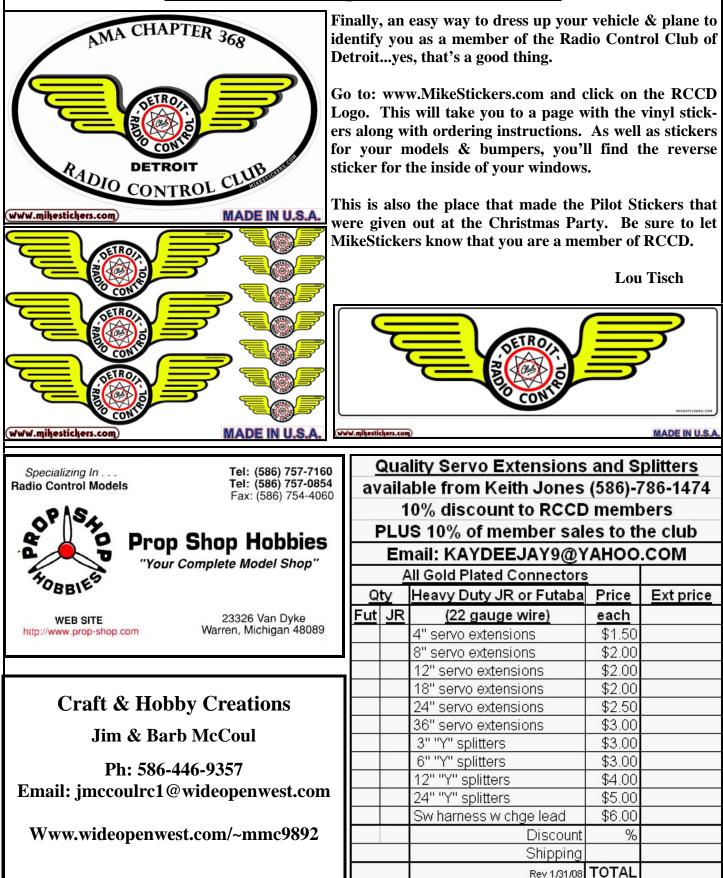


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### **Classified Section**

### **RCCD Decals for Bumpers, Windows and Models**





# **Coming Events-2010**

- June 6, 2010 EAA Chap.13 & RCCD Joint Fly-In
- June 8, 2010 Kid's Night (1)
- June 12, 2010 Big Bird Fly In
- June 13, 2010 2x2 Fly-In
- June 27, 2010 Great Lakes Scale Fly-In
- July 24, 2010 Control Line Fly-In (U/C area)
- July 25, 2010 Four Stroke Rally
- Aug. 14-15 Joint Fly In-Romeo Skyhawks/RCCD
- Aug 21-22 Combat-Melee Over Lenox

Please check the website for updates and changes to the schedule: www.RCCD.org

