



# The Sky Ranch Flyer

Come Fly with us!

Issue 3, 2006

## Lead Story: Corn Roast 2006

### Calling All Sky Ranch Flyers, Family and Friends!

It's Party time at the Sky Ranch, and we're inviting all members, family and friends. The Date is set:

**Saturday, August 12, 2006 10:00 AM**

Bring your planes, your family, and your appetite. We'll start cooking at 1:00 PM. Please bring a side-dish to pass. Contact Tom Blackstone or Daryl Matthies so we can put you on the list. This party will go long into the night, so come anytime!

### Air Show 2006! By Daryl Matthies

Months of planning paid off as our 2006 R/C Air Show, formally known as "Summer Fun Fly", has come and gone. It was really a decent day except for the facts that we got rained out for a couple of hours in the late morning and President Tom



could not be there because of his father-in-laws funeral. Friday night, Jeff was in charge, getting everything in place so we could alleviate the set up work on Saturday morning. This really worked out well and we all agreed that next year it should be done this way again.

By 8:00 AM Saturday, several members were already at the field doing some last minute setting up and assembling their airplanes for a good day of flying. The temperature was warm, the sky was bright and clear, and then about 10:00 AM it grew darker as the rain came nearer. When the first shower started, many members just covered their planes or put them under portable shelters, while others packed up and left for home. Too bad they didn't stick around, we would have sold more food and raffle tickets. Later the sky cleared up and flying was back in full force. Jeff used the PA system many times to keep the crowd informed about the raffles and the fly-by's of the EAA's B17 bomber called Aluminum Overcast. The big bird made several flights out of West Bend's airport carrying EAA Air Camp students. We had a good turn out of pilots and airplanes not only from our club, but from a few of the local club's, and even one from Arizona. Thanks to all members who volunteered to work this year, especially the cooking team. We couldn't do this type of event without you. A big THANK YOU to Larry D. for bringing a generator and to those who brought raffle prizes, tables, chairs, etc. It turned out to be a pretty good day and there was not even one mishap that I can recall. Now that's a good day!



### Up Coming Events !

**July 24 - 30, 2006:**

EAA: OSHKOSH!  
The World's greatest Aviation  
Celebration!

You gotta be there!

**Saturday, July 29th, 2006:**

Lakeland RC Fly-in,  
Oconomowoc Airport,  
(16 to P, west on K)

**Saturday, August 5th, 2006:**  
Special Olympics Air Show 2006

Astro Wings  
(Grafton, I43-STH 32,  
1st drive right.)

August 6th is the rain date.

**Saturday, August 12, 2006**

Sky Ranch Flyers  
Annual Corn Roast.  
Get ready to *PARTY!*

### Officers:

#### President:

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## Lawn Mowing!

This schedule is posted on the website.

This schedule is **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**, so check the web site often.

The schedule to the right

## Training:

Tom will be at the field on Tuesdays and Thursdays, around 5:30 pm. We'll fly until the sun goes down.

Jeff will be available during the days. You will need to contact him to check his schedule.

## 2006 Sky Ranch Flyers Mowing Schedule

This schedule is subject to change. Please check it often.

7/16/2006	Jeff Reuwsaat	Harold Ehlike
7/23/2006	Mike Wanninger	Don Boettiger
7/30/2006	Paul Straub	Tom Capps
8/6/2006	Tom Lidtke	Dan Sperfslage
8/13/2006	Daryl Matthies	Tim Mueller
8/20/2006	Phil Schuster	Ralph Clarke
8/27/2006	Steve Powers	Don Gruetzmacher
9/3/2006	Todd Tillmann	Paul Newbauer
9/10/2006	Larry Discher	Mark Wood
9/17/2006	Dennis Boettge	Allen Broecker
9/24/2006	Tom Blackstone	Don Burdick
10/1/2006	Kerry Kanies	Andy Kahrs
10/8/2006	Jim Steinmetz	Charlie Doll
10/15/2006	Philip Schumaker	Greg Nass
10/22/2006	Randy Knapp	Vernon Morrison
10/29/2006	Jeff Reuwsaat	Gerry Brown

## From the President:

Hello All Sky Ranch Flyers!

I really missed being at the Air Show this year, but family events mandated my absence. Patty lost her father that Tuesday before and we held funeral services that Friday and Saturday. You guys did a great job and we made \$96 on the event, so as long as "were in the black" - were good.

The picture to the right is Dan Sperfslage, taken at Sam's Club. Dan did a fantastic job organizing the food for the Show. Thanks Dan! Same time next year ??

Training nights have been crazy this year. Here's a picture of the line-up from several weeks ago.



I've been training three new members on the Hangar 9 P51 PTS. Here's a picture of me and new member Steve Recker on it's maiden flight -right before I crashed it on takeoff. Horizon Hobby came to our rescue, and is replacing the bird for free!

Al Broecker and Charlie Doll have again come to my rescue and have helped out with the training. Thank these guys the next time you see them. They have really lightened the load.



See a movie of the crash at [WWW.SKYRANCHFLYERS.COM!](http://WWW.SKYRANCHFLYERS.COM!)

Remember, someone trained you - perhaps it's time for you to teach someone new?

# New Pilots!

Two new pilots have been certified. Next time you see these guys, give them a "pat on the back" and a congratulations!

Don Gruetmacher



Don is a new member to the Sky Ranch Flyers, and flew a long time ago. He came to the field with a Hangar 9 PTS, which he had already stripped off the junk.

Don wasted no time taking to the air and mastering this bird. He was doing loops and rolls by his second day out, and soloed in under four weeks!

As a surprise during his solo, Charlie sent him up for one more take-off and landing, without flaps—just because!

Don could be our next P51 instructor!

What do you think, Don?

Ralph Clarke

Ralph started with the club last year, flying a Kollercraft Accura 60/90 deluxe.

Ralph did his solo flight without even knowing it. During the last of his training, he was allowed to use his own controller, while the instructor held the buddy box.



During his last "buddy-boxed" flight with Al Broecker, Ralph's engine quit and Al let Ralph bring in his bird on a great "dead-stick" landing.

After Ralph landed, Al looked own to see the buddy box cord had disconnected itself from the master transmitter.

Ralph had been soloing all along!



**\$10**

Need a Hat?  
Contact Al Broecker at  
1-262-626-2073  
or abroecker@sbcglobal.net



## For Sale: Tiger Trainer 60



Color may be different

Wingspan: 73"  
Weight: 7 - 8 lbs  
Airfoil: Flat-Bottom, High-Wing  
Wing Loading: 15 to 17 oz/sq ft  
Wing Area: 915 sq in  
Length: 57"  
Engine: GP 61 Engine  
Radio: Hitec 4 channel  
Misc Equip: Starter  
NyStarter

Contact:  
Dan Cook  
1515 Roosevelt Drive  
West Bend WI 53090  
1-262-338-1971

Never Flown! **\$300.00**

## Meeting Notes:

### Sky Ranch Flyers Club Meeting

July 16<sup>th</sup> 2006

Started at 6:40 PM

13 Members were present

Treasurer's Report: **There is money in the general fund**

Our Air show brought in approximately **\$95.65 in profits.**

The Fond du Lac RC air show 2006 will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2006.

Mowing schedule was discussed. Some members feel the schedule is not fair to all members. Discussion was to be continued at the next club meeting.

Membership fees were discussed. A decision was made that the fees will remain as there are until the cost of mowing the field can be determined.

A bon fire get together will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> members only.

The club corn roast is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> 2006. Those members attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. The club will furnish the meat and drinks. More information will follow. Tom requested a head count of members, their families and friends that will attend as soon as possible.

The club will hold an open house late August or early September. A date will be determined.

Please welcome the following new members to the club:

Josh Tinch and Steve Recker

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 PM

Next meeting date to be determined

## Field Rules - Are you a good Flyer ?

1. All members wishing to fly must have a valid AMA license and a Sky Ranch Flyer card.
2. All planes shall have (inside or out) their address and AMA number.
3. All transmitters must have AMA approved gold stickers and receivers must be narrow band.
4. Frequency control is in effect at all times.
5. No transmitter shall be turned on unless your AMA license is in the appropriate frequency slot of the field control board and the proper frequency pin is affixed to your transmitter.
6. Frequency pin may not be removed from another transmitter without his or her knowledge.
7. Any property or personal damage incurred or caused by a pilot shall be totally his responsibility. The exemption to this rule being the case of a person turning on a transmitter causing a pilot with a frequency clip on that transmitter channel to crash. In this case, the person turning on the radio WITH OUT THE PROPER FREQUENCY PIN is responsible for all damage or injury.
8. Aircraft engines shall be started with the nose of the aircraft pointed toward the runway.
9. DO NOT direct the exhaust toward another model or pilot.
10. All aircraft are required to have some type of muffler or header. All aircraft shall be 95 dB or less at 10ft.
11. Takeoffs from behind flight lines are not permitted.
12. Flying is prohibited in air space behind designated flight line. THAT MEANS TO THE NORTH OF US.
13. Any person caught in a reckless, dangerous, or careless manner will be given one warning only. If that person is caught again he/she will be grounded at the discrepancy of the Field Marshall.
14. Model aircraft will give right of way to all full size aircraft.
15. All pilots shall announce their intent to take off or land. Example: "GOING UP" , "COMING IN", "DEAD STICK".
16. Guest pilots must be accompanied by a club member and must have a valid AMA license.
17. All visitors not flying shall remain in the pit area.
18. No alcoholic beverages allowed until you are through flying for the day.
19. Do not throw cigarette butts, old rubber bands, broken plane parts, etc. on the field. Leave your area as clean if not cleaner than you found it.
20. NON-CERTIFICATE PILOTS: Do not fly at the field alone. Such pilots must contact qualified flight instructors.
21. All new fliers must first complete the following test with 2 FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS testing the pilot: Take off, Straight level flight, Right hand PATTERN turn, Left hand PATTERN turn, Loop, Three successful, good landings. Two instructors will sign and award you with a certificate after completing the above maneuvers.
22. Our club trainers' primary use is for giving people interested in our hobby the chance to experience flying a model airplane. They can then get a taste of flying without all the expense. It is also used for letting children have a "hands-on" feel of flying such as the local EAA Air Camp students and the Allenton Young Astronauts group. The club trainer is not to be used as a plane for a member to fly because he/she crashed their plane.

Members not complying with our rules are unable to fly their planes for one week after said violation. Second offence, two weeks and possibly expulsion from the club if the offence is serious.