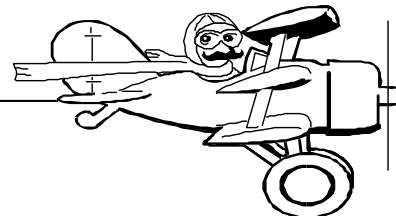


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OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

While the weather is still nice, we are going to try to keep meeting outside at the field. So, this month's meeting will be this Saturday, October 9th at around Noon. As an added incentive, I'll be cooking up the remaining hot dogs from the last picnic. I'll have the usual stuff (just not as much). I doubt that drinks will be provided, so I'd plan to bring your own. →

FLYING KNIGHTS AUCTION 10/17

Joe reminded me that the Knights are having their auction on Sunday October 17th. The location is new this year, I believe. It's at 45 Church St. In Hamburg. →

REQUEST FOR STORIES

As some of you may have heard, I got a story published in the Air and Space Smithsonian magazine this summer about my first full scale flight. I got to thinking about it and realized that a lot of us probably have interesting stories about our model aircraft hobby. What I'd like to do is to collect some stories and publish them in the newsletter. I'd like to limit them to 500 words or less, if possible (the story below is about 300 words). Please email brauers_aviators@yahoo.com or snail mail them to Dan Yaeger. To get us started, here is a story of my second day flying. →

DAN'S SECOND DAY OF FLYING

As I was finishing building my first RC plane (a Sig Seniorita), my friend Bob took me up flying (with his plane) for the first time. He showed me how to keep the plane in the air, but nothing about takeoff or landing. At the end of that day, he said, "see you next week". Well, the next day I finished up the Seniorita. I couldn't wait all the way until next week to try it out. So, I took it up by myself. Now, you have to understand that back in 91, we didn't have safe mode or anything like that. And, you built the plane from a bunch of 3foot long sticks that you cut to size.

I headed off to UB (I wasn't a member of Brauer's yet). I found a spot by the Library and started up the OS .25 engine. I checked all the control surfaces to make sure they were going in the right direction, I range tested the transmitter and figured that I was READY. I took off from a baseball diamond. The plane went up...and proceeded to roll upside down. Having almost no experience, I pulled up elevator and boy did that plane head toward the ground fast! I had just enough altitude to pull it out. Great. Then it rolled upside down again. I didn't have as much altitude this time. I picked up a LOT of sticks and went back home for my first rebuild. I had it rebuilt and ready the next week and this time, handed it to Bob to trim out before I tried flying it. I learned a lot that summer including how often and fast I could rebuild that Sig Seniorita. But, I guess that day was my first solo flight... with a less than stellar "landing".

Dan Yaeger →