



# Milan Flyers Gazette

May-June-July, 2009

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## Coming Events

2009

18 July The Milan Flyers' John E. Cramer  
Memorial Fly Show

21 September Milan Flyers Meeting  
Place TBD

Thursday Nights at the Field are training  
nights, weather permitting. Milan Flyers  
Meetings will start again in September.

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**Special Note:** This will be the last  
published newsletter via the U.S. Mail  
and the e-mail system. The newsletter,  
when published, will be posted only on  
our website. Other clubs have already  
gone to this method. We hope that this  
will save time and money, as well as pro-  
vide a better format of readable print and  
pictures. This will allow our funding to  
be even more focused on field mainten-  
ance and training. You will, however,  
continue to receive e-mails to let you  
know when a new newsletter is posted on  
The Milan Flyer's Website and for other  
important communication.

Please see: <http://www.milanflyers.org>

Bob Hendricks

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## John E. Cramer Memorial Fund

Update: The Club has chosen to spend

\$380 in 2009 from the fund: \$60 in Club  
scholarships, \$220 for new training  
equipment, and \$100 for a new Air Show  
Banner. Please see the minutes in this  
newsletter for more detail. The Club has  
also authorized using the Fund to pay \$20  
for each AMA Intro-Training License if  
the need is identified.

Bob Hendricks

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## Milan Flyers Minutes April 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Bob  
Hendricks, at 7:00 p.m. with nine members  
present.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,168.46 (Operating Fund)  
\$1,500.00 (John E. Cramer Me-  
morial Fund)

Old Business:

Note: The date of this year's air show has  
been changed to July 18.

A motion was made and unanimously  
passed to allow spending up to \$150 to  
purchase a new banner for the Air Show,  
with the new air show name (The John E.  
Cramer Memorial Air Show, sponsored  
by The Milan Flyers') The funding will  
come from the John E. Cramer Fund.

It was moved and unanimously approved to spend \$220 for a new trainer airplane (including motor & electronics) and two 2.4 ghz trainer boxes and cords. The funding will come from the John E. Cramer Fund. (Rider's Hobby in Ypsilanti is giving the Club an extraordinarily good deal to upgrade our training equipment in honor and spirit of John Cramer and his devoted effort to train and help other model airplane hobbyist.)

\$1000.00 was donated to club by Tom Krogell (TNT Landing Gear in Toledo) for our volunteer work at the ETOC.

#### New Business:

A motion was made and approved to give Tim and Adam Robinson (who train with Calvin on Thursday nights) scholarship memberships in the Milan Flyer's for the current year, as their father recently lost his job. A refund of their already paid memberships (\$60 total) will be issued to them from the John E. Cramer Memorial Fund.

Jim Jagdmann proposed opening a new checking account as a "Milan Flyers" account (changing the way we handle money), due to the increased amount of funds the Club currently has. The cost of 150 checks will be \$16.50. There will be three (3) authorized signers for the account, which will include the president, treasurer and head of Field Maintenance. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Jim will proceed to establish the new account. Election of Officers  
The following officers were elected unanimously:

- New President is Larry VanBuren
- Vice President is Mike Penner
- Treasurer is Jim Jagdmann
- Secretary is Ken Gable

A motion was proposed and unanimously approved to issue club newsletters on the web site and only on the website (similar to other clubs), to save time, money and as a best way to provide a quality (and always available) copy to the members. The May-June-July Newsletter will be the first issued via the website and the last one to be mailed or e-mailed. Instructions will be provided in the newsletter as to website access.

A motion was proposed and unanimously approved to provided funding of up to \$20 for Vern to make copies of club rules and place them at the field.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.  
Next meeting will be September 21, 2009

Respectfully submitted by Ken Gable

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**Special Notice:** Please try to remember to patronize Rider's Hobby in Ypsilanti (3140 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, Phone 734-971-6116) and TNT Landing Gear in Toledo (10530 Airport Highway Swanton, OH 43558. Phone 419-868-5408) for all your hobby needs. Both of these hobby shops continue to support us. Thanks.

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It's summer time and the living is easy....A few years ago, I met a man at Riders Hobby Shop who was very interested in flying. He asked several questions, then bought a syrofoam beginner's type of airplane, even though I told him they fly, but not very well. A couple of weeks later, he came back and sheepishly admitted that the airplane didn't fly well or very long, but he knew he wanted to fly, and had loved airplanes most of his life. We sold him a trainer and he became a fixture at the Milan field. He also became a good friend.

Many of us have noticed the absence of Donald Mintz at the Milan field this year. My friend, Don passed away last October, after fighting cancer most of the year. Don was a man who enjoyed life, loved his wife Kathy very much, loved airplanes, and his friends. We had several adventures at the Milan field while teaching Don to fly. He had several airplanes which he planned to fly during a well earned retirement (which he never reached).

One of his favorites was his Big Rascal, a 120 inch bird with a big four stroke engine. We were flying it one afternoon, and I kept telling him to keep it closer to the field. Well the engine quit at the south end of the field and I took the controls for a dead stick landing. I stretched the glide as far as I could, but couldn't make the field, so I tried to land it as gently as possible in the corn field south of the fence. We both were concerned when it disappeared in the corn. When we walked into the corn field, to our great surprise, we found that the airplane was sitting gently atop a few stalks of corn, almost as if someone just gently placed it there. The covering wasn't even punctured!

The problem was that the airplane was too big to just walk it out of the corn with the wings attached, so I stayed with the airplane and supported it while Don went back to the flight line to get tools. When Don got back to the flight line, he was ecstatic! He started telling everyone how happy he was that his airplane was ok, and continued to tell the story until someone reminded him that I was still out in the corn with the airplane being eaten by mosquitoes!! Don was determined to fly his airplanes and flew as long as his health would allow. On one of his last visit to the field, he was able to do a take off his Rascal, which had been one of his goals. It was a thrill to see him achieve that goal. Don loved coming to the field, and was very appreciative of the instruction he received, and he loved the Milan Flyers and the Milan field.

Once in a while you will see one of Don's airplanes at the field. When you see a Piper cub with Tina and Don in it, you will know that's one of Don's airplanes. You might see that Big Rascal with him in it too.

I promised his wife I would write something for our newsletter, but it

has taken me a long time to do because I knew it would be a very emotional thing to write through my tears. I miss Don very much, but know he's watching over us and smiling that big smile that graced us all for far too short a time.

He finally has his wings!

Sincerely,

Calvin Mitchell

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**Special Request:**

Calvin Mitchell has called a special meeting this coming Thursday (June 25th) at the Field during Training Night. Please show up Thursday night or call Calvin to talk about what you can do to make this year's Air Show the best ever. You can contact Calvin at:

Phone: 734-677-5842

e-mail: cmitch232@comcast.net

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The Flying season has begun, so have fun, but please remember to follow the field rules and fly safely.

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**Favorite Web Sites:**

**[www.rippinfoamies.com](http://www.rippinfoamies.com)**

(John Cramer's website)

**[www.tntlandinggear.com](http://www.tntlandinggear.com)**

(TNT Landing Gear Website)

**<http://www.riders.com/store.asp?id=YPSI>**

(Rider's Hobby Website)

**<http://www.milanflyers.org>**

(Milan Flyers' Website)

If you have a good web site or two to share, please e-mail them to me at

**[bob-hendricks@verizon.net](mailto:bob-hendricks@verizon.net)** so I can put them in the newsletter.

Thanks,  
Bob Hendricks

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