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All Hands on Deck

The Mall Show is quickly approaching. June 23rd will be here before you know it. Be ready to be supportive and hopefully present. Bring a cooler of pop to sell and a few planes to display. Canopies need to be set up. And chicken needs to be sold. If I can do this on my wife's birthday, your excuse may seem lame for not helping out (unless you are helping to plan my funeral).

The Ever Improving Field

Some of the boys met at the field and completed a lot of work. When you visit, you will notice the benches all have a fresh coat of stain. The flagpole is up and the flag is flying. The field is smoother and a lot of dirt has been moved. The ugly pile of dirt down at the end of the runway has been moved as well.

Men at Work



Synchronized Raking



Tractor Races



Hunch Back Staining Crew



Erect Staining Crew

Float Fly Report

Not to be lazy but...this is the report I sent Doug about the float fly held at my house.

Good time. Gary, Dan, Roger and I flew with Rick from Huntington. Several boat rides, mostly chasing my stuff, beautiful weather and a lot of fun. Mark S and Tyler came over to watch. I handed Mark my Kadet and he chased Dan around for a while.

The Rick guy brought a Cub with floats that he had never flown at all. I smelled disaster. But he had a sub fin and he turned out

to have a great plane and he was an excellent flyer. I think Rick might come out to our field some time to check it out.

I think the best part was taking turns watching each other fly and just chitchatting on the end of my pier. My 5-year-old Andrew talked a blue streak. (I told him tonight about not talking to strangers and he did not know that was a rule.) No real crashes, just a few splashes. I had the best time I have ever had flying off the water. Everyone flew and no property damage occurred. Hopefully more guys will be able to join us in the future. Graduation parties prevented many from attending.

Field Work Continued

Gary and I met at the field to fix the barriers and raise the flag. John Eckert bought some pipe but it was just a little too large. So Gary ran to town and bought some more parts. We spent the day fixing barriers and raising the flag. John's stuff did not go to waste. I built a partial barrier that can be completed with a few more supplies.