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Greatest Show on Earth

If you have been to the Toledo R/C Exposition, you understand the desire to return. **Dr. Bill Bradford** even put off knee surgery so he could make the trip for his fourth year in a row. Attending for at least a second or third time were **Sheldon Dreddy, Tommy Lynch, Bob Patterson, Richard Rust, Ken Skelton, Frank Schwartz, and Doug Whiteaker**. **Bob Dorris** and **Stephen Port** went for the first time. **Jim T. Graham** and **Randy Green** were there with Hobby Lobby.



Alongside a half scale *Gee Bee* are "first timers," Bob D. and Stephen.

Tommy Lynch says, "I think I was more excited about going to the Toledo show this year because I knew what to expect and wanted to see what the big items were. Electric outrunner brushless motors and planes designed for them were prevalent. But after walking up and down the aisles for several, hours I realized the hot items this year were the R/C flight simulators. Real Flight had their new G3 Flight Simulator with a lot of great upgrades to the previous system. The Dave Brown Flight Simulator has nice software with computer-generated graphics.

"Two of the flight simulators available were unbelievably advanced. The airplanes and the flying fields in the Ikarus product were actual pictures of real planes and locations. They looked so realistic that you got the feeling of actually being there. MRC also had an amazing simulator using actual craft and scenes." **Bill Bradford** couldn't resist the fascination or the temptation, so he purchased one. He decided on the MRC brand.



No club member wanted to pose with Sheldon so he did the best he could.

On Friday night, the Electric Tournament of Champions indoor freestyle competition to music was held just like last year. **Sheldon Dreddy** was going to compete but found out it was only for amateurs. On Saturday night we had a choice of going to an auction or attending the newly created E-X Games. This timed event pitted world-class pilots against an array of obstacles and maneuvers. This show was more entertaining than E-TOC. As the announcer said, this event separates the men from their airplanes. The pilot's pit crew could carry as many aircraft as deemed necessary for the pilot to complete the round. That tells you something of this event's difficulty.



Tommy, Richard, and Doc are in front a neat metal *Mustang*.

This was the 51st year for the Toledo Exposition. If you want to find out what is the latest and greatest, or are just trying to learn something new, then this largest R/C show in the world is the ticket. The show will be held next year on April 7th through the 9th. Once again, it must be said: Holy Toledo!

Going, Going, Gone

by Bob Patterson

The annual Toledo auction was attended by over 300 people. There were mostly aircraft with a few cars and engines thrown in. They did something different that is noteworthy. Before the auction started, they had all the kids, 15 years old and younger, come forward and receive a ticket. Then, periodically throughout the auction they would bring out an all new donated item and draw a number for a giveaway. The young ones really had a great time with it and their parents were very appreciative.

I stayed for 53 items, most of which were large aircraft. A few had servos and others had entire radio systems installed along with very expensive engines. There were some real deals to be had. They ranged from a House of Balsa *T-6 Texan* for \$50 to a beautiful *P-61 Black Widow* with Airtronics radio installed plus two engines for \$2,100.

The auctioneer didn't mess around and was humorous throughout. Once, when there was a plane with radio up for auction, someone yelled, "Turn on the radio." The auctioneer declined, stating that two years ago he did turn on the radio and as a joke, someone had installed a smoke-bomb in the plane to activate when turned on. He said the whole room filled with smoke, so he doesn't do that anymore! The auction went smoothly and fairly quickly. Those in attendance seemed to enjoy the event.



A spectacular WWI *Albatross* is admired by Bob P. and Doug.

Before the auction we ate at an interesting Hungarian place, Tony Packo's Cafe. As Max Klinger on *M*A*S*H*, Jamie Farr, who is from Toledo, continually made references on the TV show about his favorite restaurant. Huge servings of stuffed cabbage, dumplings, chicken paprikas, hot German potato salad, sausage, hot dogs, chili, and fried pickles were the bill of fare. The meal was heavy but tasted great. There are over 1,000 celebrity-signed hot dog buns lining the walls. Packo's was popular with the locals, as indicated by the crowd present.

What's Up

As most know by now, **Bob Patterson** had a seizure and a subsequent car wreck. He suffered a fractured spine as a result of a contortion caused by the seizure. Several tests are being conducted to help determine the cause of the problem. Bob certainly appreciates all the notes and get well cards that club members have sent him.

The April COMA presentation went to **Captain Bob**. A special Safely Coordinator certificate was awarded to him after he received this, his third COMA. The only good thing about Bob's not being able to drive for now is, he can't win another COMA star on his cap for a while.

Wayne Walling has had a operation for colon cancer. He is doing okay but your prayers are certainly welcomed.

At the last club meeting, **James Fisher** gave a useful and outstanding "show and tell." He brought a *Sea Cruiser* he is building for a future club float-fly. The captivating part of what he shared was how the parts were laser cut yet came from regular plans. The owner of the laser took a rather poor set of plans and ingeniously drew new CAD plans to incorporate interlocking pieces. Everyone was amazed that someone would have that ability!

Your club president and **Bob Dorris** want to have the *Drake II* plans redrawn and laser cut. This seaplane can be seen at www.ewmaclub.org/floatfly-fisher.html on the Web. If you are interested in sharing the CAD time, please contact Bob at donkeys@witsendfarmdonks.com.

The Great Tennessee Air Show 2005 will be held at the Smyrna Airport on Saturday May 7th and Sunday May 8th. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will be featured. Check it out at www.smyrnaairport.com/airshow.html online.

The next Second Tuesday Club Breakfast Meeting is May 10th at the Bellevue Shoney's, 8:30 a.m.

Multi-talented **Larry Paxton** has been nominated for the Academy of Country Music's Bass Player of the Year Award. The show is on CBS on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00. Good luck to Larry--he deserves the recognition!

EWMA's Memorial Day Picnic will be held on Monday, May 30th. Neely's wonderful BBQ and baked beans will be served under tents with all the fixin's. The feast is free for members and their families so bring your planes, lawn chairs, and appetites to this great annual club event.