

Dawn Patrol Rendezvous 2009



Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is our very great pleasure to be sending you this initial mailing recruiting radio control flyers for the 2009 Dawn Patrol Rendezvous at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio, scheduled for September 25th through the 27th.

As you probably also have heard, long-time organizer Dean Lukover is stepping down as Contest Director, and has asked Doug Cox and myself (Lee McDuffee) to take over the event. This is, of course, precisely the sort of thing that happens when you started volunteering to help! Most of you already know us, as we've been flightline bosses for the 2005 and 2007 DPRs, as well as participants in several other area Dawn Patrol Fly-Ins.

Our intentions are to maintain the same standard that Dean has established for the event, and at the same time add some new items where possible to keep it fresh for everyone. Generally, though, we're planning on duplicating the 2007 setup as much as possible (with hopefully some of the great weather we had back in 2005 !!), and we don't expect any major changes to how the event runs. The R/Cer's will again be alternating with the full-scale pilots throughout the event for all three days - the goal being to have flying machines in the air as much as possible.

Doug and I had our first conference call meeting with the Museum, GWAA, and the other participants for the event a few weeks ago; from the R/C standpoint, it was primarily a chance for Doug and me to introduce ourselves to the team. The Museum made a point of two things they'd like to see this year; more full-scale participation (we all would like that!) and more inter-action with the attending crowd. We'll need some helpful hints in that area.

There are two new items that we would like to bring to this year's DPR, with the intent of creating some themes for the event. First, we really want to do a "Review of the Three's", or a mass launch of as many 1/3 scale models as practical, probably around the Noon Saturday time slot. We'll pattern this directly off of the Review performed in Muncie at the Hoosier Dawn Patrol; a great video of which can be seen on Steve Percifield's website at:

<http://www.hoosierdawnpatrol.com/2008videos/08threes.wmv>

The second item we'd like to see happen is an Eduardian set of machines take to the air. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first major aviation meet, the Reims Air Meet at the racetrack on the Bethany Plain outside Reims, France. This event was the first large scale flying competition, and featured several record setting events, including the Gordon Bennett Cup Race (won by Glenn Curtiss). It is very probable that there may not be any full-scale flying 1909 aeroplanes present at Dayton, but it would be great to have as many R/C models present as possible. Further about Reims can be seen at:

http://www.centennialofflight.gov/essay/Explorers_Record_Setters_and_Daredevils/Reims/EX2.htm

Registration

As in the past, we are going on the assumption that we will probably be limited to sixty R/C entrants. I've already heard from a few previous entrants, including Dean (who is very much looking forward to the title of "Participant" this year!), and quoting Dean from 2007; "Don't forget that I'm restricted to 60 pilots for this event so don't leave it to the last minute to sign up as I'd hate to say 'Sorry, we're full!'". That says it as eloquently as possible!

We're going to keep the registration fee the same as in 2007: \$40.00 for all three days, \$30.00 for any two days. This fee covers lunch each day, plus the Saturday night banquet.

Quite a bit more yet to be detailed out, of course, but hopefully this information covers the initial questions.

Doug and I are very much looking forward to this year's event, and seeing everyone there again this year. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We'll have additional mailings going out as we get updated information for the event.

Very Best Regards,

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