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Flight Plan

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Current News

Please note the change for the club meeting site on the back page.

It appears we had a very good turnout for the swap meet. As stated by Paul Klahn:

Our 14th Annual Spring Swap Meet was a great success. We had 33 sellers and many buyers. I saw lots of airplanes, kits, motors, and parts change hands. We had coffee and donuts and a hamburger lunch. John Andrews and friend Russ did the cooking. I had a guy tell me that he had forgotten "just how good an RC event hamburger was", High praise. The hard work by Greg Taylor and Larry Maxfield helped to make the event what it was, a success. The net to the club is \$566.45.

I would like to extend the club's welcome to our new member.

Gary Oehrle

Please make our new member welcome and give him any help and advice he wishes to have.

A few new events of note are:

4th of July IMAA event will be July 3rd and 4th at the field and will be hosted by Michael Bach.

Warbird event will be held August 14th and 15th and the initial contact for this event is Jim Scott.

A special event will be hosted by Tammi Miller. This will be Prostate Cancer Fun Fly to help support prostate cancer. This event will be held on April 17th.

The annual pattern aerobatic contest will be held on June 26th and 27th. Contact Jim Scott for further information.

The float fly schedule is as follows:

April 13, 2010 Saturday
April 24, 2010 Tuesday
May 8, 2010 Saturday
May 20, 2010 Thursday
June 1, 2010 Tuesday
June 18, 2010 Saturday
July 11, 2010 Thursday
July 20, 2010 Saturday
August 5, 2010 Saturday
August 21, 2010 Thursday
September 7, 2010 Saturday
September 24, 2010 Thursday
October 1, 2010 Saturday

Boat arrival approximately 8am, and fly till about noon or Weather permits. Fly in can be canceled due to high winds. There will be a \$5.00 one time per year per pilot to cover cost of Boat and trailer. Remember no pin no fly. The contact is Dan Peterson.

We will be trying to slow the deterioration of

the runway by applying an asphalt sealer between the bad cracks. The remainder of the cracks may be sealed by a slurry sealer. If you would like any more information please contact Jim Scott.

We are having some reoccurring safety issues at the field. One of these is actions around the pit area. Please do not run up any engines or motors in the pits (essentially anything that can rotate a propeller or none fixed wing). Also, do not taxi from the pits to the flight line under power. Further ensure that you fly within the established fly/no fly zone as stated on the posted signs on the safety net. Also, we need to ensure that young spectators (or essentially any spectators) should not be any closer that 10 feet of the safety net. If a large plane gets uncontrollable upon landing, it may come through or at lease bulge the netting to a point where a spectator can get hurt. I see too many enthusiastic young people come right up to the fence while a plane is in the air. I would hate to see someone get hurt or killed will visiting the field.

Until further notice, the monthly club meetings will held at the field on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 am (The meeting may be held earlier or rescheduled if it conflicts with a scheduled event). During the meeting time, the flying field will be shutdown. All members at the field during that time will be required to attend. The raffle prize for the April meeting will be a Giles 202 ARF model.

PILOTS CORNER

TIPS FOR CLUBS

The Club Corner
by Jim Wallen, AMA Insider Club Editor

One of the things to keep in mind is that our hobby is all about having clean, wholesome, safe fun. Maintaining a positive, interesting atmosphere at our club meetings and at the flying field is what it's all about. Anything club officers

or members can do to promote this atmosphere makes our hobby enjoyable for all our participants.

How can we best accomplish this?

Shake things up a bit. The same old routine at club meetings can get a little boring. Add a new and different fun-fly at the field. Bring in a guest speaker. Conduct one of your club meetings in a new place that perhaps you have never thought about. How about a senior citizens' center?

Our hobby thrives through diversity. We can focus on warbirds, Scale, helicopters, static displays, gliders; the list goes on. Bring some diversity into your club membership. Strive to recruit some females and youth. Initiate a fun-fly specifically for teams of spouses or "significant others." Think out of the box. Your club will grow and benefit from your efforts.

Tips & Tricks

The first tip is from Bill Womble who is repairing his Hangar-9 P-51D: Bill needed to repair a few cracks in the balsa skins of his airplane's wing near the root rib. He removed the flap servo, and realigned the pieces of balsa. Bill then reinforced the area by laying a piece of fiberglass drywall tape, adhesive side to the balsa, over the cracked area and drizzled CA onto the balsa and tape. This made a quick, effective repair.

The second tip is from an anonymous source: If you need an air scoop, use a portion of a plastic spoon. Glue it to the wing or fuselage, fair it in, and paint it to match the structure. Looks great!

Third tip: When repairing Coroplast airplanes, it is essential that all oils are removed from the surfaces to be glued. One method is similar to that used in repairing balsa airplanes—wipe down the surfaces with a degreaser, then wipe again with alcohol. This will remove 99% of the oils and glue will adhere to the surfaces. The best glue to use is a contact cement such as

3M's Super 77.

Fourth tip: The best way I am aware of to prevent your landing gear wheels from falling off the axles is to thread the axle and fix the wheel with an aircraft (self-locking) nut. It will not fall off!

—From *Flightplan, Flight Masters Model Airplane Club, Fort Smith Arkansas*

A couple of handy tips I found from the forum of the RC Hangout web site by a user called Buchtes.

When fitting a spinner to a prop it's sometimes necessary to enlarge the openings for the prop blades. Please do not use a knife; it could leave rough edges which sometimes lead to a crack and potentially dangerous spinner. Use a Dremel Tool with the small drum sander, and

enlarge opening slowly to get a good fit.

When putting mounting holes in the ABS cowls, I don't drill these, these too can leave a rough hole which can crack under the engine vibration, I use a large T-pin, heat it over a candle or lighter and melt the holes for the mounting screws. This leaves a small ridge which is easily sanded off or left for added strength.

Cash Flow Report

Income			Expenses	
Club Dues (including initiation fees, field assessment fees, and Donations)	\$249.00		Port-o-potty service	\$140.00
Event income	\$0.00		Newsletter	\$96.75
			Charter Dues	\$90.00
Totals	\$249.00			\$326.75

Last Month's Total	\$6,823.32
Income	\$249.00
Expenses	(\$326.75)
Balance	\$6,745.57

**The April Club meeting is scheduled for:
 Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 10:00 am
 at the RCFU Flying Field, Woodward Reservoir.**