

# Radio Control Flyers Unlimited

## Flight Plan

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### Current News

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

Jerry Davis

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

At the August club meeting, the membership discussed allowing the club officers to have some discretion with spending for field improvements. Because monies spent are specific in the club bylaws (Article VI), a new clause in Article VI must be added to include discretionary spending. Below is the complete language of Article VI with the new language shown underlined. Please review the following Article and the added underlined clause. This change will be presented at the September Club meeting for approval. If you cannot make the meeting and wish to vote or have a say in the decision, please email me at [showie8124@aol.com](mailto:showie8124@aol.com) or [rcfu@rcflyersunlimited.com](mailto:rcfu@rcflyersunlimited.com), or you can mail it to

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Please have your responses to me prior to the September club meeting (Sept 12, 2007).

### ARTICLE VI

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

The PRESIDENT will preside over monthly

and/or special meetings, appoint committee chairpersons as needed, and represent the RADIO CONTROL FLYERS' UNLIMITED whenever appropriate. All business mail shall be addressed to the P. O. Box of RCFU. The President shall collect and disperse the mail.

The SECRETARY will keep the minutes of the meetings, maintain the club membership roster, renew the Club AMA charter annually, file timely reports with the Federal and/or State bureaus as may be required and maintain the records of the club. The Secretary will provide membership cards to all members, and shall collect all dues and fees and account for the transaction with the Treasurer.

The TREASURER shall pay by check all debts authorized by the Club membership for any amounts over \$5.00, and will retain receipts for ALL transactions. All checks must be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by either the President, Vice-president, or Secretary. All transactions involving club monies must be conducted at the club meeting unless prior approval of the membership has been obtained. The Treasurer shall collect the Club dues and fees from the Secretary and verify the accounting of such payments.

The officers of the club shall have full discretion to spend up to \$500 per transaction for a maximum of \$2,500 per year without consent of the general membership for items or projects that have the sole purpose of

benefiting the club. If the club finds that the funds used are not for the sole benefit of the club, the members of the club may suspend any further spending for the remainder of that year by a two-third (2/3) vote of the attending membership at a regularly scheduled club meeting.

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Prior to fall, we will be having our runway sealed and striped again. Please be aware that you may go to the field to find it under construction. This job may take up to two days. Unfortunately, I do not know the exact dates of the sealing, so good luck.

Please be aware that club officers will be up for nominations during the October club meeting and elections held at the November club meeting. Please plan to attend these meetings.

We have been seeing an increased amount of litter from both human and other animals at the field. The majority of the litter seems to be cigarette butts. We have put up a couple of small butt cans on the upright posts of the shades. Please use these for depositing your cigarette or cigar butts or, better yet, take them with you when you leave.

## PILOTS CORNER

### **Joke - Lets all learn about electricity!**

Here is a simple experiment that will teach you an important electrical lesson.

On a cool, dry day, scuff your feet along a carpet, then reach your hand into a friend's mouth and touch one of his dental fillings.

Did you notice how your friend twitched violently and cried out in pain?

This teaches us that electricity can be a very powerful force, but we must never use it to hurt others unless we need to teach them an important electrical lesson.

It also teaches us how an electrical circuit works.

When you scuffed your feet, you picked up a batch of "electrons", which are very small objects that carpet manufacturers weave into carpets so they will attract dirt.

The electrons travel through your bloodstream and collect in your finger, where they form a spark that leaps to your friend's filling, then travels down to his feet and back into the carpet, thus completing the circuit.

Amazing electronic fact:

If you scuffed your feet long enough without touching anything, you would build up so many electrons that your finger would explode! But this is nothing to worry about, unless you have carpeting.

Although we modern persons tend to take our electric lights, radios, mixers, etc. for granted, hundreds of years ago people did not have any of these things, which is just as well because there was no place to plug them in.

Then along came the first Electrical Pioneer, Benjamin Franklin, who flew a kite in a lightning storm and received a serious electrical shock.

This proved that lightning was powered by the same forces as carpets, but it also damaged Franklin's brain so severely that he started speaking only in incomprehensible maxims, such as, "A penny saved is a penny earned".

Eventually, he had to be given a job running the post office.

After Franklin, came a herd of Electrical Pioneers whose names have become part of our electrical terminology: Myron Volt, Mary Louise Amp, James Watt, Bob Transformer, etc. These pioneers conducted many important electrical experiments.

For example, in 1780 Luigi Galvani discovered (this is the truth) that when he attached two different kinds of metal to the leg of a frog, an electrical current developed and the frog's leg kicked, even though it was no longer actually attached to the frog, which was dead anyway.

Galvani's discovery led to enormous advances in the field of amphibian medicine. Today, skilled veterinary surgeons can take a frog that has been seriously injured or killed, implant pieces of metal in its muscles, and watch it hop back into the pond just like a normal frog, except for the fact that it sinks like a stone.

But the greatest Electrical Pioneer of all was Thomas Edison, who was a brilliant inventor despite the fact

that he had little formal education and lived in New Jersey.

Edison's first major invention, in 1877, was the phonograph, which could soon be found in thousands of American homes, where it basically sat until 1923, when the record was invented.

But Edison's greatest achievement came in 1879, when he invented the electric company.

Edison's design was a brilliant adaptation of the simple electrical circuit:

The electric company sends electricity through a wire to a customer, then immediately gets the electricity back through another wire, then (this is the brilliant part) sends it right back to the customer again.

This means that an electric company can sell a customer the same batch of electricity thousands of times a day and NEVER GET CAUGHT, since very few customers take the time to examine their electricity

closely.

In fact, the last year in which any new electricity was generated in the United States was 1937: the electric companies have been merely re-selling it ever since, which is why they have so much free time to apply for rate increases.

Today, thanks to men like Edison and Franklin, and frogs like Galvani's, we receive almost unlimited benefits from electricity.

For example, in the past decade scientists developed the laser, an electronic appliance that emits a beam of light so powerful that it can vaporize a bulldozer 2,000 yards away, yet so precise that doctors can use it to perform delicate operations on the human eyeball, (provided they remember to change the power setting from "VAPORIZE BULLDOZER" to "DELICATE").

### Cash Flow Report

Income		Expenses	
Club Dues (including initiation fees, field assess- ment fees, and Do-	\$0.00	Port-o-potty service	\$215.00
	\$0.00	Pest Control	\$40.00
		Food for Event	\$123.24
		Trophies for Event	\$66.76
		Web Site	\$29.85
		Newsletter	\$123.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$597.85</b>

Last Month's Total .....	\$14,256.81
Income .....	\$0.00
<u>Expenses .....</u>	<u>(\$597.85)</u>
Balance .....	\$13,658.96

**The September Club meeting is scheduled for:  
Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 6:30 pm  
at the Police Station at 10th and G sts**