

Radio Control Flyers Unlimited

Flight Plan

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Current News

Well we finally had Rumble Spray come out and spray our field for weeds and any future weeds with herbicide and a pre-emergent. I noticed that the runway looks a lot better with all of the weeds eradicated around its parameter. We will need to do this at least once per year in order to minimize the damage to the runway and outlying areas from weed infiltration.

The new tables at the field are a very nice touch and greatly enhance the ability to work on your model. But it appears that the tables are getting dirty and grimy from fuel, oil, and dirt. Please, when you get done using one of the tables, take a minute to just wipe down the table top. This will allow all of the tables to remain looking good and have them last longer. Also, if you decide you need to move any tables from their approximate designated spot, please put the table back to that spot when you are finished. There are five new style tables under each shade structure. These tables are placed approximately 15 feet apart. There have been times when these tables were pushed together and left that way. Please, if you are willing to take the time to move these tables to your liking, then take the time to put the tables back to their original positions when finished.

There are a few of the black nursery containers stationed around the pit area. These are to be used for collecting trash.

Please ensure that all trash is properly placed in these containers, or any of the larger trash containers around the pit. If you see trash that has not been put into any of these containers, please take a minute and collect the trash and put it into these containers. If the containers are getting full, please get an orange trash bag (these are located in the east end of the storage shed, or in the frequency shack), or if you have your own you wish to use, and put the contents of the container into the bag, and store the bag in either the storage container or in the frequency control shack. If there is a number of these bags with trash in them, please consider hauling these bags to the main entrance of Woodward reservoir, tell the gate person you are from the club and have trash to dump and that person will direct you to their main trash bin. If you let these trash containers, at the field, get more than half full, then the winds will pull some of the trash out and carry it to the east end of the field. After a good wind, go to the east end of the field just after the shade structure, and you will see a fair amount of trash strewn around the area.

If you are unfortunate to crash your model, at the field, please do not put it into the trash containers. If you must leave it at the field, then put it into a trash bag. Also, break up the model into manageable pieces (ie. Do not put a wing or even an intact half of a wing into the trash bag, but break it up in smaller pieces). The best practice is to take your model back home with you to be disposed of.

There are a lot of flyers using the 2.4 GHz radio systems. There will be a point when all you will see at the field are the 2.4 GHz radio systems. These radios are a great convenience since there is no need to have frequency control or ensuring that nobody is flying on your frequency. But with that come a responsibility to ensure that all of the pilots at the field are current members of both AMA and the club. Even if you have a "frequency" pin for flyers with 2.4 GHz radio systems, it will be very hard to enforce this since you cannot simply seek out the persons frequency and see if that person has put the proper documentation on the frequency board. The club is going to have to come up with a way of quickly seeing that each pilot has the proper documentation to fly at the field. It may be something as simple as displaying the current AMA and Club card on your person. Of course, if you are using the narrow model aircraft band radio, you will still have to get a frequency pin and replace the pin location with the proper documentation.

PILOTS CORNER

We had an interesting situation at the field. It shows that even a simple situation like this can cause a safety problem at the field. Fortunately, the people at the field got a good chuckle and nobody got hurt.

About a week or so ago on Sunday, little buddy, Ed Felver, brought out his very nice looking Senior Kadet .



He proceeded to use one of the test stands to run up and test his engine. In the meantime, a few of us were at the end of the pilot fence, preparing to start up another model for flight. During that time, Ed, seeing that his engine was running properly, removed the model from the stand and put in on the apron of the runway just to the east of us. The next thing we knew is that poor ol' Ed was making panicing noises and the model appeared to be taxing out of control. Fortunately, one of the people around the start up area saw the model and grabbed it. In the mean time Ed was trying to run to the model. The only problem was, his trousers were around his ankles. Apparently, when he bent down to put his model on the apron, his trousers started to fall down, and with radio in hand, his trousers managed to obey the laws of gravity. Another flyer was able to grab the radio from Ed to allow him to pull up his pants. Everybody got a good chuckle, and a sigh of relief that nobody got hurt. After Ed repositioned his trousers, he got his radio back and proceeded to fly his model (the model was still running during this event).



As you can see from the photo, Ed is no worse for ware and concentrating his full efforts with flying his model.

It just goes to show you, how an event, that couldn't possibly be predicted, can have safety implications.

Tips & Tricks

Wires

Get a hold of a junk VCR and take it apart. Quite often there are a lot of wire harnesses in it. While the wire is other colors, as well as black and red, it is high quality and works very well for RC hookups.

Lite Ply Replacement

My favorite material is "doorskins" to use in place of Lite Ply. You can purchase these at your local building supply company for around 5 bucks. The sheets are 36-inches wide by 80-inches high and

about 1/8-inch thick. I have used this in place of Lite Ply in fuselage sides, hatches, landing gear mounts, servo mounts, etc., and have never had a failure.

Plywood on the cheap

Also along those lines, cabinet makers have birch- and oakfaced ply pieces in different sizes 1/4-inches thick, that they will sell to you for a responsible price. I use these for firewalls, gear mounts in bigger airplanes, and you can double them up to make firewalls for gas engines.

Hardwood

For spars, I use 1/4 x 8 feet poplar or maple. One board can be carefully cut in a table saw with a fine blade (be safe when you use power tools). You can cut these in 1/4 x 3/8, 1/4 x 1/2, etc. and make enough sticks to last for years!

—all from the First State R/C Club, Willmington, Delaware

Cash Flow Report

Income		Expenses	
Club Dues (including initiation fees, field assessment fees, and Donations)	\$0.00	Port-o-potty service	\$140.00
Raffel Income (included in above)		Newsletter	\$44.00
		Pest Control	\$40.00
		Weed spraying	\$1,200.00
		County Property Tax	\$29.87
		Trophies	\$78.03
Totals	\$0.00		\$1,531.90

Last Month's Total	\$2,975.14
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	(\$1,531.90)
Balance	\$1,443.24

**The September Club meeting is scheduled for:
Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 6:30 pm
at the Police Station at 10th and G sts.**