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Current News

We received an update from the swap meet. The attendance was down from past years. There were only 12 spaces put up. The assumption was with Easter the next day, many did not participate. But the swap meet yielded a net amount of \$163.53.

We had a field clean up day on April 23, 2016 starting at 8:00 am. A crew scraped and repainted the benches, and another crew were out scraping the paved field, removing the slurry layer. A lot of progress was made on these jobs. Also weed spraying was accomplished. Mowing was started around the parameter of the field but the mower belt broke and stopped the progress,

Prior to the clean up day. Mark and Larry Paulsen brought their tractor and flail out and mowed the parking area and a large swath around the paved area. A big thanks goes out to Mark and Larry for using their equipment.

Another bonus, is that the contracted person for mowing and bailing of the grass was performing the mowing during the clean up day.

By scraping the runway, this will allow us to get a discount of the total paving project. Another bonus is we used the material that was scraped up to put on the bad places along the entry road. The club is currently getting final bids to repave the field. Part of that is to do a final walk through to minimize any change orders.

Our May club meeting will held on May 7th at the field. The meeting time will be 4:00pm. This will coincide with the scheduled afternoon fun fly and night flying. Also there will be a float fly on that day in the morning. The fun fly and meeting will also have a late lunch/supper after the meeting, plus there will be a raffle for a completed slow poke with a .91 engine installed. If you wish to stay overnight, a \$15 charge will be collected during the fun fly.

The pylon races have been scheduled for May 14-15, 2016 and August 20-21, 2016. This event requires a few volunteers for both days. I have volunteered at the last pylon race as a judge and was actually fun to do. Please plan to help out during this and all other events at the field. A flyer will be posted on the web site.

There will be an IMAC aerobatic contest on June 25-26 2016. We will be having lunch there as well. Volunteers would be much appreciated to help out.

Will be having a limited number of float flies this year. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday May 7th
Tuesday May 17th
Thursday June 2
Tuesday June 14
Thursday June 30

The gate to the float fly area will be opened at about 8:00 am, and there will be a one time charge of \$10 to cover boat maintenance and fuel.

PILOTS CORNER

Item for sale

It is a 2008 Pace/Journey 6' x 12' with over-all height of approx. 8'. Includes work bench, metal storage box & metal mounting brackets. Very Good Condition. \$2500. Located in Tracy. Swing doors on rear. Linoleum flooring.

Contact Bill Weissberg for photos or more info. 209-988-6107 or bill911s@yahoo.com



Tips and Tricks

by Model Airplane News

TIE UP THOSE LOOSE ENDS



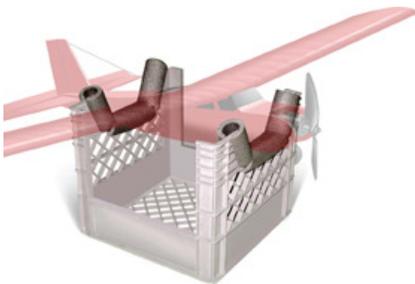
If one of your model's control servo connectors become unplugged during flight, at best, you're going to have a really tough time getting it back on the ground in one piece. At worst, you could lose the model completely due to a serious crash. By simply crossing your servo lead end like this and forming a half-knot at the connection, you can be sure the connectors won't come undone even while under extreme forces during aerobatic flight.

TIC TAC TOOL BINS



Small and very important parts and fasteners will be much easier to find and store if you organize your field box and/or workshop drawers. A very inexpensive alternative to those ready-made parts bins and compartmental storage boxes are leftover plastic Tic Tac containers. Tape several together as shown and add those little screws, nuts, grommets, etc. An added benefit is that your breath will always be minty fresh!

HANDY MODEL STAND



Using an old milk crate (readily available everywhere!) and some water pipe insulation foam, makes an inexpensive, yet very sturdy model airplane maintenance and support stand. It's also big enough to use as an equipment caddy to transport your battery charger and field equipment.

HEX-DRIVE HANDLE



We all know that L-shaped hex head Allen wrenches are handy. You can easily turn an Allen wrench into a long-reach hex driver with a little shop work and a length of 4-inch wood dowel. Drill a hole in the end and a second larger hole to intersect the first (as shown) through the side of the dowel. Split the dowel lengthwise and remove excess side material with a band saw. Next, add a threaded cinch bolt to clamp the Allen wrench securely in place. This design also allows you to change sizes of the Allen wrenches.

STICKY SITUATION



If you're having trouble getting your tape hinges to stick to your foam airplane, use a Q-tip to apply a thin coating of medium or thick foam-safe CA to the area where the tape will be applied. Let the adhesive air dry (don't use kicker!) and then apply the tape. The hinge material will stick more securely and will last much longer than if it were applied to the untreated foam surface.

**The May Club meeting is scheduled for:
Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 4:00 pm
at the club flying field.**