

THE FLYER



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Edge 540 by Seagull Models. This model belongs to Bob Palermo and was on the stand waiting for an early Saturday flight. Photo by Jim Orsborn

President's Message -

Greetings and salutations everybody! Welcome to the 2009 flying season.

The First Lady and I have been repairing and building new planes over the past few weeks. My Easy Sport is almost done, and the covering continues on the Kadet LT-40.

Thanks to Rich Kryzinski for offering to be the Safety Officer.

Please make sure you are focused on safety when flying during the upcoming season. Field rules are posted on the board and the website. Jim also posted details later in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars:

- May 2nd is field clean up day
- June 14th is scheduled to be the Construction Derby
- July 19th will be Family Day

- April 22nd, "Introduction to Model Aircraft" at the Rec Hall.

The April 22nd date is a new one, and is a little last minute. Last year, we had a presentation, some planes for show and tell, along with simulators. More details to follow

Please check your availability. We are going to need volunteers to help with these events.

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Setup, Cleanup, Organizing, acquiring food items etc. I will break requests down into simple 1 or 2 steps so this is not a major time investment.

The Burlington R/C Flyers have also contacted me (actually Jeff) to inquire about a multi-club fun fly in June or July. Looking for a few volunteers to help plan that event also.

-Don

March Meeting Update by Jim Orsborn

Thank You

Yes we all owe a great big Thank You to all of the members that showed up for the March Meeting. We had a total of 18 members and 1 guest who attended the meeting. So with a full quorum in attendance, we were able to elect a new slate of officers and move forward with plans for another year.

New Officers

Yes, we have a new President and a full slate of Directors. If you get a chance, please offer your thanks to the following members: Don Fitzreiter, Pres Jerry Crowley, VP Vic Vogel, Treas. Ray Capobianco, Secretary and Directors Charlie Bacon, Dan Fisher, and Dave Varrell. Everyone's contact info is on the back cover.

Treasurer's Report

Vic told us that the club did well in February with all income and no expenses. So the treasury balance went from \$4,831 at the beginning of the month to \$5,397 by the end of the month. Jeff told us that he did receive a final bill from the school for the Auction, so he will be able to finalize the accounting for next month.

Old Business

Wouldn't you know it, but right after Don took over as President, he had some old business that needed to be addressed. A motion was placed on the floor to amend our By-Laws. The suggestion was to amend Article VI Section 3 which defines a quorum for meetings. After some discussion, Jeff Ward made a motion to change

the definition from 20% to 15% and the motion was seconded by John Parisi. A vote on the motion passed, so our By-Laws are now amended to read: "Fifteen (15%) percent of the members entitled to vote must be present in person to constitute a quorum at all meetings of the members for the election of Officers and Directors and for the transaction of other business except as otherwise provided by law, by the certificate of incorporation, or these by-laws."

New Business

Multi-club event. It seems like the 495th club has put out a feeler for interest in a joint Fun Fly event. The Burlington club is also interested. So it was agreed that Jeff would see if there was any further information about the proposed date or format.

Construction Derby

Ray Capobianco put a plan on the table to hold our 15th annual Construction Derby on June 14th this year. Everyone agreed on entry fees and a lineup of prizes. All that Ray would say is that there will be more fun by all this year, and if you have been to one in the past, look for a few changes this year.

Spring Cleanup

The group has set May 2nd as Spring Cleanup Day for this year. Please mark your calendar NOW for this date, as this may be the last Newsletter before that date. More plans will likely unfold at the next meeting, but there might not be time to get another Newsletter out. The usual plans will probably apply, so please stop by for light refreshments and lend a hand with the work.



From The Pits by Jim Orsborn

Frequency Pins

Yes we are still using Frequency Pins. Every member of the club should have a new 2009 Freq Pin by now. Old pins are no longer valid and are a clear indication that the holder has not paid their dues. Members who are still using older radios will have their channel number displayed on the pin. Users who are using Spread Spectrum radios will have a **SS** on the pin instead of the channel number. Even if you have a Spectrum radio and no longer need to worry about interference; you Still Need to Display you Pin when flying at the MCRCF Field.

Pin Etiquette

Upon arriving at the field, all members should post their Freq Pin on the Frequency Pole for everyone else to see. When first added to the pole the most likely spot will be at the bottom

of the Red vertical bar. This is where pins hang out while pilots are patiently waiting for their turn to fly. Do not assume that you can simply move to the top flight bar and fly immediately.

After waiting for your turn, pilots will move their pin up to one of the horizontal bars.

The Yellow bar is for pilots who need to operate their radio, but will not actually be leaving the pits. The Green bar of course is for pilots who will actually be flying.

Club rules clearly state that a maximum of three pilots should be flying from the field at any one time. With one more pin for a helicopter pilot in the hover area; there should never be more than four pins on the Green flight bar at one time.

The same limits do not apply to the Yellow bar; but pilots must insure that there are no freq conflicts.

Pit Safety

Okay, this is going to be the unpopular topic. I may even raise a few brows with a couple friends.

Tie downs: Yes, please use a flight stand or another secure method to hold your plane when starting the engine.

Taxi Out: Once the engine is running, most pilots lift the plane to the ground and taxi out to the runway. Be very careful to stay away from other pilots. Always announce your intentions and insure that you will not interfere with another pilot. If the path to the runway is not clear; carry your plane to the runway.

Taxi In: When you have finished the flight, the safest practice is to stop the engine at the edge of the runway and carry the plane back to the flight stand. Ground taxi back to the stand only if there is a clear path.

Helicopters: A heli is actually flying once it leaves the ground; so there is no maneuver that is equivalent to taxi. Therefore helis should always be carried from the pits to the runway; and pilots who may have done this in the past should stop.

Range Check: Do take the time before your first flight of the year, and after any changes to the plane.

Control Checks: Story was that an old Air Force crew chief thought he should always just say "Check" when the pilot asked about control movements. We've seen several accidents at the field that could have been avoided if the pilot had done a simple control movement check. You do look for "Correct" movement when you use right aileron stick?

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