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Notes from the President

By Terry Grimes

Hi all I sure have missed seeing you the last three weeks I have been ill and kind of house-bound. But I am starting to feel better so maybe when it cools down I can get out and visit with you and fly.

As always Kansas weather has been hot humid and windy but I hope you all have had some chances to fly and have fun. Thanks to all who have been mowing out at our flying sites here is just a small list of the people I know who have mowed lately: Marvin B, Scott S, Gene M and son Alex, Trig & Fred, and as always the Tallmans. I hope I did not miss anyone and sorry if I did. The club's support on maintaining the flying sites is great as always.

The field maps for Chapin have been created by Gene Morse- thanks Gene. A mounting board was supplied by ADD Craft signs (Kenny Allen) at no charge to the club – thanks Kennysee the photos in this newsletter of the new sign. Be sure to read the field rules or to refresh your memory on the field rules at each flying site. For the most part the rules are the same but there are some differences at each field; be sure to help your fellow modelers to remember and follow the rules—not just WRCC members but all modelers. Remember we need to check for AMA compliance. AMA is required at all of our flying fields NO EXCEPTIONS.

Be sure to visit the WRCC website for all the up-to-date info on events.

Hope to See you out flying soon

Terry G

July Meeting

The July meeting will be on Thursday, July 29th at the Wichita Aviation Museum at 7:00pm. The agenda will include:

- Field reports
- Raffle
- Event updates
- Attendance drawing

We need to start the planning stages of the Auction for next year. How many of you are willing to commit to working the auction? It seems like we have to make the distinction of what the auction generates for this club and its members, and what this auction is worth to us in revenue. This is a social event and would be sorely missed if it did not continue. We are coming up on the 50th anniversary of the WRCC auction, but the past auction we were about 25% short on help.

Here are some questions to think about:

- What are our options for the auction?
- Do we have the support to continue this Event?

These are just a few of the things that need to be considered as a club to make the decision of continuing this event. Leaving this up to a few that carry the burden is not any way to support the club! Just how many members do we have that will commit to working the 2011 auction?

Please Email me your commitment to helping and keeping this event alive for at least 1 more year! Send your comments to mbflyer@cox.net.



Chapin Signage

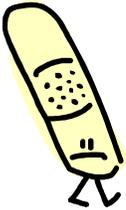
Here is the updated sign at Chapin Field. Notice the new diagrams across the top.

Rules are posted at each site, and are slightly different at each site. Please review them periodically, and encourage others to do the same.



In Remembrance

Jim Finley, owner of Finley's Hobbies passed away on July 11th, 2010. In addition to being a long-time WRCC member, he was also a member of Douglass Lodge #151 AF & AM, and Midian Shrine of Wichita. He was survived by his wife, Alma (Sanders) Finley; daughter, Debra Burgardt (James) of Wichita; brothers, John Finley of Wichita and Eldon Finley of Rolla, MO; sister, Jane McHenry of Oklahoma City, OK; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established with the [American Heart Association](http://www.americanheart.org), 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL, 60674.



Safety Matters:

Submitted by Gene Morse

I found a good article to share...Check it out.
Some things we have discussed already this year and some we have not.
Have fun flying Safely!

Gene

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There are some basic safety tips to follow when you get ready to go fly your RC aircraft. Following these rules will help you have a wonderful day and your aircraft is less likely to end up crashing to the ground. The subjects covered in this article include, battery safety, aircraft safety and personal safety.

Battery Safety- LiPo Battery Handling & Storage

- Keep LiPo battery packs WELL out of reach of small children.
- Do not put battery packs in pockets or bags. They can short circuit.
- Do not store, transport or store batteries where they come into contact with sharp or metallic objects
- Do not store your LiPo pack in extreme temperatures below 32F or above 90F.
- Always store your LiPo pack safe, non-flammable containers away from flammable objects. A special LiPo Sack or metal / ceramic storage container is best.
- Never store your LiPo's fully charged. They will maintain their performance levels and you won't need to cycle them unless stored for longer than 3-6 months.
- Make sure that your batteries are fully charged before flight.

Aircraft Safety

- Always do an extensive pre-flight check of your aircraft before flying.
- Dust-off all electronic equipment and check for proper function of all control surfaces.
- Repair damaged parts prior to arriving at the field or bring your repair supplies and equipment with you.
- **NEVER** fly aircraft with questionable function.

Personal Safety

- If you are out of practice, prepare mentally for flying. Review your skills and start off with a plane you are comfortable with.
- Have one of your flying compadres inspect your equipment at the field for unseen damage and possible equipment failure.
- Get plenty of sleep the night before so that your concentration is at its peak.
- Avoid flying by yourself. If you do let a friend or family member know when you plan on arriving at the field and when you plan to leave.
- Respect the people around you and make sure you understand how your RC airplane or helicopter works for your safety and theirs.
- Fly at a sanctioned RC aircraft field. There are usually too many bystanders at local parks that could be harmed as well as vehicles that could be damaged. Flying at home could cause property damage to your surrounding neighbors.

If you follow basic safety guidelines and use common sense, your flying experience can be a wonderful one. Remember to respect those around you, follow the rules of the field, and make sure you totally understand the operation of your RC Aircraft.

Article Source: http://EzineArticles.com/?expert=Rick_Cantrell

June 24 th, 2010
Wichita Aviation Museum
Meeting began at 7:00

Terry Grimes called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Matt Thompson from Timber Creek Hobby shop.

Treasurer – Terry Powell gave treasurer’s report
Minutes of April meeting – approved as submitted.
Calendar – Ken Stitt sent some flyers to add to the calendar. Three events coming up.

Safety – None

Newsletter – None

Website – Latest races and combat scores updated. Photos for the may 31st racing. Please take some pictures to add to the website gallery.

Chapin – Looking like the field may need to be mowed – Terry Grimes

Beech – Tregalis met with the company and today is the last day to fly out at Beech. Still working with the new owners to work out getting all of the flying field equipment off of property. NO FLYING right now. Need to put something together to show that the field is closed.

Afton – Don Pemberton – thankful for chief mower Vernell Tallman. Need to do a little work at Afton in a couple of spaces. Weeds around the trailers need to taken care of. Asked for volunteers to help. Plan is to go out Wednesday and have the racers help. Don wants to replace the old spindles with some new ones.

Jumbo Fly – Not a whole lot is going on. Bob will try to go down and get more information. Servo City has mentioned possible donations for raffle prizes. Is going to start a sign up sheet for volunteers. Go see Trig’s show this weekend.

Planes over El Dorado – City is setting up right now and will be there all 4 days helping. City is providing water and things for the spectators. Some folks going to buzz the field around noon. Trig would like to have some jets to come out and fly around noon time. Electricity will provided through out the event. RV space is going to be available . Sat 9-5 – Sun 9-4

All Fields – No other updates.

Vic Kirkpatrick – Wants to do a brown bag Fun Fly July 4th. No grills allowed. Fund raiser for Eddy Jump to send him to racing nationals.

Old Business – Map will be put out at Chapin to set up boundaries.

New Business – 2011 auction. 2010 Successful. If we are going to have an auction. Set up committee for each individual function of the auction. Please send Fred some stuff on the auction.

Group Discussion: More about the auction. Microphone and cable donated by Terry Dobson.

The group took a break.

Show and Tell:

- Larry Tener – A123 Battery Pack LiFe
- Bob Hernandez – Hangar 9 Edge 540 33% Engine: 3W100 Twin Weight: 21 lbs. Wing Span: 97”
Radio: Futaba FASST system. New Fuselage with the original wings.
- Richard Bereman : Bell Crank for an old Taurus. Bell Crank was designed by Loren Tregalis.

Attendance Drawing:

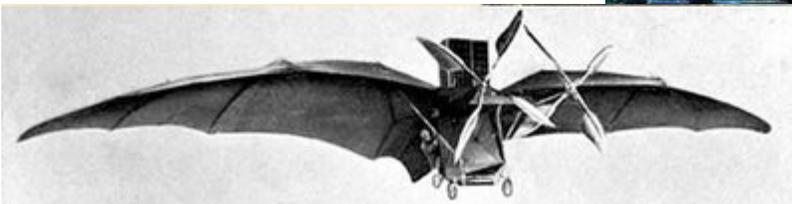
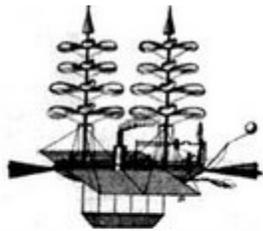
- Rick Hester was drawn, but was not in attendance. Next meeting will be \$30

Raffle:

Meeting Adjourned

Found on the Web.....

Check out some interesting pictures and aviation history at <http://mytechnologyworld9.blogspot.com/2008/12/slightly-mad-concepts-of-early-aviation.html>.



Newsletter Submissions: Submit your stories and pictures to the WRCC News! Deadline is the 2nd Friday of each month. E-mail to newsletter@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org. Please include your contact information.