

Presidents Corner – Mike Howard

Gee, another month already. Won't be long till Spring now. I want it to be Spring now.

Flew one day this month, (the Heli) and for me that's not flying it's surviving.

The February meeting was short on attendees, but the membership is really rolling along. We have lots of things to do this year and need people to step up and take the lead on some of them. I'm sending last month's letter along with this one in case you all didn't get it (below).

Hi Guys & Gals:

Boy, another month is quickly rolling by and it occurs to me that I better get my corner written. Our first meeting was a bit shaky for me. I have been there before, but for me, I am not much on parliamentary procedure. Please don't misunderstand, I do believe in an orderly meeting that furthers the aims and wishes of the club members, but I believe that we should be friends pursuing the common interest of model aviation in its numerous forms. I promise I will try to do better in the future.

I made it to the field a couple of times this month and saw a bunch of people out on Wednesday 65 degrees. Jerry K. had a "boo boo" (sorry Jerry), I'll bet it is fixable. I was able to get a whole tank thru the Heli without having to land or crash prematurely. Here is a warning, if you ever get a Heli and sort of fly it, don't get rid of it. I think they are like a drug and you will get hooked.

For a look at the past, our pavilion was built in Oct 1991, also Jerry Kutz built us an outhouse, and in February 1992 Dean Jefferies sowed 75 lbs of grass and fertilizer on the field and we passed a motion to put a cement floor in the pavilion. Early 1990s we met in Temple Hall, Room 203 on SMS campus. In 1992 we moved to Springfield Airport and met in the General Aviation Building. September 1992 a floor was poured in the pavilion. In 1993 we moved meetings to O'Reilly's Tech Center and in 1993 we got bids to pave the runway.

All for now... remember Altitude is your friend, Mike.

February Minutes of the Springfield R/C Club

By Justin Heath

Meeting of the Springfield R/C Club was called to order at 7 p.m. on February 5th. There were 10 members and 1 guest (Bret) present. January minutes were read. Russ Rhodes moved to accept minutes as read and Bob Schwandt seconded the motion. Vote was taken and minutes were approved as read.

Bob Schwandt read the treasurer's report. Total of \$10,965.24 in our account. 47 members have paid dues. Motion made and seconded to approve treasurer's report as read.

Old Business:

Scott C. was unable to attend the meeting to lay out the pylon course for the club. Work day was discussed once again and suggestions were taken for work to be done. No decisions made as of yet.

New Business:

Dave Campbell – last year's president – had a 5-way heart bypass. It was asked that everyone keep him and his family in their thoughts.

Kevin Bayne-newsletter editor and webmaster-has decided to not rejoin. Volunteers were asked for. Barry Harper volunteered to be 2009 newsletter editor. Russ Rhodes volunteered to become new webmaster. Russ was going to try to reach Kevin to get the web data that he needs.

Potential club events for 2009 were discussed. Volunteers and leaders for events were asked for. If you would like to help with an event, please contact Russ Rhodes. A list of possible events and dates will be posted in the newsletter. It was also suggested that night fly dates be posted in the newsletter for each month. Night flies are "come and fly if weather permits" event. The "Information on the club" number on the sign at the field was discussed. It was decided that Barry Harper's number would

remain on the sign and would be the one to contact for information. Russ Rhodes brought a video on club events. This video was very informative on what AMA events there are. If you would like to see this video, please contact Russ Rhodes.

Barry brought Sparky's newly finished Hangar 9 Pawnee for show-and-tell. If you would like to get a glimpse of it, it is currently on display at Sleeth Hobbies.

Motion made, seconded, and carried for meeting to adjourn.

Next club meeting:
Thursday, March 5, 7 pm
Library Center
S. Campbell

Swap Meet
Saturday March 7
Buyers - 10 am - ?
2821 W. Chestnut Expy
[Behind O'Reilly's]
No admission fee for
Buyers
Sellers: Setup 9 am
\$10/Table

Night Fly
Saturday, March 7
Conditions Permitting

Field Maintenance Day
Saturday, April 18

Note from the Editor:
I will try to publish the newsletter one week before each meeting, so if anyone has anything to contribute, it needs to get it to me a few days before that.

Proposed Springfield RC Club Events for 2009

The following is a list of proposed club events for our club in 2009. There are “blanks” to be filled in by volunteers who will serve as either Contest Directors (CDs) or Leaders. Also are blanks for the events so that they may or may not be sanctioned by AMA. There are a number of events listed and the club may not want to have one or more events for this year. There are blanks also for events that the club may want and which are not included in the list. These events will be voted upon at the March club meeting.

Club Event	Date(s)*	CD or Leader	Sanctioned (yes/no)
Swap meet, Indoor at Cal Tronics on West Chestnut Expressway behind O'Reilly's store	March 7	Sparky Wessels	No
Field maintenance	April 18	Club members	No
Helicopter fly in	May 2, 3		
Family day and fun fly	May 23	Bryon Scott	No
Night fly**	June 6, September 5 or other		
Warbird and civilian fun scale contest	June 20	Barry Harper	No
Float Fly	July 17, 18	Sparky Wessels	Yes
Big Model Fly**	August 15	Barry Harper	No
Pattern Contest	September 12, 13	Dan Curtis	Yes
Pylon Race	September 19, 20	Scott Causey?	?
Electric Fly**	October 10		No

*Most are only on a Saturday with several on Saturday and Sunday

**A designated day for club members to fly a specific type of model and share information (field not closed and flying not restricted to this model type)

Ski Fly January 31



Top Left: Sparky's 4 Star PINK SKIS!!!
 Middle: Bert's Eindecker – home made skis
 Top Right: Bryon's Trainer – aluminum skis
 Middle Left: Barry's Tiger 60: Middle: Who needs Skis? (wheel pants inverted)
 Middle Right: 3Ders need no skis
 Left: Long"ski"EZ

A Good Day at the Field, February 8, 2009

Wow, I thought that I'd be the only one at the field, but it turned out to be a very user friendly day out there. Some of the guys flying were Bert, Steve, Mike, Jason, Justin, Jerry. Everyone was flying and the wind was straight down the runway. Justin, Steve, and Jason were making their planes almost land like a helicopter and were doing other 3-D maneuvers. There were three electric planes, two of Jason's and one of Justin's. There was one helicopter, one pattern plane, one powered glider, one large senior, and a dandy Hobbico trainer. What a variety!! And what's better there were no crashes and a lot of happy fliers. Bert downed a pizza and others watched with anticipation (not really expecting any). The temperature was around 63 degrees with a very friendly breeze. The field was not muddy, in spite of all the earlier sleet and snow. All told it was a really great day. Here are some photos of the planes and the fliers. -Russ Rhodes



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