

NEWS LETTER

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New Flying Site

Spring and beautiful flying weather will be upon us to enjoy very soon at our new field. However, we have a lot of work ahead of us to get the new site ready and we will be scheduling and calling on each and every member to assist getting the field ready as the weather permits.

The new field will look fabulous once we get the building in place, frequency board displayed and the fresh weeds cut. Remember a north/south runway will also be put in with the help of Mr. Ward and please do not drive on Mr. Ward's existing runway and keep your aircraft away from his home.

Currently there are no fly-



ing restrictions in place in regards to the day of week and or time of day. However, there are neighbors in the area and we need to be somewhat considerate.

There will be no flying allowed over the designated pit area, including electronics, glow, gas, helis, left

turners, right turners, boys, girls, women or men (SO THIS INCLUDES YOU!) We love to watch how nimble your fingers are...at a safe distance. :-)

Parking is something that will need to be addressed, especially for those with trailers.

Next Club Meeting

- March 14, 2009
- Barnstormers Grill
- 6:00 pm
- Door Prize!!!!!!

For Safety Sake

We are at a new flying field so I thought I would add a few safety reminders: All of you are safety deputies. It is imperative to remember your frequency pin before turning on your transmitter. Be sure to pre-

flight your aircraft by moving all control surfaces before starting. Everyone needs to do a full range check at the new field before flying. For safety sake, buddy up and hold those big planes down for your

fellow pilot's safety as they start their engines.

Be a friend and remind those who aren't following the safety rules to do so.

Gone in 30 seconds

It is important to develop and perform your own pre-flight and post-flight checks the same way every time. If you have a helper make sure your helper knows what to expect and when to expect it. Here are a few ideas:

You charged your plane, but what does the battery read? Don't have a meter with you? Borrow one! Have you range checked lately? Checked your linkages for



slop? Checked that screws are tight? Hinges secure? Tugged on your control Surfaces lately? Landing gear? Something that almost happened to me last summer: I was holding a oily plane with one hand, the transmitter in the other and trying to get the plane

on the flight line. What if I had dropped either one.. Can you spell Danger? Make sure you turn your transmitter and plane off after the last flight? The guy you're possibly sharing the channel with will really appreciate it. Did you wait until you had the frequency pin in your possession before turning on your transmitter? In less than 30 seconds you can loose your plane, a fellow members plane, or worse your fingers by simply not practicing good safety techniques.

It was approved for the club to purchase fertilizer and seed for the new runway that will be put in. Larry Turner to receive free member ship for 2009 for finding new flying field.

February Meeting Highlights

Tentative Event Dates

IMAC—May 22-24th

Family Picnic—July 11th
(July 18th if rain)

Allen Taylor—September 19th
(September 20th if rain)

Toys for Tots—November 14th
(November 15th if rain)

FYI: Perry Swap Meet is March 6th-7th.



Members Present:

Joey Seward, David Clark, John Fontenot, Sam Shimizu, Larry Turner, Stan McCullough, Peter Spacil, Reuben Brown, Billy Moore, Roger Clayton, Frank Ladd, Mark Ladd, Burt Watkins, Andrew Ellington, Bill Willis, Mike Lynch, Donna Lynch, Jessie Sherman, Scott Mullins (Mr. & Mrs. Ward along with several other visitors were in attendance)

FUEL

Some of you are aware that Martell is no longer able to store and or sell the fuel for the club. If you need fuel, please contact Stan, Roger or Scott.



15% Omega
\$17.00 per gallon
\$68.00 per case

30% Heli
\$27.00 per gallon
\$108.00 per case



15% Cool Power
\$17.00 per gallon
\$68.00 per case

Thanks!!!

We ended 2008 and began 2009 with some uncertainties. Many of us uncertain what lied ahead for the Flying Griffins. I myself was one of those people. However, after seeing how many people turned out January 17th to help in the move (several were not even members) and having the opportunity to meet Mr. Ward, I left that day with a renewed enthusiasm and an eagerness to figure out



how to make this club even better. That was the day the newsletter was born and became into existence. I would like to thank Mr. Bill Willis who has so many times went over and beyond the call of duty by

his continued generosity. Not only with the many donations for raffles

and door prizes but his overall efforts to encourage meeting attendance and club growth. I can't name every member but you know who you are!!! Thanks to each and every one of you who so willingly jumps at the opportunity to put your talents to use when called upon. I've got to say thanks to all of the club officers who donate their time serving in their capacities. We appreciate you guys!!! As a team we can get a lot of things done.

We Need Your Help

I need your help! If you have any tips, techniques, stories or anything to share with the Flying Griffins members, please send me an email at smullins@charter.net. Tips and techniques for new pilots, intermediate pilots, advanced pilots etc. etc. don't hold back. Share the information and knowledge with us. Ideally a 75-125 word article will fit nicely in just about any section of the newsletter. Remember it is your newsletter. Perhaps a

member went over and beyond and helped you at the filed and you would like to thank them and share it. I can't count on one hand how many times John has helped me get a motor tuned in or how many times he has offered a prop, glow plug, trainer cord. Wait, that is another arti-

cle by itself. It doesn't have to be all serious information either. If you have a cartoon, joke or anything humorous share it with us.

Calling all members. Please help make the newsletter a success. Send in your contributions to the newsletter to smullins@charter.net. I have four pages that I have to fill up every month!!!!!! HELP ME!!!!!!

New Club Member(s)

I was going to have an article written here about a new member. He was unable to attend the meeting so now, I have a blank spot here. SORRY!!!



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Flying Griffins, Inc. is a non-profit corporation which was created June 19, 1978. The club is an AMA chartered Club. AMA charter #1151. The goal of the Flying Griffins is to provide a forum for club members in the area to exchange ideas and benefit from one another's experience with the hobby of building and the sport of flying radio controlled model aircraft. The Flying Griffins are committed to promoting the enjoyment of safe R/C flying in accordance with AMA R/C club rules and guidelines. The club invites and welcomes new and prospective members to attend the monthly meetings. And as always, everyone is always welcome to stop by the field to check out the action for themselves!

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