

# NEWS LETTER

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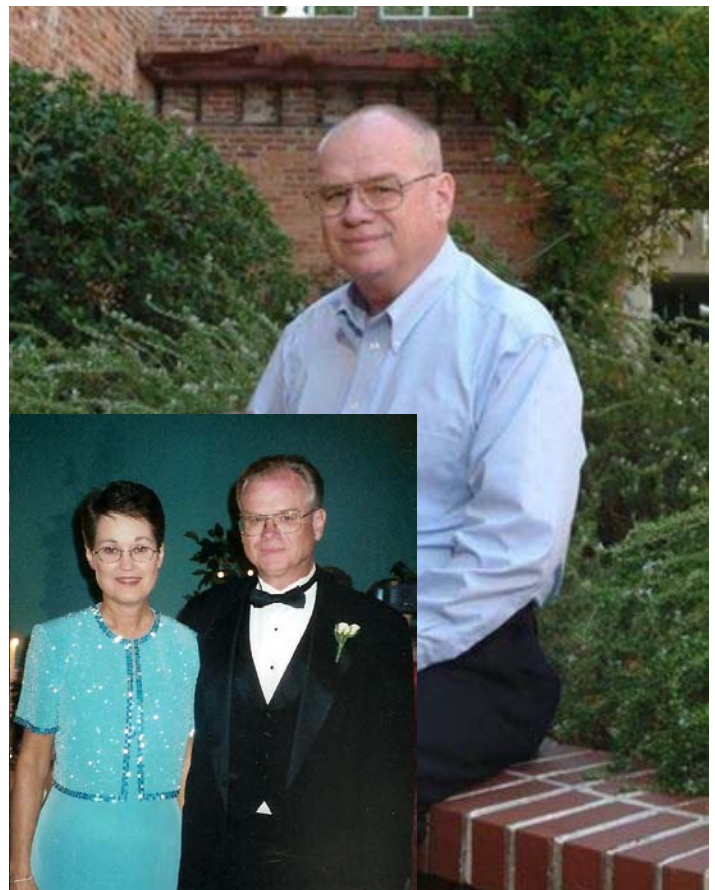
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## Who was Allen Taylor?

Allen Taylor was born on July 12, 1945 in Griffin, Georgia where he enjoyed life. Allen worked for Southern Company for 35 years. He was a member of Spalding Kiwanis Club and a member of Russell's Raiders Sunday School Class in The First Baptist Church in Griffin. Allen loved playing the guitar and loved water skiing. He and his wife Margaret were happily married for 35 years and had two children: Eric and Tammy and he had one granddaughter; Taylor Anne. Allen's heart was broken when his son passed away at an early age.



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### Next Club Meeting

- Date: April 18th
- At the flying field
- Time: After the work day is complete
- The plan is to get the building assembled. Bring tools, ladders, etc. etc.

## Tentative Event Dates

IMAC—May 22-24th

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

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

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

## The Roll

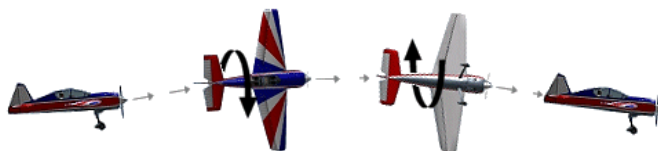
The roll requires ailerons, but if your airplane only has rudder then you might be able to pull off a larger, somewhat untidier "barrel roll". A roll with ailerons, though, is a very smooth maneuver, and not difficult. Fly straight and level on about half throttle. To begin a roll, apply a small amount of up elevator and left or right aileron (or rudder) together. No need for full power this time, keep the throttle stick where it is throughout the roll. As you apply elevator and aileron, the

airplane will start to roll over. Keep the aileron stick in the same position, but you will probably have to adjust the elevator to keep the roll tidy. If you can think about it, apply a tiny amount of down elevator when the airplane is inverted, this will prevent any loss of altitude during the roll. Once the airplane is right-side up again, return the sticks to neutral and resume straight

and level flying.

Thanks to Mr. Pete Carpenter at: [www.rc-airplane-world.com](http://www.rc-airplane-world.com) for giving permission to edit text and copy image from his website.

New stunt next month!



## How long does it take a balsa tree to grow?

Balsa trees grow very rapidly (like all pesky weeds). Six months after germination, the tree is about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and 10 to 12 feet tall. In 6 to 10 years the tree is ready for cutting, having reached a height of 60 to 90 feet tall and a diameter of 12 to 45 inches. If left to continue growing, the new wood being grown on the outside layers becomes very hard and the tree begins to rot in the center. Unharvested, a balsa tree may grow to

a diameter of 6 feet or more, but very little usable lumber can be obtained from a tree of this size. While nature intended the balsa tree to be a short lived nursemaid, mankind eventually discovered that it was an extremely useful resource. The real start of the balsa business was during World War I, when the allies were in need of a plentiful substitute for cork. The only drawback to using balsa was, and still is, the back breaking work that is nec-

essary to get it out of the jungle. Because of the way the individual balsa trees are scattered throughout the jungles, it has never been possible to use mass production logging procedures and equipment. The best way to log balsa trees is to go back to the methods of Paul Bunyan - chop them down with an axe, haul them to the nearest river by ox team, tie them together into rafts, and float the rafts of balsa logs down river to the saw mill.

## FUEL

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

## Allen Taylor—Continued

Above playing the guitar and water skiing, Allen loved RC Flying and was involved in the hobby for 25 plus years. He taught a lot of people to fly and was delighted to see them solo for the first time. Sadly on September 3rd, 2004 at the age of 59, Allen passed away as a result of a brain tumor. He is greatly missed.

Thanks to Mrs. Pat Moore for contributing to this article.



## Frequency Pin Changes

Please note that there will be an orange flag placed on our frequency board if glider planes and or other RC aircraft are being used at Earl Robinson's field which is only .93 miles from the flying field. If the flag is flying and frequency pins are not in there allotted location and or red cards in those frequency slots do not turn on your transmitter. The red cards will indicate that those frequencies are in use.

Please make sure that the frequency pins stay at the field and not carried home by mistake.



## **Flying Griffins**

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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 #1155. 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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