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ERCA News and Information

Next CLUB Meeting – August 25, 7:00 pm at the flying field. If you have a building project, bring it with you for "Show and Tell".

At the July Meeting – There were 25 members and guests at the meeting. thought that was really good considering the heat of 106 that day.

Several items were discussed; pit area gravel, a raffle to raise money for that and name tabs for members.

Flying field - The grass is short and green. The Husky riding lawn mower has gotten some needed repair. The mower shed is in use, but not finished yet.

The "Electric Runway" was reworked, the "CURLY" plywood was removed from under the mat and many additional spikes added.

Our pit area was also reworked, gravel added on top of the matting. The hope is that there will not be a "trip hazard" from the mat curling when wet.

Fun Fly - August 15 - Good turnout, good food and some good flying. See the pictures on the web site. Not as hot as last months meeting, was windy so not as much flying as there could have been.

Many name tags handed out, if you have not filled out your desire for a Clip or Pin, please do on the sign up sheet in the club house.

Don't forget the Labor Day Fly on September 7th, 2009.

Raffle tickets are being sold for the Futaba 10CG, get yours before they all sell out.

Summer events - Many other clubs events this summer will keep RC modelers busy. Keep an eye on the Events listed in the newsletter and on the web site.

Web site stats - Since the first of the year.

This month numbers;

ERC Home page	5876
Pictures	1971
Newsletters	712

ERCA Club fundraising **RAFFLE \$5**

This is the Futaba Mode 2 Airplane Version, 10CG Transmitter and R6014FS 14-ch Receiver with the 2.4GHz FASST system. No Servos Included.

Our thanks to **Trump's Hobbies** for the GREAT PRICE!



Presidents Corner

At the last meeting, we discussed the idea of a Raffle Fundraiser to help balance our 2009 budget. We approved for the fine gravel put down in the pits area to reduce risk of injury from tripping over the matting. This cost would be about \$600-700. We did not budget for this line item. The idea for the Raffle Fundraiser will be to buy an item that will be on most people's wish list to ensure enough participation. The goal in return will be \$500 revenue to help balance the budget. We settled on the purchase of Futaba 10C FASST spectrum radio/receiver. This retails for \$650 at Tower. We plan to get the radio for \$500 and sell tickets at \$5 each until 200 tickets are sold. Then, the raffle will occur. I hope that we can sell enough tickets to trigger the raffle by August meeting at the field. I encourage all active members to participate. It's an opportunity to win an awesome radio and

help out the club. A rare win-win situation.

We also discussed at the meeting the need for name tags. We have at least 10 new members a year. Sometimes, it's a bit awkward to have to ask for people's names repeatedly at the field. Jim Corbett has graciously agreed to make name tags for active flyers out there. New members and club officers will automatically receive name tags. I encourage active flyers to approach Jim individually to request for his name tag.

Reminder to everyone that August 15th is the annual club Fun Fly event. There will be a BBQ for everyone as usual. Come out and hang with your fellow club members. Summer is almost over so get off that couch.

Regards, Khoi Tran

ERCA President 2009

Events

August 2009

Electric Goose fly-in August 22nd

The TEAM RC flying club is putting together the second annual Electric Goose fly-in August 22nd. It is being held at the beautiful and comfortable RC field behind the Aviation Building on the Evergreen Museum complex. All day has been set aside to fly as much as they want for electric flight enthusiasts. Call me if you have any questions: CD Roger Weeks at (503) 554-8187. [View FLYER!](#)

Helicopter Event RAMS Club
Sumner, Washington August 21, 22, 23

September 2009

ERCA Labor Day Fly on September 7th, 2009. [View FLYER!](#)

Helicopter Event September Brooks
Brooks, Oregon September 18, 19, 20

Know of any upcoming RC events? Please pass that info to your newsletter editor.

2009 Meeting dates

At the flying field: Aug 25 7:00 pm.

EWEB downtown Eugene:

Sept 15 7:00 pm. Community Room Nov 3 7:00 pm. Training Center

Oct 20 7:00 pm. Community Room December no meeting.

TIPS

2-stroke oil

People have asked me during the past few years what type of 2-stroke oil I use in my gas engines, and I have always recommended Klotz Super Techniplate.

Well, I just got a call from the guy at Aircraft International where my 3W85 engine is being serviced and it's going to cost \$200 to undo the damage from this oil. He said that the amount of carbon build-up was among the worst he has seen. Apparently the Klotz oil I have been using has been causing a build-up inside the engine to the point that it was causing it to shake and vibrate, frequently loosening the muffler. It ended up breaking a muffler bolt off inside the cylinder's threads, (the expensive part) which can't be removed.

Long story short:

DON'T USE KLOTZ SUPER TECHNIPLATE!!

My apologies for misleading people for all these years in thinking this was a good oil to use. Hopefully no one followed my advice!!

-Pat Willis

KUDOS

To Marty, Frank and all the other folks that helped Doug at the last meeting, he thanks you.

To Marty and his helpers that repaired the gas leak on the Husky mower.

To Doug, Frank, Jim, Mel and Wayne - the crew that graveled the pit area.

To Chuck, Doug and Al for collecting and fixing the food at the fun fly.

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Labor Day

FUN FLY

September 7th, 2009

- Bring any and all airplanes ... do any kind of flying!

Contact: Khoi Tran - 541-685-0086 kmtranmd@hotmail.com for information.

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required.

Field Improvement - Pit area



Patch work mat covering



Overlaid with gravel

FOR SALE

Jet Hangar Hobbies F-86 built w/ rom retracts. needs finishing.
Turbax 1 Fan unit w/ K&B 7.5 used but very good.
Turbax 1 Fan unit w/ K&B 7.5 NEW never run.
OS Max 77VR Fan engine. New in box.
Digipace-2 Nicad maintenance system.

Will sell entire lot for \$300.00 or reasonable offer.

Jet Hangar Hobbies P-80 (T-Bird) Kit.

Never touched. Has not been available for over 10 years. Get yourself a rare bird. \$250.00 or reasonable offer.

Contact: Jim Emerson Phone (541) 915-6730 email: <mailto:emspunkin@msn.com>

Parkzone T-28 Trojan RTF

I bought this plane from a fellow that had some problems with it and never flew it. My intent was to use it for spare parts, but it was too nice to part out. I got new parts, made all the repairs and it fly's great. Now, I don't need two of them, so here is a deal. Everything that you need to go fly is included, transmitter, plane, battery and charger. The same package costs \$260 at the hobby shop, but it's yours for \$180.



Gary Morehead – woodwork01@gmail.com

Tower Hobbies

TOWER Trainer 40 MkII ARF .40-.46, 62"

Motor, servos and reciever installed, This airplane has flown only once. It's practically brand new. Ready to fly.

Futaba 7CHF 7-Channel. Reciever Futaba R617FS. Thunder Tiger Pro .46. Ball Bearing ABN w/Muffler

Complete trainer - set up for easy entry into this hobby with all new equipment. Futaba 7C FASST transmitter and 7c receiver, bought <6 mos ago. Futaba 3001 servos (4), receiver battery, swithch. Tower 40 Mk II trainer with no damage, only had maiden flight. Thunder Tiger Pro 46 with 3 tanks of fuel through it, perfect running condition. Tower 12v starter brand new, Tower hand crank fueler brand new, Glo plug clip/battery holder brand new Tower Epoxy 6min 9 oz, GP med CA glue 2 oz



\$345 or best offer José J. Torres 541.357.7619

Khoi Tran comments: I have the stuff in my garage right now. But the negotiations on pricing will need to be directly with Jose. I'm willing to help get the plane in the air and train the buyer to solo on it, assuming he's member of ERCA.

If buying from Tower, you're looking at \$329 for Futaba radio system, \$80 for plane, \$90 for motor, and \$50 or so for accessories. And priceless labor that went into putting all this together.

Plane is RTF condition, only maiden flight so far. I helped Jose put it together and flown it for him. So you know it's built right, not a hack job.

Talk to Jose to agree on the price and contact me to arrange for pick up from my house. KHOI kmtranmd@hotmail.com

WITH THE WEEKDAY WARRIORS August 2009

Mike Farr's low-winger is a "Pacific Knockabout", not "Knockout" as I wrote last month. That does not seem, to me anyway, a good name for a plane. "Knockout", yes, "Runabout", yes, but "Knockabout" seems to presage a sticky end. Be that as it may, the reason for last month's loss of control and crash turned out to be a faulty receiver. Mike has installed an old Futaba now and the ship is back in the air.

Delayne Thompson is now flying a Stunt Super from World Models. It certainly cannot deny a whole lot of Ugly Stik ancestry, but, hey, Phil Kraft's old Stik was - is - a fine-flying model. That's no doubt why it has been copied by so many companies all over the world. Delayne says the instructions that came with his new plane were terrible, but that it didn't matter because the ship was so easy to put together. Tower .46 is the power.

Craig Canaday's Aeroworks Yak-54 has made its debut. It was a total success right up until - literally - the last couple of seconds of the landing roll-out when it veered off the strip and broke a prop. Do you know how much props for those DA 100s cost? I had two freeflight ships with me that day and, combined, they weren't worth as much as Craig's prop.

Rod Madison had another debutante at the field one day: a DHC-2, the Beaver, large enough to need a Saito 125 up front. Rod was doing taxi tests and running into vibration trouble with the metal wing struts. I had to leave at that point and don't know how things came out.

Okay, Marty Wittman, you are now one down in the bolt-shearing sweepstakes. Wayne Warmund took the gear off his U-Can-Do again in what he admitted was a "hard" landing. Wayne was smiling, though, because his balsa spacer block just let the bolts shear without tearing the anchor block out of the fuselage.

Consider the plight of Ken Springate who discovered that one of his aileron-servo leads had slipped back inside the wing. He couldn't even see it, let alone fish it out. He spent a good ten minutes shaking, twisting, and jiggling that wing before the offending lead deigned to reappear. All of this, of course, to a chorus of advice from the peanut gallery.

Dwayne Graville has been flying a slightly tatty Sig Kadet Sr. with an elderly Enya .46 up in the engine compartment. A Graville Winter Project will see the Sr. recovered and ailerons added. Dwayne, on dead-calm mornings, even flies his indoor electric Ember and he's found out just what the range on those Indoor transmitters is and he found it out without doing the Ember any damage.

Speaking of Indoor, take a trip over to the armory in Springfield some Wednesday between 2:30 and 4:00. You will see as many as ten guys cruising around the gym with electric R/C ships, mostly Vapors and Embers with one of those little Cessnas thrown in from time to time. I opined that they needed models that would do something and Doug McWha came down on me with both feet. That would spoil the "relaxing" atmosphere! He hasn't convinced me. Chuck Jenkins does loop his Ember occasionally, but that's not enough for me. There was one of the four-channel Sukhois there one day. It hit a lot of walls. Too fast for the place?

Len Stolfo is one of the Indoor guys who also come out to the field to fly Electric. Len's had a lot of experience with photography of all sorts and the other day he combined the two interests. He was flying a Rogallo-winged machine which had one television camera facing forward, another facing aft, and a still camera on an intervalometer shooting a picture every few seconds. There were a few focus problems on the first try, but Jim Corbett may have some of Len's output on the "website" by now.

WITH THE WEEKDAY WARRIORS continued

The hay bales were out in front of the strip for such a short time that only Dwayne Graville had a chance to hang a plane on one. In making a bit of a mess of a recovery from making a bit of a mess of a landing approach, Dwayne perched his red Stik-like electric right on top of one stack. Being a freeflyer, I carry an extensible pole in the car for the express purpose of getting models out of trees. It was up to the task of retrieving the electric, though there was a broken prop at the end of the whole affair.

That pole was nowhere near long enough when I put my Fubar 36 in one of the trees south of the strip. A search party of Dwayne, his grandson Steven, Marty, Wayne, and I located the model, over 30' up and truly caught in the branches. Still there the next morning when I went down to see if the wind

had been kind. Don Desimone came along to see and he managed to get that tree swaying through a wide arc, changing the rhythm so that the tree went one way and the model the other. The Fubar came down in three stages to where it could be lifted down with a long stick. 24 hours in the tree and all that shaking netted the necessity for a tissue patch in one wing-rib bay. Thanks again, Don!

The Willamette Modelers's Old-Timer contest takes place on 9/12 and 9/13. There is a swap meet at the Tangent School on the Saturday night and there is always R/C stuff to be had. It'll cost you a full dollar to get in and I'll post the flier in the shed in the next week or so.

C. O'D.

Treasurers Corner

Treasurer Al Barrington reports - August 12, 2009 - We're at 96 members now and the treasury is still over \$5000.00 strong. This is about \$2000 greater than we had in the treasury at this time last year. Unlike our government we are doing well at living within our means and are currently operating under a balanced budget.

I wish I could write more, I have to pull another double shift tonight and the County takes a dim view of me doing club work on County time. I need a clone.

See you and everyone at the Fun-Fly Saturday.

Happy Landings, AL

ERCA 4th Annual FUN FLY



More photos on the web site eugenerc.com

--- That's All Folks ---

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