

Florence RC Flyer



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From The Left Seat By Russ Petersen

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The great news is that at our October 2, 2005 meeting we had a 100% commitment by the members for another year! Enthusiasm and commitment from the members will be an essential ingredient to having a healthy club and importantly, to locating a permanent flying-field home.

Our new field frequency control box seems to be surviving the vandals, so perhaps we will be able to enjoy that for awhile. Water getting into the box has been an issue and I believe that Jean Wendling is planning to add some flashing around the top of the box to help keep the water out. Keeping the cards on the pegs in the wind is also a problem. A number of clips have been added to the box for member use to deal with this issue.

Member cards have been issued to all members. For those renewing for the 2005/2006 year yellow stickers were issued when dues were paid. These should be displayed on the member card over the old expiration date in order to be current. If someone who is a member does not have a sticker, let me know and I will see that you receive one.



It was good to have the Douglas County RC join us at Woahink lake for a float-fun fly. They brought around 15 airplanes and as far as I could tell, the flying was safely conducted and a good time was had by all who participated.

John Allen has agreed to a 3 year term on the club board, replacing Tim Myers who's term expires October 31, 2005.

I will be in Arizona starting early November and will return to Florence around mid April. Rob will provide leadership while I am gone. Fly Safely!

Officers:

Russ Petersen President

Rob Quandt Vice President

Todd Rickman Secretary/
Treasurer

Jean Wendling Safety

Russ Petersen News/web

John Allen Board Member #3
John English Board Member #2
Dana Winter Board Member #1

Safety Discussion

Be sure to use the frequency control system while flying at Miller Park. Also, we are all getting used to the new flight line that is oriented north and south along the east side of the field. Try to limit the number of aircraft in the air at one time to not more than two, since our flying area is pretty constrained, and be sure to stand on or behind the flight line while flying. Also, be sure that your flying pattern does not extend south beyond the normal parking and pitting area. Never, under any circumstances over-fly people on the ground. If you are in doubt about walkers on the perime-

ter of the park, do not fly at all until they are safely out of the way. Also, we have been trying to do some noise testing to monitor how loud we really are. We do not now have anyone who has been tested that was louder than 89 db at approximately 9'. That is the recommended AMA noise standard and we appear to meet it. That is really pleasing since some years ago, in another club it was found that very few of the airplanes being flown met the recommended standard. If you are in doubt, please do not fly noisy airplanes at Miller Park. It is the only regular site we have and we need to keep it.

Minutes Of The October 2, 2005 Meeting Submitted by Russ Petersen

The group interested in forming an RC aircraft club in Florence met at 10:00am on October 2, 2005 in Miller Park. Those in attendance were: Russ Petersen, Todd Rickford, John English, Gene Haynes, Gary Israel, Don Coffi, Jean Wendling, Bill Munzer, Richard Mariola, Deen Speer, Nick Speer, Mike Spinner, Dana Winter, Tim Myers, Dave Knowles, Rob Quandt and Mike Vaughan. Clinton Waite was a guest in attendance.

Russ Petersen conducted a discussion of the following propositions:

1. Election of 2005/2006 officers: Russ Petersen, President, Rob Quandt, Vice President, Todd Rickford, Secretary/treasurer, Jean Wendling, Safety, News/webmaster Russ Petersen, Director for position #3 John Allen.
2. Approval of the minutes and treasurer's report as published in the 2005 mid season news-letter.
3. Approval of a change to the by-laws to make meetings on the first Sunday of May and October.

It was moved and seconded that the three propositions be accepted and the adoption was unanimous with no negative votes registered.



Financial Report

Receipts and disbursements from 10 July, 2005 to October 2, 2005 :

Receipts from dues	\$ 345
Disbursements	
AMA Charter Fee	\$ 30
Corporation Fee	55
Insurance Fee - Miller	60
Domain name rental	19
PO Box Rental	26
Frequency box materials	50
Other miscellaneous	<u>31</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>271</u>
Balance 10-2-2005	\$ <u>74</u>

The above figures do not include #180 received from members on October 2 for 2005/2006 dues.



The Club On The Web

The club web site has taken another turn in order to make its use a little more convenient. We have rented a domain name that is easier to use, and directly reflects who we are. You might want to bookmark the following url:

<http://www.farcaa.org/>

For those of you who have not had an opportunity to look over the web site here is a partial list of useful information that is available there:

1. A schedule of club activities,
2. A list of all officers and board members and their telephone numbers,
3. A links page leading to major modeling retailers as well as RC organizations.,
4. Maps showing the location of the five local club flying sites,
5. All of the club documents, including current copies of the Constitution and Bylaws.,
6. A roster including all frequencies in use by current club members.

Take a look! This is the primary way that we distribute information about the club and hobby.



Some Aviation Humor

Helicopters don't fly. They are so ugly that the earth actually repels them.

It's always better to be down here, wishing you were up there, than to be up there, wishing you were down here.

The plane is the dog and the pilot is the owner. The planes job is to bite the owner if he touches anything.

Remember the 6 "P's": Perfect Planning and Practice Prevents Poor Performance.

Helicopters don't fly. They beat the air into submission.

There are old fighter pilots, and there are bold fighter pilots, but there are no old and bold fighter pilots!

You start with an empty bag of skill and a full bag of luck. The trick is to fill the bag of skill before the luck runs out.



Flying At Woahink Lake

As most club members know, we have a regular float fly activity at Woahink lake every other Monday morning. We were a little slow getting started this season, but when we got rolling we have had steady good luck with no cancellations through the entire flying season. We normally try to start this by the first day of June and try to continue through October. So, we have two more sessions at Woahink this flying season before we quit for this year. Regular float flyers have included Dana Winter, Russ Petersen, Todd Rickford, Mike Vaughan, Nick Speer and Jean Wendling. We also have regular visitors including Deen Speer, Tim Myers John English, John Allen and Rob Quandt. It would be great if more people were enjoying float flying with us at Woahink. In many ways, float flying is easier than flying from land. Even the park flyers work well on water as was demonstrated by Nick Speer with his park flyer cub! There is a company that makes and sells floats that is located in San Francisco and offers their product on the web. Their floats are quite lite and would work well for almost any of the park flyers that are being used at Miller Park, so give it a try. It is great sport!



Status Of The Field Search by Russ Petersen

We had most of our hopes for a permanent field based on a false assumption that the new owners of Waite farm would welcome us back to fly. Not so, sadly. They were reluctant to host the club while they were not in residence at the farm. As most of you know the new owners live in southern California. At any rate, this has put us back in a search mode.

Rob Quandt has kindly placed an ad in the Siuslaw News (at his own expense) to see if there is someone who might know of a possible site for the club. Rob is also compiling a list of likely land owners from the North Fork area to see if we can shake something loose there that will lead to a field.

Dave and Polly Knowles have expended some effort on this effort as well which is very much appreciated. But, so far nothing that will work has been located.

Russ has followed up on a number of contacts in this regard, but so far no one has wanted to host the RC Club. But, if we all stay looking, surely we will have something to develop by next flying season.



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If you aren't flying you aren't trying

