

Florence RC Flyer

Credits:

The pictures on page 2 of the newsletter were taken at the May 4, 2004 semi annual club meeting. The pictures presented on page 3 were taken at the May 5, 2008 Woahink float fly opener. Page 4 shots were provided by Gene Wobbe.

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Officers:

Gene Wobbe	President
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Gary Israel	Secretary/ Treasurer
Todd Rickman	Safety
Russ Petersen	News/web
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Russ Petersen	Board Member #1

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From The Left Seat By Gene Wobbe

As the spring flying season gets underway, now would be a good time to go through safety and equipment checks. I don't mean to be preaching to choir, but a lot of time and effort has gone into getting permission to fly at the airport and building the field. We don't want to jeopardize those efforts with an accident. Take time to review the procedures and requirements for flying at the airport. If you haven't done so yet, get your qualification checkout done.

Just how old are those flight packs? If you don't have a volt meter, check with one of the other club members and check those receiver batteries. No sense in having an airplane fly away with a dead battery. If you have a new bird, be sure to take the time to do a range check before that test flight. Have another club member give it the once over. If you have an old bird, take some time to inspect the control surfaces and airframe. Some glues will dry out over time. I have seen beautiful old aircraft wrecked when the hinges pulled out. Give them a good tug. If you have not flown at the airport, take time to familiarize yourself with the surrounding area. Get a distant visual landmark for your approach at both ends of the runway. When turning on the radio, verify that the frequency is



set to 122.800.

If you have a suggestion for enhancing the safety of flying at the airport, pass it along to me or one of the board members.

For those members who would like to contribute some effort to help with the new field, here is a current "to do" list:

- Post new "Airport flying rules"
- Post AMA safety rules.
- Post emergency services phone numbers and addresses.
- Tape "122.800" frequency to the radio.
- Fasten the center joint on the mats and remove boards.
- Build setup benches.
- Acquire/build shed for mower.
- Acquire/install speaker system for radio.
- Start the clearing process for runway re-alignment.

Any takers? Call and I will get you going. Gene

Minutes and Treasurer's report of the May 4, 2008 meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Wobbe. There were 13 members present.

The minutes of the fall meeting were reviewed and approved.

The treasurer reviewed the club's financial status as follows:

Field fund:	\$ 762.89
Operating fund:	\$ 562.49
Total cash in bank:	\$ <u>1,368.38</u>

\$358.70 has been spent on field improvements. In addition there have been donations of cash, a radio, mower, auto mileage to pick up of mats, postage, copying, etc. Plans for a storage shed were discussed and we agreed to spend up to \$500. Rob will pursue this.

The web page will be discontinued.

We reviewed revisions to the field flying rules which were accepted. We discussed reorienting the landing strip. We agreed to make this a progressive project as necessary. We discussed holding a breakfast for the airport users. Due to the erratic weather we will review this later in the year. We decided to acquire additional cable reels from PUD for set up tables.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Gary Israel, Secretary/treasurer

Aviation Humor— Military Wisdom

"You know that your landing gear is up and locked ... when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal."

"If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to"

"Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you."

"The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world... It can just barely kill you." - Attributed to Max Stanley (Northrop test pilot)

"Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; We never left one up there!"

"Airspeed, altitude and brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight."

Revised FARCAA Field Rules and Procedures

The FARCAA Field Rules have been revised to eliminate duplication, unclear wording and other grammar issues. The only substantial changes to the rules from the original draft approved in summer 2007 was to change the observer requirement to conform exactly to the FAA Advisory Circular on the requirement. Further, the qualifications section of the rules was reformatted to describe the required skills in stead of an explicit listing. This was recommended due to the different types of model aircraft flown by the club in which all maneuvers listed were not possible to execute and to make implementation of the qualification requirement more in keeping with the spirit of the requirement. Other wording having to do with the club's obligation to the city were eliminated, focusing the document on individual members, duties and responsibilities. A separate letter format was discussed in which the club could delineate its duties to the city on matters such as the maintenance of insurance coverage and the maintenance of safe flying practices at the field.

Gary Israel has copies of the revised Rules document for members who did not attend the meeting.



The Flight Line



John Allen with New AC



An Electric Ready to Go



Beautiful Biplane!



Conversations

Web Page Cancelled effective June 1, 2008

Russ Petersen has funded the server space required for the club web page for the first three years of the club's operations. The cost has been about \$100/year. Going forward, Russ asked the Board and the membership to consider whether it wanted to assume the cost of the web page or to drop the effort. There appeared to be little or no interest in spending the funds for this purpose so the club voted to drop the site. The url will expire in May, and the site will be taken down shortly after that.

Flying At Woahink Lake 2008

Summer 2008 Woahink float flying was off to a strong start on Monday, May 5, 2008 with Gene Wobbe, Russ Petersen, Gene Haynes, Rob Quandt and Mike Vaughn bringing one or more float planes to the pond for some splash and goes. Doug Devereaux and Jerry Ferree also provided moral support. The weather was overcast with nearly no wind, so lots of flying was accomplished. The first flight was off around 8:00am and the last aircraft were being cleaned up and loaded just before 11:00am. The boat stayed on the trailer this trip, since no planes needed recovery.

The remaining float fly calendar is as follows: May 19, June 2, 16 & 30, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22, and October 6 & 20. Russ now has a key to the gate at the lake, so the gate will open at 8:00am. We are asked by the Park Ranger to lock the gate behind us if we enter before the gate is officially open for the day, so if you come after 8:00am, before the Ranger opens, the gate will be locked. If you want to walk to the ramp, you can take the key and let yourself in. See you there. Cancellations will be by email the night before the scheduled float fly.

The pictures to the right on this page were all taken of planes and participants at the first 2008 fly. Float flying at Woahink is one opportunity we have to enjoy RC that makes RC in Florence special, in my opinion. The site is great, and the Park Ranger is fine with our activity as long as we use good judgment and do not abuse the privilege. We usually have observers and non flying club members as well as spouses join us, so if you want a pleasant morning at the lake, grab your best friend and a lawn chair and join us at the lake for some unique RC fun.

Developing A New Field

The format of this newsletter is a little different from previous issues in that page 4 presents a collage of pictures taken mostly by Gene Wobbe during the winter of 2007-2008. The snap shots track the development of our new flying site at the Florence Airport. What is interesting about this is the significant amount of work that was expended by a number of club members to create this great new area for RC flying. Any attempt at a list to recognize contributions of effort will probably miss someone, but this editor knows for sure that Gene Wobbe, Doug Devereaux, Rob Quandt, John English, Gary Israel and Mike Spinner all made contributions to the effort. Those of us that were gone for the winter missed out on the opportunity. I hope that we can make up the deficit this summer flying season by adding to the great work that has already been accomplished. Certainly we need a new storage shed for the lawn mower and other equipment and we at some point should consider building some T tables for set up and safer starting. We also need to improve our frequency control system at the field, so maybe some of the "snowbirds" (me included) can grab some of these projects and get them taken care of. Enjoy the pictures and thank the listed club members for their efforts when you get a chance.



Russ with an electric Ferias



Rob Quandt and Seamaster



Gene Haynes Doing His Thing



Doug, Gene and Mike



Dixie and Mike Vaughn



A Flyable Field



Enjoying The Benefits



Discussing The Project



Discussing The Project



Doug At Work



Spreading Chips



Site Dragged



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It Looks Like A Field!



Looking South



The Results of Dragging



Doug & Rob's Drag

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