

Florence RC Flyer

Special Notes:

Next meeting: May 2, 2010

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From The Left Seat By Gene Wobbe

It's that time again. Time for the thank you's to the many members who have contributed their time, talent and financial support to the club. The long list will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take time to read through it and when you see these guys, tell them how you appreciate their efforts. What was really great was that when something needed to be done, these people stepped forward and did the job. No phone calls, no e-mails, no solicitations, they just stepped to the plate and got the job done.

I thought that we accomplished a lot last year, but this year was simply amazing, seems like things just happened, and kept happening. As long we have these kinds of members, the club will continue to thrive. On another subject, several of our members came down with Polaritus this summer. Todd caught it first and passed it on to Mike Vaughn, Don Coffi, Russ, Gary, and myself. From there more members caught it and at last count we had eight or so Polaris (or would that be Polari?) planes in the club. This is just about the most enjoyable and



versatile RC airplane I have flown. It really stands out as a seaplane. I think that I could do touch and goes until the battery died. If you have not got the bug, you probably will sooner or later.

To the Snow Birds taking off for a warmer climate: Safe travels! To the rest of the die-hards: See you at the field.

Blue Skies,

Gene

Special points of interest:

- From the Left Seat
- Douglas Co. RC at Woahink
- October 4 meeting notes
- Safety
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- Kiwanis Presentation

Officers (2009-2010):

Gene Wobbe	President
Russ Petersen	Vice President
Gary Israel	Secretary/ Treasurer
Mike Vaughan	Safety
Russ Petersen	News/web
John Allen	Board Member #3
Gene Haynes	Board Member #2
John English	Board Member #1

Douglas County RC at Woahink

The annual Douglas County RC fly-in at Woahink Lake went on schedule on September 26 and 27. I did not count the Douglas Co. people, but I would guess there were 15 or so flyers from their group and perhaps 25 or so RC water planes in attendance. Mike Vaughan and Russ Petersen participated on Saturday, and again on Sunday. Todd Rickford and Gene Wobbe also flew on Sunday with the group. Most of the planes were cubs and trainers of various types. The Po-

laris aircraft in attendance all came from our RC group. I believe their were four Polaris types at the float fly. Douglas Co. had one, but it had some type of problem and was not flown. Another interesting plane was the Great Planes giant Seawind but it went home with a ding. Douglas Co. provided the recovery boat and the AMA registration and it was a very nice weekend enjoying the water and friends.

Meeting Notes by Gary Israel

Meeting of October 4, 2009:

16 members and 2 guests were present. A financial report was given as of October 4 as follows:

Field Fund	\$ 493.92
Operating Fund	<u>741.16</u>
Total	<u>\$1235.08</u>

The field fund received \$375.00 and expended \$687.75 since the last financial report. The amounts expended were for the new shed and for the field porta potty. The operating fund received \$1,128 in dues and donations. Expenditures were 891.33. Major items for which funds were expended included AMA dues, field maintenance, hobby show expenses, airport day support, postage and the club potluck dinner.

Mike Vaughan reviewed field safety and field flying boundaries. Observer requirements for flying at the field were reviewed.

The nominations committee submitted the following list of officers to serve in the 2009/2010 year:

President	Gene Wobbe	
Vice President	Russ Petersen	
Secretary/treasurer	Gary Israel	
Safety Officer	Mike Vaughan	
Newsletter Editor	Russ Petersen	
Board position #1	John English	(expires 10-31-2010)
Board position #2	Gene Haynes	(expires 10-31-2012)

The proposed list of officers was elected by acclamation.

A motion to buy an Apprentice trainer was made by Mike Vaughan. After some discussion it was tabled for action at the May 2, 2010 meeting. Gene thanked everyone who worked on club projects. The meeting was adjourned by Gene Wobbe and the annual club raffle was conducted.

Safety Issues by Mike Vaughan

Its that time of the year when the weather will start interfering with our flying. As you put your planes away for the winter you may want to do some minor maintenance to make sure you don't have problems in the spring. For your flow engines, make sure to put after-run oil (50/50 Marvel Mystery oil and transmission fluid works well. Ed.) in the carburetor and the head. For 4 stroke motors be sure that the valve springs and pushrods get a healthy dose of oil. Give your motors a good bath in oil so you don't get rust and corrosion started in the engine. For you electric guys, wipe off the extra electrons and winterize your batteries per the manufacturer's instructions. If you have the correct charger and can put your battery in a suspended state, so much the better. (For Lipos, leaving them at about 70% is usually recommended for extended storage. Ed)

One safety item for the field. When taking off or landing, make sure that you call out your intentions so that the other fliers know what you are going to do. Announce in a loud clear voice what you are going to do next and which direction you are going. Do not go onto the field to retrieve a plane without letting all fliers know your intentions. Also, let them know when you are clear. Remember that the other fliers are looking at their aircraft and may not know where you are on the field.

Some of us will be heading south for the winter and will be seeing you all next spring.

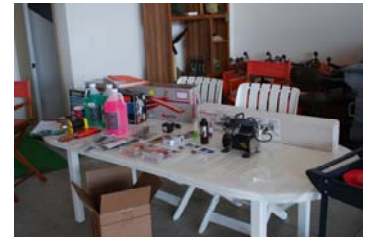
Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Dixie and I wish you and your health and happiness in the new year.

Mike



Gary Israel - Treasurer's Re-



Meeting Raffle Prizes



Selling Tickets



The Meeting Group



Mike giving away a prize

Club Member Service Contributions

Here is a partial list of those who contributed time and effort this year to make the club a safer and more enjoyable place to fly:

Don Coffi: Contributed chairs for the field and a solar panel to help keep the club trainer flight box battery in shape, **Doug Devereaux:** Instructor help, weekly field observer on Friday and single handedly dug out for the planks and secured the mat in the pits area, field mowing, **John English:** Lots of painting at the field (frequency board, shed, post, etc), participated in installing the new frequency system, helped with installing the new potty, general maintenance at the field, field observer on Wednesday, served as nomination committee member and as potluck committee member, **Jerry Ferree:** Contributed kits for the club raffle and radio and speaker maintenance, **Ervin Harvel:** Financial Support, **Gene Haynes:** General field maintenance, served as Friday field observer, served on the Nomination Committee and the Potluck committee, Hobby Fair organizer, airport day show and photography, **Ron Hokenson:** Installed weather proofing and maintenance on the frequency board, **Mike Spinner:** Building of Heli pad and mowing, **Jack Spinner:** Mowing, **Gary Israel:** Served as treasurer and secretary to the club and made and installed the bulletin board in the shed, **Russ Petersen:** News editor and web master, introductory pilot program instructor, Potluck Committee, Nomination Committee, frequency pins, shed door repair (bear damage), windsock, mower hauling, out-house purchase and setup, Wednesday weekly field observer, **Todd Rickford:** Served as club VP and as an introductory pilot program instructor, **Mike Vaughan:** Instructor help, served as club safety officer, drafted articles on safety for the club newsletter, served as an introductory pilot program instructor, built shelves and wing rack in the shed, kit contribution for club benefit, Hobby Fair organizer.

First Club Potluck

The club held its first social event in the form of a Potluck meal on October 2, 2009. President Wobbe formed a committee to develop a potluck social after the members of the club expressed support for the idea at its July meeting. The committee consisted of John English, Gene Haynes and Russ Petersen. Sal English, Dottie Haynes and Nancy Petersen helped with the chores at the event as well. The Committee chose to orient the event to spouses, so a no-pay raffle was planned. Each spouse guest was given a flag lapel pin the shape of a heart (thanks to the AMA store) attached to a name tag and had the opportunity to win either plants or books at the event. The raffle was handled such that every spouse participant went away with a raffle prize. Eleven couples from the club participated in the potluck. The event was held at the Florentine Club House from 5:00pm to about 8:00pm. The club furnished chicken, drinks and some snacks. Those who came each brought a salad, a desert or a vegetable dish sufficient to serve at least six people. There was plenty of food and good conversation during the meal.

Kiwanis Presentation

Russ Petersen and Ron Hokenson attended a Kiwanis meeting at the local Elks Lodge to make a presentation to the Kiwanis members about the RC hobby and in particular, about our flying activities and club in Florence. Ron brought his Apprentice and Russ brought the 27.5% Christian Eagle to have some contrasting types to visit about. We also had a good supply of handout materials provided by the AMA regarding the hobby and about the Park Pilot Program. . In our club these persons are Doug Devereaux, Todd Rickford, Mike Vaughan and Russ Petersen. We presented about a 15 minute summary of our hobby to the club and then answered questions until time was up. They seemed interested, asked lots of questions and were appreciative of our efforts.



Some of the Group



Desert!



Great Conversation



Jerry and Lu Ann Ferree, Karil Israel



A Raffle Prize

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Thanks to Club Supporters:

Trump's Hobbies for their generous annual gift to support the raffle for the Fall meeting.

City of Florence and Florence Airport and Gary Rose for their generous and supportive help with our flying site.

Sam Spayd for providing a meeting place for the club fall meeting.

If you aren't flying you aren't trying

