

Florence RC Flyer

Dues are due! \$15 per fiscal year starting Nov 1 to help pay for re-charting the club, insuring Miller Park and paying our incorporation fee.

Send your check to Gary Israel at PO Box 1028, Florence, OR 97439

Next Meeting! We will meet at Miller Park, Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 10:00am.

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From The Left Seat By Russ Petersen

It has been an interesting flying season for all of us. I saw lots of new electric airplanes at Miller Park and lots of very competent flying. We also had a few entry level flyers at the Park, some of whom have mastered flying an RC airplane very quickly. David Taylor comes to mind who, as far as I know, was in RC for the first time this year and is flying very well. I also saw Nick Speer toward the end of the season. Nick has moved to Springfield, but he and his Dad have paid dues for the coming flying season so we should see them both off and on when they are in Florence. Nick remains our youngest flyer and has really done well mastering his park flyers, and beyond that. He and his Dad are flying mostly at the new Eugene Club field, but plan to do some with us as well. Also, some of you have had the opportunity to meet Ervin Harvel. Ervin holds the lowest AMA number in the club and is our most senior (by age) club member. Ervin has a rich background in model aviation



with lots of experience in building, designing and flying smaller RC airplanes. If you have a chance, try to meet Ervin.

We have a new cadre of officers in the club for the 2006-2007 year which promises much for spreading the work load around and in getting closer to the new field. Thank them when you get a chance for their willingness to help us all by serving as a club officer.

See you in May!

Officers:

Russ Petersen	President
Gene Wobbe	Vice President
Gary Israel	Secretary/ Treasurer
Todd Rickman	Safety
Russ Petersen	News/web
John Allen	Board Member #3
Rob Quandt	Board Member #2
Dana Winter	Board Member #1

Club Exchange Fly-Ins

It occurred to me that we might consider exchanging fly ins with some local clubs. We are already enjoying an annual joint float fly with Douglas County RC. We might think about asking them to host some of us at their field next flying season. I have also taken a quick look at the new Eugene Aero-nauts field. It is really a super flying location. I am sure that they would be happy to have us join them for a flying day in exchange for our hosting a float fly at Woa Hink for them

some time in the summer. Something similar might also be worked out with the Corvallis Club (Benton County RC). They have a regular float fly near Corvallis, so I know there are lot s of float planes ready to fly in the club. They usually express an interest in Woahink lake when I fly with them, so there might be some interest there as well. Let me know if any of these exchanges are interesting. If we go forward, I would suggest one club first, to see how much interest exists on both sides.

Minutes and Financial Report by Gary Israel

The fall 2006 semi-annual meeting of the Florence RC Aircraft Association (FARCAA) was called to order at 2:00pm, October 1, 2006 in the Florentine Estates clubhouse meeting room.

President Russ Petersen gave a financial report. We ended the 05/06 year \$0.31 in the hole. Membership renewals (06/07 year) and proceeds from the raffle resulted in a \$445 deposit to our account. 20 members renewed their membership. Proceeds from the raffle and 50-50 were \$160. Cost of prizes was \$99 resulting in \$61 for the club funds. Thanks you to TRUMP HOBBIES AND FLORENCE COMPUTER CENTER AND RC HOBBIES for their contributions to the raffle and door prizes.

Dave Knowles announced that the Florence Computer Center and RC Hobbies store would give a 10% discount to club members. Just show your membership card. Thank you Dave!

Field Safety was discussed. There was one verbal complaint about over flying the houses on the west side of the field. We discussed realigning the flight line to better utilize the space available. We will address this next spring. In the meantime be careful.

Search activity for a new flying site continues. Nothing firm at this time. Russ will be sending letters regarding various possibilities.

The new slate of officers for 06/07 was nominated and elected as follows:

President	Russ Petersen
Vice President	Gene Wobbe
Secretary/treasurer	Gary Israel
Safety	Todd Rickford
Board (3 year term)	Rob Quandt

There was a brief discussion of possible club activities for next year such as organized trips to the new Eugene field and inviting them to float fly with us.

The meeting was adjourned.

Douglas County RC Fall Float Fly

All of the pictures on this page were contributed by Gene Haynes of our club and were taken at the fall Woahink float fly. Many of the Douglas County group arrive a week or so early and camp at Honeyman and this year was no exception. I was working with my new large Balsa USA Cub during most of the week and I saw a number of their members out testing new float planes and just enjoying our great water flying site. The annual visit from this club has become something that many of us look forward to. They usually bring a number of interesting airplanes and by-in-large are pretty good at flying them as well. I counted five Northstar models this year. I also saw three Great Planes Sea Winds, but I did not see any of them fly. I know that one flew but was lost for a radio problem. Another had some type of engine problem which prevented flying the bird. One of the Northstars was a new model belonging to Mike Vaughan and it flew its maiden flight on Saturday of the fly-in. There were also scale models of a Fairchild F24, a Cessna 182 and a DeHaviland Beaver. All of these models flew and performed very well.

I hope that we can continue this great event each year.



Balsa USA Cub



Fairchild F24



Cessna 182



Great Planes Seawind



DeHaviland Beaver



Mike and his Northstar

Safety and Field Security

The minutes mention that we had a complaint recently at Miller Park. I talked to the lady who was registering a concern about our flying practices in the Park. She lives just behind the tallest trees to the west of our pit area. She indicated that we were over-flying her home on a regular basis. She wanted to let me know that she was not happy, but she also wanted to know if we were insured.

It occurred to me that members may not know that we have our insurance certificate information printed on the back side of the membership card. Everything you need to know to answer questions about our insurance policy is there for just this type of purpose. She also asked about whether the city was insured, and I assured her that individual members of the club were covered as well as the City of Florence should there every be a claim. That seemed to satisfy her for the moment, but she seemed fairly exercised about our flying and we might here from her again. Remember, that we gain nothing by getting into a urinating contest with a concerned citizen so resist the temptation to respond in kind and try very hard to answer any concerns responsibly and send the complainer on his or her way.

Caution when flying at Miller Park is the watchword.

Status of the Field Search

We are continuing to do everything that we can think of to locate a flying site for the club, but so far our efforts have not produced any positive results. Gene Wobbe and Russ Petersen have scouted for flying sites around our area, and when something looked promising Gene has checked property records and Russ has contacted property owners. All of this has produced a road block of some kind but we are continuing. We had a good possibility for a site on a farm east of Woahink that was turned up by Dave Knowles. After some efforts and submitting a proposal to the farmer, he decided that he could not support our efforts. We also have written to the property owner just east of the Waite farm for access to the area where the Waite farm owner will let us fly but have not heard a response from that effort. Russ will write reminder letter in October to see if something can happen to get us on to the Waite farm property. Russ is also talking to the Lane County Parks Planner in an effort to get the club included in the long range parks plan currently under review by Lane County. We also are talking to the Ranger in charge of the south Jetty area to see if we could find a flying site on that property. It is not clear that any of this will result in a site, but it can't hurt to keep our ideas and site requirements in front of these government agencies.

Pit Location at Miller Park

A member has suggested that some of our pattern flying issues might be eased at Miller Park by changing the location of the pit area. Currently we pit at the south end of the field pattern. The location of the pit area causes some flyers to re-orient along a northeast/southwest line which can put their pattern over the houses at the southwest edge of the park. Also, the current location results in carrying aircraft from the pit area to an area behind the current flight line, involving walking through the flying pattern area. It is suggested that we consider pitting at the southeast corner of the parking lot so that we do not risk overflying the pit area and enabling us to start behind the flight line. This makes some sense to me.

Another member suggesting moving the flight line to the west edge of the park so that the pattern could be somewhat wider to the east. This does not solve the pit problem, but would provide more flying room. Please talk to the club officers or board members about your thoughts on the matter. I will ask for advice from the club board in the Spring .



Todd with the “smallest” biplane



Jerry Ferree making ready



Gene Haynes



Mike Spinner’s scale bird



Nick Speer and a “foamee”

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If you aren't flying you aren't trying

