

Florence RC Flyer

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Next Club Meeting:

The annual Fall meeting of the club will be at 2:00pm, Sunday afternoon October 5, 2008. Meeting place to be assigned.

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From The Left Seat By Gene Wobbe

Well, it seems like when it comes time write a piece for our club newsletter that most of what needs to be said is "Thank you". I just went through my list of "to do's" and as usual members have stepped to the plate and many items have been crossed off. And the best part is that it is not always the same people doing everything. Some members who have not had time or the physical ability of do things have made financial contributions.

This time it is kudos for Jerry Feree for a loudspeaker for the radio and for building startup benches for our planes. Three have been set up at the field and one more will be coming. In my last piece I stressed the need for safety at the field. I don't think that any one item could be more valuable from a safety standpoint than the benches. I have had a first hand (pun intended) experience with not having a secure platform for starting my engine. The result was the loss of part of a knuckle and nerve damage not to mention the medical bills. Besides being a wonderfully functional bench, Jerry's craftsmanship really stands out.



Thank you Jerry.

Rob has worked up a plan for an 8x8 shed with a materials list. This is something that needs to be built this summer for storing the mower. This is a project that needs more than one or two people, so please pitch in on this one. If you can't handle a hammer or saw, we will need gophers and painters. We will be having a general cleanup day at the field. We will be picking up the long mat adjacent to the field along with moving one of the shorter mats closer to the parking area for a staging area. We will also be trimming the grass along the edges that cannot be mowed. Please e-mail me if you can help with either of these projects and we will set up a schedule.

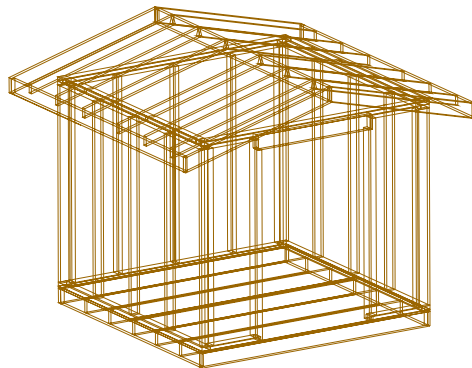
Gene

Treasurer's Report

Gary Israel reported that the club has \$955.89 and \$552.49 in the Field Fund and in the Operating fund respectively. There are some outstanding bills for materials in the new benches that have not been submitted. Also, the club has appropriated \$500 for a new shed at the field.

Shed Planning

Rob Quandt has drawn plans for a neat shed to store the club lawn mower and other equipment at the field. The elevation of his plan is to the right to give some idea about what is planned. The cost estimate not including paint and roofing material is about \$360 which is within the amount authorized by the club at the last meeting. With some donations we should have a sturdy shed that will meet our needs quite well. Rob has put quite a lot of effort in the shed project and should receive a lot of credit for the effort. Mike Vaughan, Rob Quandt, John English and Russ Petersen are going to do the carpentry necessary to get the shed built. After that we will need some help with roofing and painting.



Jerry with two benches



Bench construction



Benches in use

New Starting Benches

The pictures on this page are all of our marvelous new safety starting benches provided by the efforts of Jerry Ferree.

I thought I would add a few words about the new benches to supplement Gene Wobbe's comments. The plans for the benches came from the AMA and from a Gold Leader Club that compiled all of the information necessary to build a bench. The AMA published an article on a version of the bench, but the Long Island Radio Control Club picked up the ball and provided information to benefit everyone.. The link to this club's web site is <http://www.meroke.com/>.

Also, Jerry contributed some of the materials to build the benches, and was also able to obtain a discount from Pro Lumber in Florence. If you get a chance to thank those good people when you are buying building materials, please do so on behalf of all of us.



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Platt I 2008

The pictures on this page were taken by Rob Quandt at the 2008 Plat I float fly.

Russ Petersen, Rob Quandt and Mike Vaughn attended the 2008 float fly this year. The event is held each year at the Plat I reservoir. This year the event occurred on 20, 21 and 22 June. The 2008 fly in was a week later than the usual Father's Day but the organizers announced that it would return to Father's Day in 2009. In fact, the 2009 event will be a Thursday through Saturday event to try to match the traveling interests of the participants.

This year my best guess is that about 75 RC flyers attended, most of whom flew sometime during the event. The event continues to be a non-competitive fly in so it is relaxed and the atmosphere is easy going. I saw some crashes in the lake but nothing excessive. Most of the airplanes that flew were in the 40 to 60 size range varying from trainers to low wing sport airplanes. I saw one helicopter flying on floats as well. I believe that there was one twin this year which looked like a converted 40 size trainer. Registration was \$10 and there was a \$1 per ticket prize drawing as well. The club provided a recovery boat and the weather was great as usual.

The Plat I lake is a great place to fly. It seems to be in a basin, so there is seldom much wind. There is a fairly long flight line area, so there is plenty of room to fly. There is convenient parking, and for those who want to camp, there is good dry camping for RVs.

Flying Schedule Change At Woahink Lake

After some discussion with interested club members I have decided to schedule the remaining float fly activities for Woahink Lake on Sunday mornings up to Labor day (September 1 this year). Then we will return to the Monday morning float fly schedule. This change should accommodate those who are working. The float fly schedule for the remainder of the year will therefore be as follows: Sundays: 27 July, 10 August, and 24 August and Mondays: 8 September, 22 September, 6 October, and 20 October.

Upcoming Giant IMAA Fly In

The Umpqua Tail Draggers will have their 4th annual giant sport/scale fly in at Oakland, Oregon on August 1-3 this year. Frank Sallas is the contest director. He may be contacted at frankthehawk@charter.net or at 541-672-5911. There is an RV park adjacent to the flying field or dry camping behind the flight line. This is an IMAA event, requiring 80" minimum for mono planes or 60" for bi-planes or true 1/4 scale if that is smaller.



Mike Vaughn



Russ Petersen's 1/4 Cub



Rob Quandt



Norseman



Spacewalker

Web Site Shut Down

The club web site is temporarily out of commission pending locating a donor to provide server space. When and if some company is identified to provide the space needed the web site will be re-constituted. In the meantime, check with Russ Petersen for schedule changes for Woahink lake flying and other events in our area.

Change in gate control at the Florence Airport

Access to the north part of the airport and to the club flying site is changing. The airport management is changing from the coded entry to a pass card entry system. When this happens, electronic pass cards will be issued to each person authorized to be in the airport area. The passes to access the club flying site will cost \$5. The plan at the moment is for the passes for club members to be purchased from the treasury so there will be no additional charges for club members when the change happens.

If you aren't flying you aren't trying

