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President's Corner

President's Message Sept. 2007

This summer, THE FIELD CONDITION has been great for flying and "spectating" alike thanks to the volunteers that have been pitching in. It has the feel of a "park" now with the new layout! The mowing has been timely most weeks with Bob Creter volunteering most Tuesdays and Andy Green picking up Fridays when needed and managing the mowing program overall. Joe Monarca has been mowing occasionally. Jay Coppola and Rick Katrenya have been helping, too. The club weed whacker (in the shed) is getting lonesome! Give it a run, even for a few minutes guys, every little bit helps! Sorry if I missed anyone and thanks to all for volunteering.

The ENTRY ROAD repairs were completed earlier this summer thanks to the efforts of Bob Creter and his contractor friends, and Andy Green who did a lot of hand shoveling along with Bob. The road was impassable to cars so these guys saved the season for us car drivers!



Several planes have hit the far-side WINDSOCK POLE! Be aware that the pole is not permanent and can be temporarily laid down if you feel it is a hazard; just put it back up when you leave as some flyers use it to monitor the wind. The pole and sock were provided by Bob Creter.

THE NEW GATE SIGNS are fantastic! ... 16 or so in all! donated by Jim Petzold of JP's Hobby Shop in Seymour, with Joe and Joel Monarca doing the installation in 100-degree humid weather! Thanks, guys! (Our land owner has not placed the combination lock on gate #2 as of yet this year, but in case he does, remember, the combo is "2000".)

The CLUB WEB SITE, by Webmaster Bob Piscatelli, is getting better all the time. Check in often to see updates at www.quakerfarmsrcflyers.org. Send Bob your news and want ad items for the site.

Vice President's Corner

Vice President's Message Sept. 2007

The SEPTEMBER (Fall) MEETING will feature show-and-tells with possible video support by Bob Piscatelli. Rod Pink will explain how he eliminated flutter and improved the flying qualities of a favorite plane, and I'll tell about NEPRO pylon racing. (You are invited to present your projects and bring items for the "FOR SALE" table. (There's no prep needed, just bring your projects.) Indoor micro flying tolerated! Come and participate or just come and enjoy Sept 11th, 7:30pm, Oxford American Legion Hall, Rt. 67 Oxford.

The club FUNFLY-PICNIC is coming up Sept 23! Event manager George Garafalo and competition boss Rick Katrenya are putting a lot of effort into this and they need volunteers to help, please try to support this event in any way you can. More details in this newsletter, on the club site, in the email notice, and at the meeting. Please contact George and/or Rick to see how you can help. (George: ggarofalo01@snet.net, 203-720-7531. Rick: rvat@adelphia.net, 203-888-7079.)

Safe and Happy Flying!



BJ

The field looks better than ever. But it is a constant battle to keep it looking good. The weeds grow so fast. The plastic fencing we put up isn't holding up too well. We have several holes in it and we're always using plastic ties to repair it. We are trying to find a source for plastic fencing similar to the green fence around the frequency board. I've found only green so far and it's somewhere around \$50 for a roll 50 feet long. We would like to get the orange color fencing. Everyone seems to see the bright orange along the flight line. Also looking into constructing field safety benches, as shown in Model Aviation magazine 8/02. Will work up a approx. price. I think the new signs made and donated by Jim Petzold are great. They were put up a couple weeks ago.

Hope everyone can make it to the fun fly / picnic next month.

See you there!

P.S. The Wednesday flying/eating season will soon end. Show up to soon to see what everyone is talking about? Well, those that are there are talking about the great times.



Joe

Meeting Minutes 6-12-06
By Joel Monarca, Secretary

The meeting was called to order approximately 7:45 by President Bill Jensen. The March 2007 minutes were read and approved with no changes. Treasurer Andy Green reported we have approximately \$ 2,146.44 in the treasury at this time. John Demeyer reported we have 63 adult and 5 junior members. This is an increase of about 9 adult members.

We held a discussion about mowing the field using only volunteers. The general feeling was to continue the way we've been doing it. Andy Green will mow the grass on Friday and be paid \$25. If any one wants to volunteer to cut the grass for the weekend please call Andy and let him know. He won't be happy to get there and find the grass mowed. He does this prior to going to work.

The access road has been repaired!! It is trenched along the right side and the water is diverted under the roadway to the left. This was arranged by club member Bob Creter Cost to the club was only \$425. Thank you Bob!!

The planed air scout activity for Saturday June 16 was been cancelled. Only 3 scouts signed up. They may want to set up something in the future. The lock combination is the same as last year. If you forgot it please call an officer. They are listed on the club web site. Jim Petrol was asked to make up several signs for the field. He decided to donate them to the club. Thank you Jimmy!!

A fun fly /picnic is in the planning stage By George Garofalo He looking for volunteers.

Joel Monarca

Treasurer's Report
By Andy Green

No update at this time

Membership Report
By, John Demeyer

We have 1 new member since the last count, we did have another old member re-new and re-join after a year off.

Renewed Adult Members	64
Junior Members	5
Total since 8/28/2007	69

There is a reduced rate on dues from Sept 1, 2007 for the remainder of the year. This applies to all new and past members.

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE
YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN!!**

QFRC New Members

Jay Cappola
Derby, CT

**We welcome you into our club;
hope to see you at the field soon.**

Safety Report

By, George Garofalo

As of September 5, 2007 there have been no reported injuries.

Safety Tips

By, George Garofalo

Handle and Store Nitro Fuel Safely.

Operating Your RC Safely

Fueling: [Nitromethane or nitro fuel](#) is highly flammable. Just as you shouldn't smoke while fueling the family car, avoid smoking and open flames around the nitro fuel for your RC. When fueling your nitro RC, wipe up any spills and properly dispose of fuel-soaked rags.

Handling: At the park or track it's common to carry fuel in a quick-fill bottle. To insure that you don't get your fuel mixed up with someone else's (who might be running a different mixture) label your fuel bottle with your name. If you're running multiple RCs with different fuel mixtures, color-code your bottles to avoid mix-ups.

Storage: As with gas cans stored at home, store your nitro fuel away from open flames (next to the hot water heater with its lit pilot light is not a good storage idea).

Keep the container tightly capped to avoid evaporation. Don't store nitro fuel in a damp location either as the fuel attracts moisture and water in the fuel will render it weak and could be harmful to your nitro engine.

Check Your Frequency

Check your frequency and make sure no one in your operating area is using the same frequency at the same time you are.

Running the same frequency can, at the least, cause your vehicle or someone else's to operate erratically or not at all. At the worst, your RC vehicle may respond to the other controller instead of yours and end up running into other people, driving into traffic, or crashing into a wall.

Control Your Aircraft Controller

Starting and Stopping Your RC

Before you run your RC: Controller on first, aircraft on second. Never turn your RC airplane or helicopter on with your controller off. Another controller in the area may take over and fly your airplane or helicopter into a tree, a power line, or right into the ground.

After you run your RC: Aircraft off first, controller off second. Never turn your controller off with your plane or helicopter on. Stray signals from other RC remotes can, and most likely will, take control of your airplane or helicopter. Results of remote takeover can be disastrous.

QFRC tip of the quarter:

Mobile phones should never be operated within 1 meter of any transmitter!!

MEETING REMINDER

(Tuesday September 11th 2007 at 7:30pm)

Oxford American Legion Hall, Rt. 67 Oxford

Do you think the 2007 club officers are doing a good job?

Any concerns about safety?

What do you think of the field improvements?

Or any other questions, ideas or concerns that you may have?

We really want to hear from you?

Please we would like see all members to attend. If you have any questions on directions. Please ask another member or call one of the club officers.

QUAKER FARMS R/C FLYERS FUN FLY PICNIC

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Schedule: Field set-up from 9am to 10am suggested. Fun Fly will start at 11am, and end at 4pm with a break for lunch at noon.

There will be 4 events, 1 every hour.

This will be a rain-or-shine event, unless it's a downpour.

Open flying will be allowed between events.

Please come early.

Details: Club members, nonmembers, and guests are invited to attend the picnic and enter the competition. A current AMA card is required to fly. (For non club members only, there will be requested a nominal donation of \$5.00 for the competition entry and also a reasonable donation for food.) Side-dish food offerings from any and all will be happily received with appreciation.

Hobby Shop support:

So far we have \$120.00 that was generously donated by Jim Petzold of JP Hobbies for food. HobbyTown USA of Fairfield and New Milford are donating T-shirts, soda and some raffle prizes. They also will be putting on a flying demonstration.

Donations and volunteers!

Joe Monarca has offered to take a turn on the grill. There will be a 50/50 raffle. We are looking for items to be raffled off. Paul Schreiber will lend us the porta potty. I have 30 chairs & 3 tables, and Rick Katrenya will provide the large tent.

We need help with the following:

Food prep and table
Raffle ticket sales
Freq. board/Impound
Flyer registration table
Gate tending
Parking attendant
Another grill

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to call me. Thanks,
George J. Garofalo QFRC Newsletter Editor, Safety Officer

JP's HOBBY CENTER UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!

RICK KATRENYA HAS TAKEN OVER THE OPERATION OF JP's HOBBY CENTER. AFTER OVER 15 YEARS IN BUSINESS, HE IS BRINGING SOME NEW LIFE TO THE SHOP. MANY OF YOU FROM THE R/C FLYING COMMUNITY WILL ALREADY KNOW RICK. HE HAS BEEN FLYING AT SEVERAL CLUBS FOR MANY YEARS; MOST RECENTLY HE WAS AN OFFICER AT THE QFRC IN OXFORD.

RICK IS MORE INVOLVED IN R/C AIRCRAFT. THIS IS MAINLY BECAUSE HIS BACKGROUND IS IN R/C FLYING. THIS SHOP WAS STARTED WITH JUST PLANES & FOR NOW, RICK WILL BE TAKING IT BACK TO ITS ROOTS. HE HAS ADDED MORE BUILDING SUPPLIES ALSO. THIS WILL BE THE HOBBY SHOP THAT CATERS TO THE RARE MODELER THAT STILL LIKES TO BUILD. HE HAS ADDED OVER 40 AIRPLANES, INCLUDING ARFS, KIT'S & RTF'S FROM GREAT PLANES, HANGAR 9, SIG, TOP FLITE & MORE. HE HAS A FULL ASSORTMENT OF ENGINES INCLUDING OS, SUPERTIGER, EVOLUTION, SAITO & ZENOAH. FOR THE ELECTRIC FLYER, HE HAS A FULL LINE OF PLANES, MOTORS, SPEED CONTROLS, BATTERIES & ACCESSORIES FROM E-FLITE, ELECTRIFLY, CASTLE, FLIGHT POWER & MORE.

HE IS STOCKING HELI'S TOO. HE HAS THE E-FLITE LINE OF HELIS & PARTS AS WELL AS THE NEW ALIGN T-REX & SHOULD BE ADDING MORE SOON.

THE NEW SHOP HOURS ARE MON, TUES, THURS & FRI FROM 1:00 TO 7:00. SAT. FROM 10:00 TO 2:00. RICK WILL BE OPENING A LITTLE LATER, BUT WILL BE STAYING OPEN LATER IN THE EVENING SO YOU CAN COME IN AFTER WORK. HE ALSO HAS A NEW LOWEST PRICE POLICY. ASK HIM FOR DETAILS.

HE WILL STILL BE STOCKING THE BASICS FOR THE CARS, BASIC PARTS, FUEL, ETC, AS WELL AS MODEL ROCKETS, PLASTIC MODELS, PINE CAR, PAINTS & GLUES ETC. HE IS STILL DOING CO2 FILLS & SELLING PAINT & THE NECESSITIES FOR THE PAINTBALL PLAYER.

STOP IN, MEET RICK & SEE WHAT HE HAS DONE WITH THE SHOP. MENTION THIS LETTER & GET A FREE 1OZ BOTTLE OF CA!

Thanks,

Jim Petzold

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