

"THE QFRC FLYER"

The official newsletter of "Quaker Farms R/C Flyers"

*AMA Charter #3745
Official QFRC website
www.QFRCF.org*

QFRC Club Officers

President

Bill Jensen

WBillJensen@cs.com

203-888-4819

Vice President

Joe Monarca

JMonarca@Sikorsky.com

203-723-7993

Secretary

Joel Monarca

Joelmonarca@Hotmail.com

203-558-1342

Treasurer

Andy Green

AGreen@websterbank.com

203-723-2741

Safety Officer

George J. Garofalo

GGarofalo01@snet.net

203-720-7531

QFRC Club Appointees

Membership Chairman

John Demeyer

BJohnd2@yahoo.com

203-264-1312

Field Maint. Manager

Joe Monarca

JMonarca@Sikorsky.com

203-723-7993

Newsletter Editor

George J. Garofalo

GGarofalo01@snet.net

203-720-7531

Webmaster

Bob Piscatelli

BPiscatelli@yahoo.com

203-410-6905

Newsletter Distribution

Tom Kearney

Kearneyte@aol.com

203-240-5970

Quarterly Newsletter

Summer Edition Volume 10

President's Corner

President's Message June, 2008

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank God for the beginning of summer flying weather!

The field is in great shape especially since Bob Creter arranged the services of a contractor with a 10 ton vibrating pavement roller! We can now enjoy taxiing without falling into a hoof print! As a favor to Bob, the contractor would accept no payment!

The spring work party was well attended. Organized and supervised by Joe Monarca, our Field Maintenance Manager, the flight line fencing was replaced with a more durable type. The shed was cleaned out, hoof prints were filled in, some fence repairs were made, and several other maintenance tasks were completed. It takes constant maintenance to keep our field in prime condition for all to enjoy. Thanks to Joe and the volunteers.



We thank Jay Copola (80 years young) for building and donating two new picnic tables and rebuilding our run-down shed. Bob Creter built another plane stand and I believe it was Dave Ogden who donated several "workmate" type plane stands. Barney Berman serviced and delivered our tractor in tip-top-shape again this spring as usual.

We are so lucky to have these volunteers and benefactors. Besides routine maintenance, the ongoing projects are a new or repaired East cow fence, straightening of the East gully trench, and installing an additional electric fence solar power supply on the West cow fence. Bob Piscatelli, our webmaster, is constantly updating the site so please check it often. He's also looking into ways to have live video views of the field on our website! This will be great for checking if anyone is flying and if there's snow on the runway in the winter!

Vice President's Corner

Vice President's Message June. 2008

We've got several recent new members at various experience levels. Some fly heli's. Please make them all feel welcome. Some folks have been observed flying but not paying their dues. It costs \$5,000/yr to run this club; if you like to fly at QFRC, and we hope you do, it's only fair that you join and/or pay your dues.

Finally, remember that our meetings are taking on the feel of mini trade shows! I ask you to support this new trend at each meeting by participating. We have an unlimited number of tables for your models, for-sale items, demos, show-and-tells, videos, whatever! There's room to demo-fly mini indoor models. Right after a brief business meeting, the trade show is on. Coffee "and" is on the house, Tuesday, June 10th, 7:30. Come and enjoy and see what's happening at your club!

Fly safely, not alone, and close the gates!



It's that time of year "Flying time". With all that spring entails we must budget our time to get out and fly!! As most of you know we've held our spring fix up day already and it does look good. We installed new plastic fencing along the flight line and it looks great. We raised up the fence 6 to 8 inches so we can weed wack the grass that grows under the fence. Bob Creter's friends came thru for him and showed up several days later with their 10 ton roller. An awesome machine. Bob operated it for awhile; he may have missed his true calling. We invited Bobs friends to come by any Wed. night and we'd put them on a buddy box flying. Jay Coppola one of our newest members has been busy improving the field's appearance. So far this year he's built two picnic tables (Now we have three). Now he's fixing up the shed. He's doing amazing things. It will look great after he is done and we get a new coat of paint on it. I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and some of their money to improve the field. Thank you again... There seems to be some confusion about straightening out the fence line (east). So at our June 10th meeting we'll discuss it again before doing anything with the fence. Everyone please fly often and fly safe

Joe Monarca

BJ

Meeting Minutes 3-11-07
By Joel Monarca, Secretary

Half the rent was paid as of this meeting. There are 50 members; 17 of last year's members have not renewed their membership.

Joe M. and Bob C. are going to build 4 more plane stands. Bob C. also donated 2 kerosene cans.

Bill Jensen is looking into setting up a real time view of the field. This would allow members to access conditions at any time. He's also going to investigate tax exempt status for the club.

Bob P. is typing up the by-laws with the changes voted on by the membership. He will post them to the website.

Joe M. will call Rich K. about a roller for the field.

A work party was scheduled for April 26th at 9 a.m. Flying will begin at 1 p.m. **The club picnic is scheduled for September 21st with a rain date of September 28th.**

A new frequency board rule went into effect. When removing the frequency pin you must replace it with another pin with your name on it.

The next meeting will be June 10th at 7:30.

Joel Monarca

Membership Report
By, John Demeyer

It looks like flying weather has arrived!! Thanks to all who have helped to get the field in shape this spring. If you haven't been to the field lately, what are you waiting for? Come check out the new starting stations and picnic tables, and don't forget the "renovations" to the shed. The corn field was recently tilled so I assume the locks will have to go on soon.

**Our current membership as of
5/22/2008**

50 renewed members from 2007
4 new members so far in 2008
1 new member pending (application received, awaiting payment.

**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS**

Douglas Sue--Stratford (moving to Oxford in September)

David Miles-- Seymour

Dominic Fiorillo--Oxford

Bill Pitt -- Sherman

The following people were members in 2007 but have not renewed for this season. If you know any of them, encourage them to renew their membership again this year. Their status will be changed to inactive after the next meeting.

Jay Alicea

Charles Bailey

Ron Callanan

Sal Casa

Chauncey Dance

Pasquale D'Aversa

Ken Facer

John Guerrera

Herb Kohler

Luis Malta

Douglas Pough

Vince Provenzano

Roger Sicard

Ron Slossar

Lester Terrill

Jack Tyson

Ron Wasdo

Please keep me updated to any changes in your e-mail address so we can keep in touch with you. Thanks!!

John

bjohnd2@yahoo.com or
qfrcmembership@yahoo.com

Webmaster Report *By, Bob Piscatelli*

Website update

Directions are under the club information page.

New members added to the membership roster page.

New members notified of access rights and login info.

Main page updated with upcoming club meeting & picnic teaser

Calendar Updated w/ meeting and picnic

Bob

Safety

RC Helicopter Safety

Perform Your Pre-Flight Check Every Time. This is the first rule because it's very important. Performing a thorough pre-flight inspection procedure before each and every flight will help keep you and your heli safe. Inspect your radio's operation, make sure all the servos are functioning properly, look for loose screws or broken pieces on your heli, do a radio check, make sure your frequency is clear, make sure all of your linkages are in place, and check your battery voltage.

Going through a thorough procedure before every flight will help keep you and everybody else around you safe. It's a good idea to make yourself a pre-flight check list, make multiple copies, and check off each item as you go before each flight.

Hold On Tight at Start Up When starting your glow or gasser be sure to hold onto the head or the blades at the grips firmly. Also, make sure that your radio is in normal mode and that the throttle/collective stick is in a down position. Make sure the transmitter is within reach and you have access to the fuel line in case you have to kill the engine. If you need to goose the throttle a little bit, do it while holding on tightly to the blades.

Never Hold Your Heli With The Blades Spinning They may not look dangerous, but this goes for small micros too. Never hold onto the boom, skids, or anything else on your electric or glow heli when the blades are spinning. This can be very dangerous should you have a mechanical failure.

In the Beginning, Never Fly Alone If you're a beginning pilot, never fly alone. It's great to have an experienced pilot by your side as you're learning to fly. Whether on a buddy box or not, they can give you direction while in flight, and can grab the radio in an emergency. Also, should something terrible happen they can call or go for help if somebody happens to get injured.

Avoid Using a Test Stand. Some guys will tether their helis to a test stand or work bench to make engine adjustments or pitch changes. This is not a good idea! Using a stand means you're up close to the heli with the blades or load simulators spinning. If something should come loose or the stand should become unstable you could have some serious injury and damage on your hands.

Instead, perform adjustments at the field. Be patient, take your time, and do it right.

Keep Your Distance There's no need to be inches from your helicopter, especially while in flight. Always keep at minimum a 15 to 20 foot distance between your helicopter and you or bystanders. If you're performing a difficult or 3D maneuver, double that distance. No matter what the size, helicopters move very quickly. The more distance between you and it, the more time you'll have to react should you need to quickly duck or run.

Know Your Surroundings Before you take flight, survey the area. Make sure that there are no trees or obstructions that could get in your way. If there are, fly somewhere else, or if you're comfortable flying near these obstacles, remember where they're located. If it's too windy, just don't fly. Also note where the sun is and don't fly into the sun, as you could become blinded even for a split second and lose sight of your helicopter. With that in mind, it's a good idea to wear sunglasses or yellow tinted "shooting" glasses to reduce glare.

Hold That Stick If you need to transport your helicopter, glow or electric, with the engine running, or the power system armed be sure that you're holding the stick down or utilize throttle hold. Holding the radio simply by the handle, or on your neck strap can allow you to accidentally hit the throttle stick.

Always Use Common Sense! Of course many of these rules will help you avoid this circumstance, but should you have a crash or lose control of your helicopter either in your pit or at the field, don't overreact, Be calm, assess the situation and use common sense. Don't be afraid to speak up if you see someone at your field not paying attention or not aware of one of these safety rules; politely bring it to their attention. Flying RC helicopters is a hobby that's even more fun in numbers, so keep your buddies safe as well.

MEETING REMINDER

(Tuesday June 10th 2008 at 7:30 PM)

OXFORD AMERICAN LEGION HALL, Rt. 67 OXFORD

Directions to the Oxford American Legion Hall

David S. Miles Post 174

From the North and I-84:

I84 east or west to exit 16, 188 in Southbury/Middlebury. Left (south) on 188, 4 miles to 67, turn left on 67 south and east.

Stay on 67 south for about 6 miles into Oxford.

Look for the Legion Hall (David S. Miles Post 174) on the right just past the Dunkin Donuts and Great Hill Road which is on your right also.

From Rt8:

Exit 22 in Seymour for 67

If northbound 8: Left on 67 south and west

If southbound 8: Right on 67 north and west

The American Legion Hall (David S. Miles Post 174) is about 2 miles on the left after Mountain Road and the Mobil gas station.

Parking is in the rear and in front of the building.

LOOKING FORWARD SEEING YOU THERE

QUAKER FARMS R/C FLYERS FUN FLY PICNIC

**DATE:
SEPTEMBER 21, 2008**

**RAIN DATE:
SEPTEMBER 28, 2008**

**We would like your
support**

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to call me. Check our website often for updates on this event.

George Garofalo QFRC Newsletter Editor, Safety Officer.

Local Hobby Shops

Hobbytown USA
168 Danbury Road
New Milford, CT 06776

www.newmilfordct.hobbytown.com

www.hobbytown.com

860-355-3000

JP's Hobby Center & Vinyl Graphics
100 South Main Street
Seymour, CT 06483

www.jphobby.com

203-888-6509

Build Right/Fly Right Hobbies
342 Quinnipiac St.
Wallingford, CT 06492

Store Hours

Monday, Tues 12 - 7PM
Thurs, Fri 12 - 4 & 6 - 9PM
Sat 9PM - 3PM

Closed Wed & Sun

203-269-6761

JOE ACOSTA, OWNER

Danbury Hobby Center
366 Main Street
Danbury, CT 06810
203-743-9052

Instructor Pilot

Chief Instructor Andy Green
"LONEWOLF"

AGreen@websterbank.com

203-723-2741

If you would like to become an instructor pilot please contact an officer or speak with Andy Green.

"We need a few good men"
SIGN UP NOW

Hobbytown USA
847 Post Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

www.fairfieldct.hobbytown.com

www.hobbytown.com

203-256-0773

Al's Hobbies
327 Main Ave.
Norwalk, CT 06851

203-846-9932

Branford Hobbies
609 West Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

203-488-9865

HELP WANTED

Mechanic for R/C engine repair, part time.
Contract basis, \$10/hr.
Ideal for retired R/C'er with engine repair
experience. Call Bill Jensen, 203-888-4819.

BJ's Model Engine Service*, 51
Hillside Dr., Beacon Falls, CT 06403
phone: 203-888-4819, email:

wbilljensen@cs.com

www.bj-model-engines.com

*a trade name of Flight Star Devices,
Inc.

We are the factory authorized service
center for:

RCV Engines www.rcvengines.com

Brisson Engines www.rc-revolution.com

Revolution Engines www.rc-revolution.com

ENYA www.enya-engine.com

...we also service all other brands,
sizes, and strokes. "