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President's Corner

President's Message May, 2009

Spring is in the air - as are the airplanes and helicopters at Quaker Farms! Glad to see it. We've waited long enough and flying season is upon us, and based on the level of participation over the last couple of weekends, we are going to have a busy summer!

Its great to see a nice crowd and everyone seems to be getting their turn in the air. Just remember - when it gets crowded, using the pin system can help tremendously. Here are a few tips that will help keep things running smoothly when there are many folks at the field.

1. Put your pin up - on the right side of the frequency board - below the other folks in line.
2. Get your airplane ready to fly and be ready to fly when it's your turn. There is no need to use one of the 4 flight positions to fuel your airplane - if you're not ready to fly, let the next person go or if it will take some time to get ready, put your pin on the bottom of the board until you are ready to go.
3. If you need to get your plane ready and need to use your radio to do so, put your pin up on the left side of the board - but be sure you have the frequency pin for the channel you'll be using.
4. Take off and have fun!
5. When there is a crowd at the field, it's a good idea to have a spotter - ask someone to stand with you - they can let you know what is going on around you so you can focus on your airplane.

Vice President's Corner

6. Communicate with the other pilots, let them know if you are going on to the field or landing.
7. Fly from a designated flight position - unless it's a special event - you should be standing in one of the flight positions on the flight line. If someone is flying in one of the positions - stand in another one.
8. Remember, our field is active, but its not "busy" there is plenty of time for us all to enjoy the field, so take your time, be courteous. Truth is, we are all here to have fun.

It was also great to meet a number of new members over the past couple weeks - some brand new and some returning after a break from RC. Welcome all, you've found a good club with many talented and helpful members - we look forward to getting to know you better and flying with you.

Oh yeah, and this is important

Let's keep it fun, and KEEP IT SAFE!



Cya at the field.

Dave

Hi everyone,

I think this past Saturday May 2nd as a club we showed what we're made of! What we did was awesome. Together we cleared brush along the east fence for hours. Club member John Demeyer brought his tractor with a post hole attachment. Post holes were dug in record time. We started installing the new posts (treated landscape ties) as suggested by John, when about half the post holes for the east fence were dug. A group continued to clear the brush from the water runoff trench. When about half the posts were in we started stringing barbed wire. At one point we had two crews of three stringing wire.

As John was completing the last of the post holes for the new north fence, the barbed wire for the east fence was almost completely strung. We did find that the double tree trunk our corner post for the east and north fence has bees living there. But they cooperated with and tolerated us driving 1" staples into their tree. And at this point we still had a crew clearing the brush from the trench. There was a lot of brush in the trench. Just ask those who were cutting and hauling it away to the south end of the east fence. We threw it over the East fence to act as a barrier to help keep the cows as far from the fence as possible. As some were taking a break a few members started stringing the barbed wire on the north fence. We did a lot of work in approximately 4 1/2 to 5 hours. Jay Gillotti volunteered to cut the posts to length on Sunday. He has a laser transit, so we should have the posts cut close to the same length. We as a club did amazing things May 2nd. There is still more to do but the bulk is now completed.

In closing, we need to thank the youth who showed up with their dads. They were very helpful all morning! Eagerly doing anything asked of them. The future of our club will someday be in their hands and I for one think Quaker Farms R/C Flyers will prosper under their future leadership.

Joe

Meeting Minutes 3-09-08
By Joel Monarca, Secretary

Our current balance is \$2,400; half the rent is already paid.

We want to redo the fence and use wooden ties, pressure treated 8ft lengths. Work party was scheduled for May 2, 2009.

Spoke with Andy Green about a schedule for helping out with the mowing; he will start a calendar and he will fill you in when he wants you to help out.

Discussed field treatments for the grass and reseeding in the fall (cost about \$200) club voted on this and gave the OK to go ahead.

Talked about and instated the use of an AMA card or something with your name on it that you put in place of the pin when you remove the channel pin you are going to use. For 2.4 GHZ you just have to put a pin saying 2.4 GHZ so we know you are flying.

Be courteous to fellow pilots. Communicate with each other if you have issues with the way they are flying. Keep communication open and keep it a pleasant environment.

New members and beginners have to be approved and signed off on.

(Protocol) Take off and land, figure 8s, touch and goes.

We will make a certificate for the people that are signed off on.

We reviewed the bylaws and approved all the updates.

Meetings are as follows, second week of the months stated, March, May, October, December, and a meeting at the field in July. Date for July meeting will be decided at a future meeting.

We have 52 Members as of the last meeting.

New business

We talked about fixing the north road, level it or bring in some fill.

Had a motion to increase the engine size to 53cc's. Club is to investigate and to see how close we come to houses when we are flying. Bob Creter is to head the investigation and to make a committee.

Membership Report
By, John Demeyer

Our current membership as of 5/5/2009

We have 60 adult members and 3 junior members. The following are new members since Jan. 1, 2009.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Hussein Ahmad (with son, Eyad), **Naugatuck**

Michael Bandanza, **Oxford**

Dave Dimiceli, **Brewster, NY**

Jay Gillotti, **Brookfield**

John Gillotti, **Danbury**

James Schippani, **Seymour**

Jim Ciasulli, **Oxford**

Steven Garofalo, **Beacon Falls**

It's great to have some Jr's getting onto the club roster, a special welcome to Eyad Ahmad and Steven Garofalo. We look forward to you new guys teaching us old dogs a new trick or two. Also, a welcome back goes out to James Schippani from Seymour who has reactivated his membership. It's great to have you all joining us. Any members from 2008 who did not renew their membership for 2009 have been placed on the inactive list as of this date. If you see any of those people encourage them to renew their memberships.

Thanks to all who came out for the field work day.

Keep spreading the word about **QFRC!!** If you see someone flying at a park or school, invite them to the field-- **The more members we have, the more secure our club is!**

Have a great, safe summer of flying!!

John D.

Frequency Board Usage

REMINDER. Place your AMA card or your QFRCF membership card or something with your name on it with your correct frequency pin on the right side of the board. **(pilot standby)** When you are ready to fly, take it from the standby side and place it at the top for **(active flyer)**. When done flying place your pin back on standby side till your ready to fly again.

If someone else is using that frequency, find out who that person is, introduce yourself if you don't already know him or her, and coordinate your flights. This simple step may save an airplane, maybe yours!!

Some of us have gotten into some bad habits:

- * Taxiing our aircraft from the runway towards the pits.
- * Flying alone (not recommended but not outlawed either)
- * Leaving "stuff" behind.
- * Not using the Frequency board.

Familiarize yourself with the QFRCF RULES.

At all times the AMA Safety Code is to be adhered to.

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Summer Safety Steps

Summer is here! Some key points to keep in mind as our days get hotter: stay hydrated, take frequent breaks, and keep some shade handy.

Heat can create extra stress on your body, so it's important to pay attention to that inner voice. Don't you hear that voice sometimes? Seriously though; know your limits. Some of us can't plow through the days like we used to. We might remember having done strenuous work during the summer months, but do you remember how old you were then? Sad but true, age can make a difference on how well your body can tolerate the **hot** days ahead. The summer months will afford more flying days, but they'll also be hot. Sunscreen is another agent to protect your skin from the damaging effects of long exposure from the sun. I'm sure that at some point during our lives we have all experienced a sunburn or two, which probably led to "I ain't gonna do that again. You have better protection from the sun's effects available these days than you did in the past, so take advantage of sunscreens and wear a hat to protect your head. A wide-brim hat will offer more protection than the plain old baseball cap most of us wear. The straw hats, like you see on the golf course, are a good choice too. They allow air to circulate to keep your head cool, similar to a cowl on an airplane. The sun can cause skin cancer, a topic that I would just as soon as avoid. In addition to protecting yourself from the ravages of the sun, add insect repellent to your list of stuff you'll wish you had in your flight box. Mosquitoes are a real nuisance, but they can also carry some nasty parasites in addition to disease. The mosquito problem is really noticeable at the end of a day of flying. As the sun starts to get low on the horizon, the little bloodsuckers seem to come alive. The ingredient I have heard the most about in insect repellents is DEET. I know that like everything else, people tend to get the products with the highest DEET content. While the stuff works fairly well, keep in mind that you are spraying a chemical on your body on purpose. If you're serious about not donating blood to perpetuate the mosquito population, you'll be spraying a chemical on your hands and

rubbing it on your face, neck, hair, shirt, shorts, legs, and just about anything else you can reach. Go easy on the DEET --- I don't know what or how it works, but I would be willing to bet that it doesn't taste good and it really could cause red, bloodshot eyes. Take some time, read the label and buy small quantities just in case you don't like it or it has some undesirable effects. How about wasps? Its wasp season too, you know. People usually get into a wasp nest because they were unseen, hidden under something, and so on. Especially in underground nests as I have experienced in the past on our field. Getting stung is no fun. Be careful and aware. Wasp spray would be a good idea for our club to keep the shed just in case. Is anyone allergic to bees and /or wasps? Perhaps a bee sting kit would be handy.... just in case.....

A Special thanks for all who helped on Saturday May 2nd with the field maintenance. Sorry, if I missed someone.

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	Morgan	15% Cool Power		\$16.15	\$17.76
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	Morgan	15% 4 cycle CP		\$16.15	\$17.76
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MEETING REMINDER

(Tuesday May 12th 2009 at 7:30 PM)

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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

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