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President's Corner

President's Message October, 2009

In a blink of an eye it seems summer is once again over, fall is in the air but, there's plenty of time for more flying. It's been a busy summer for me and I have sure missed being at the field. But, our club sure had a great summer and some great successes.

We had two well attended and highly productive work days at the field, the first work party cleared the brush on the far side of the field, replaced fence posts and hung new wire. The huge turnout made for quick work. John Demeyer's post-hole-digger made placing the poles a snap.

The second work party included a bonfire to burn the brush. Let's see, combine a pile of brush that won't burn with enough gasoline and the prop-wash of an electric jet you'll get it to burn eventually. We had great fun and should do it again – perhaps next time with some dry wood. Many thanks for all of your efforts.

Quaker Farms RC Flyers also started the summer with a great victory at the "Battle of Midway II" hosted by the East Coast Swamp Flyers. What a great event and turnout from the club – Bill Pitt did a great job rallying the troops. The event sounded crazy on paper and was even more fun to fly - combine eight airplanes dragging 30' streamers, balloons for the popping at both ends of the runway and protect the balloons with semi-automatic paintball fire then fly around trying to pop balloons and cut streamers – somebody is going to crash. Well, truth be told I did twice. Back to back midair collisions ended my day prematurely, but the team persisted and came home with the win!

Our Wednesday night barbeques got off to a slow start this summer but ended with a tremendous effort from one of our newest members – Jeff Andrews. If you didn't get out this summer for Jeff's barbeque you missed some great flying and some great food. Thanks Jeff, we appreciate it.

The Fun Fly was another highlight, great turnout of families and friends and some great events. With impending bad weather we lucked out and only experienced a few showers because we were protected by the cover of our fearless contest director Rick Katrenya's tent. It took the efforts of many to make it a success, Thank you all for your efforts!!

This is our club and each of us plays an important role in its success. I appreciate your support this summer and can't thank all of you, the many club volunteers, enough for your help. Whether your time was spent mowing the field for everyone to enjoy (Thank you Andy, Bob, et al), adding on to our shed (Thanks Jay) or keeping the club informed with the newsletter (Thanks George) or simply grabbing a full can of trash and hauling it away, everyone's efforts make all the difference. Thank you for making our club a great place to fly and a great place to enjoy.

Just because summer is over doesn't mean the flying is – we fly year round at Quaker Farms and I look forward to seeing you at the field!



Dave

Vice President's Corner

No Information at this time

Meeting Minutes

By Joel Monarca

No Information at this time

We did have a meeting at the field on July 11th. Secretary was not present.

Membership Report

By, John Demeyer

Our current membership as of 9/30/2009

67 Adult members

3 Junior members

A reminder that the dues for new members who join the club after September 1st are reduced for the remainder of the year. If you know of someone who is interested in joining us and becoming a member of the club, their dues for the rest of 2009 would be \$37.50 plus the one time new member fee of \$25.00.

Membership renewal information for 2010 will be sent out in time to pay your dues at the December meeting. Please consider doing this, it saves time and it saves the club money for postage.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest QFRC member—

James Kleros, **Westport, CT**

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!

John D.

SAFTEY /FIRE REPORT

Editors Note: This is an important story that has implications for us all. This could be any of us!!!

Billowing flames and smoke consumed a van in a dramatic blaze early Friday that was sparked by a battery and charger for radio-controlled airplanes at a field hobbyist's use at the Jackson County Sports Park.

The fire reported at around 9:30 am, also damaged a cover over some picnic tables in a seating area for spectators at Agate Skyways, a site on East Antelope Road near Agate Lake. Light winds and spring-green grass kept the flames from racing across the fields, Jackson County Fire District No. 3 Deputy Fire Marshal Don Hickman said.

Williams resident Ron Dilday said he had put a lithium polymer battery and charger on the passenger seat of his handicapped-

accessible van. Then Dilday, who has been a paraplegic since 1972, rolled over to talk to other members of the Rogue Eagles Radio-Controlled Airplane Club.

"In just a few minutes someone yelled 'Ron there's fire coming out the window of your van.'" He said.

Dilday said the lightweight, rechargeable batteries favored by pilots of radio-controlled planes can be dangerous, and the can explode or catch fire if damaged and burn at temperatures higher than 2,000 degrees. He said he was cautious with the batteries and hadn't had problems with them in more than 3 years of flying model planes.

Dilday, 59 couldn't safely reach a fire extinguisher in the back of his van, but he pulled a tub carrying 10 additional lithium polymer batteries from his vehicle, hoping to slow the intensity and spread of the fire.

"THEN ALL HELL BROKE OUT" Dilday said. "It went so fast" Three batteries on the seat exploded. The car battery exploded. Tires popped. The gas tank erupted, and the flames shot 30 feet into the air, by Dilday's estimate. Burning debris rained down on the batteries Dilday had pulled from the car and stashed at what he thought was a safe distance away, igniting them, too, he said. Firefighter crews with a fire engine and a water tanker quelled the fire within minutes of their arrival, but Dilday's van, valued at \$46,000 was lost. "It just knocked the wind out of me," Dilday said. "I'm still in shock." No one was injured in the blaze.

By Anita Burke

ELECTION'S FOR 2010 CLUB OFFICER'S AND APPOINTEE'S

Just to let everyone know. The QFRC elections are coming up at the December 15th meeting. If you have someone in mind that you want to nominate for a position or if you would like to be nominated for a position please let me know in advance. I would like to place all the nominee's and the positions they are going to be nominated for in our December newsletter.

Positions that are available:

President

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Appointee's

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Fun-Fly 2009 Final Scores

Dead Stick Landing

First Place, Art Fressola with a time of 55.47

Second Place, Bill Jensen with a time of 54.75

Third Place, Jeff Andrews with a time of 54.07

Musical Airplanes

Since I flew in this event nobody marked a winner my bad☹, if anybody remembers who won. Feel free to let us know. Thanks.

Touch & Go Event

First Place, Bob Piscatelli with a score of 55 and a time of 1.14.44

Second Place, Jeff Andrews with a score of 55 and a time of 2.28.81

Third place Dave Miles with a score of 45 and a time of 1.43.62

Limbo

Tied for first place, Jeff Andrews and John Gadacy.

For The Helicopter Pilots

I really don't know how to score this one. Dave Miles had the best time with a 28.78 BUT he didn't land in the center ring. Marcelo Almeida had the second best time with a 41.13, BUT he also didn't land in the center ring. Paulo Duarte had the third best time with a 57.09 BUT he did land in the center ring on the first try. You decide.

Best Crash

We can give the best Treed Airplane to Richard Franchi. I know it's not a crash but, since he was supposed to be doing a dead stick landing. He should have been circling in the center of our field not the cornfield.

MEETING REMINDER

(Tuesday October 13th 2009 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

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