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SANDERSON FIELD R.C. NEWS

17th Annual Swap Meet April 16th CHARTER NO. 3079



CLUB MEETING

This months meeting will be held on Thursday April 14th from 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m..

at PUD #3

At 3rd & Cota

Minutes were read and accepted as read.

Treasurers report read, 1 correction was made. We have an outstanding bill of \$10 to Jody Diaz for room rental at Roosters for the March board meeting. Jody declined.

Tom Strom said that we are going to conduct club business at board meetings and brought back to the club for approval. Meetings will return to a show and tell format as a possible way to increase participation. At the last board meeting increasing membership was discussed.

Tom has talked to AMA about getting a permanent field here and one of the ways that seems to be working well is combining clubs. One of the more successful ways is combining a Control line and RC club. There are several control line clubs in the area who don't have a site and must travel.

To use our sites they would have to become members and do their own maintenance and also have noise level restrictions.

Dick Robb said he felt there wasn't enough room at Hunters to fly both at the same time. It will be looked at when we actually get out to Hunters. Jody Diaz measured the new field and found it to be 600' long and on average 220' wide.

Dave Fisher noted that control line matches are pretty quick.

Bob Beatty had a concern about the footprint at Sanderson field being runway only, not on the grass.



Sharon Diaz asked if we would have to change the by-laws with the addition of new rules for control line use. The new rules would likely be included in the Safety procedures not the by-laws. Tom noted that other clubs coexist in close proximity and there is some serious control line talent here in

Washington.

Tom asked if the club wanted to look in to this possibility and got a positive answer. The Board will look at some new rules and bring them back to the club.

Tom asked everyone who has not yet contacted their congressman on the new FAA proposals to do so, it was noted that so far there have been 76,000 letters to congress. You can find a link on the AMA website that you basically just have to sign and they take care of the rest.

Dick Robb said Thurston County Miniature Aircraft Assoc. float fly at Isabella lake has had a date change to the 18th and 19th of June.

Hunter Farms has been paid.

Dick Robb noted that the TCMAA is having in club competition events and feels that this is one reason they have good attendance and are growing.

Jody Diaz felt we were going to need a few loads of gravel for the

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Engines/Kits for Sale

These engines and kits will be at the swap meet along with all the other stuff from the Bowcut estate.

Used engines

Cox .049

OS Max 10

OS Max III 15 (2)

OS FP 20

OS Max 20 (3)

OS FP 25

OS Max 25

OS Max S 30

OS SF 40

OS FP 40 (6)

OS LA 40 (1)

Thunder Tiger 15

ASP 46

Royal 46

GMS 2000 47 (2)

K&B 40

K&B 61

K&B boat motor (90)?

Fox Eagle 60

Fox 78

Enya 60 2C

New Engines

OS 20 FP

OS 40 LA

OS 40 FP

OS Max 50

OS FS 75 4C\$150

Enya 46-4C II.....\$150

MDS 40

Cox tee dee .010......\$100

Kits

Sig Clipped wing Cub		56"	Kit	\$70.00
Sig Beach Bonanza		64"	Kit	\$80.00
Sterling PT-19		48"	Kit	\$100.00
Great Planes CAP-232	Partially completed	40 size	Kit	\$50.00
ThunderTiger Windstar	Glider		ARF	\$75.00
Dumas Boats "Windy"	Boat		Kit	\$20.00
Simcoe Sopwith PUP	no plans	67.5"	Kit	\$15.00
Playboy Senior			Kit	\$45.00
GLH II wingset	(foam) poor shape	32.5	Kit	\$10.00

Improve your Flying Skills at Home

By John Burdin: Part 1

For years, most of our friends who have learned to fly RC aircraft did all their training at the local flying site. Each day was a new adventure, and if something happened to preclude them from flying on their selected day (weather, mechanical or otherwise), it was wait until next time. Not only is this frustrating, in today's world it's wasting time. Occasionally a new student won't connect with an instructor, and numerous other things can cause delays.

Regardless of each person's skill level, we are always learning, and to use an old adage, "the day you stop learning you are finished." One great thing in today's RC world is the availability of very high-quality, computer-generated flight simulator flying.

RC flight training has evolved over the years. From someone telling you what to buy, how to put it together, and some basic flight instruction and then wishing you luck, today one can literally go from the hobby shop (or UPS delivery) to the flightline with a brand new model in a matter of days, and in some cases, hours. So why not speed up the learning process as well?

I remember discussing the Real-Flight R/C Flight Simulator product with Bruce Holleck (founder of Tower Hobbies) many years ago as it was about to go to market. The goal was to produce a product that could dramatically shorten the learning curve for new RC pilots, get more people interested in RC, and save time and money with the process of learning to fly RC. His

focus group

consisted of all ages, and as he made clear at the time, it was working well.

Think about the capacity and functionality of computers then versus now. I remember the early versions of RealFlight, and as well as they performed then, the latest version is spectacular. In the early days of RealFlight, many hobby shops kept one running so patrons of a particular shop could stop by and try it out. Not too many different airplanes to choose from in the menu back then, but it was fairly realistic. Other manufactures have come into the marketplace over the years with their versions of RC flight simulators, and some are really terrific. I am now on my third or fourth version of RealFlight combined with the upgrade/ service packs there is an almost unlimited number of different aircraft and airframe types to choose from. Just about everything that is flying RC is in the menu: trainers, electrics, giant scale, multiengine, sailplanes, jets, helicopters—you name it, and it's available.

There are also many different flying sites to choose from. The operator/pilot can also change the weather at each flying site. If you don't like the wind, you can change the direction or eliminate it all together. If the sun is in the wrong place you can change that. You can even fly at night if you wish. There are also many variables on each aircraft that can be changed if you prefer a different setup.

As technology has improved so has the realism of each flight. Engine noise related to power settings, flaps and landing, retractable gear, canopies, and smoke are all part of the program.

If you are offered an RC flight simulator with an option to buy an interlink controller (transmitter) I strongly suggest that you take this route. You will be glad you did. For beginner, novice, or experienced pilots, there are added benefits. If you are trying to learn or perfect a maneuver such as a slow or four-point roll, an RC flight simulator is the place to do it. And, an RC flight simulator crash won't cost you a dime! If you are having trouble with your confidence during a specific maneuver, the "sim" is the place to practice.

Sometimes we never learn some of the basic maneuvers needed to do such things as land properly. These may include doing a figure eight in both directions in front of you, or a left- and right-hand circle in front of you. Possibly something as common as a right- or left-hand traffic pattern approach is giving you a problem. The sim is the place to improve your skills, regardless of your level.

A couple of additional things one can work on using the sim are learning to fly with your fingers instead of your thumbs, and using slightly longer stick settings. Both of these will greatly improve feel with each and every flight as you get comfortable with them and your confidence increases.

The use of an RC flight simulator won't guarantee anything, but my guess is that your confidence and skill level will increase. It's certainly great training and a lot of fun, anytime.

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new field and some way of rolling or packing. Tom Strom said he would work on getting a roller.

Tom asked what equipment we have access to for working on the field. Jody Diaz has access to a dump truck and suggested we might work out something with Paul Hunter for a cat. Burt Daggett has a brush hog and tractor. Dick Robb thought we might use the area between the field and road as parking. It might be better left as a buffer between us and the traffic.

Burt Daggett showed the quilt (with an airplane theme) that he is making to raffle off, proceeds to go to SFRCF.

Troy Lanning asked if a work party would be scheduled when it was time to start on the new Hunters field, Tom said yes.

Tom asked for a roster. He also asked for the minutes to be distrib-

DUES ARE \$100.

If you pay by mail send your dues, proof of 2011 AMA membership and a SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE TREASURER:

CHUCK KENTFIELD
3122 Madrona Beach Rd.
Olympia WA 98502

Make checks payable to SFRCF

uted to the members shortly after the regular meeting each month.

Gordie Osberg explained our scholarship program to Tom Strom. The guidelines are for the student to be going into aviation or engineering, have good grades, if no one fits the criteria no scholarship will be awarded. Tom asked if the club has a written set of guide lines. As we don't, Gordie offered the scholarship committee for the job. Tom directed them to complete the guidelines and submit them to the board.

Dick Robb noted the McMinnville swap meet is Saturday the 12th of March.

Tom volunteered for the first show and tell and asked for someone for next month. Rob Lowe offered to bring in some helicopters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Tips

Sanding Tool

While repairing a couple nonremovable wing struts in the connection joint at the fuselage (Fokker D-VIII), I used a small amount of spot putty to correct some gaps in the wood strut. When next to the fuselage, it gets quite tight limiting the sanding process. I attached a small piece of self-stick sandpaper to one of my wife's best butter knives to reach into this tight spot. After all, nothing is too good for modeling use. Works great. Also can be used to reach into the fuse or wing if needed to sand. Use a round item such as a pen or pencil for a radius. -Mike DaBiere, Front Line Flyers, York, Maine

[I've tried the butter knife trick and it is very handy!]

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Weekends in April seem to be free! There have been a bunch of cancellations so other months may now have free weekends also. This may change, so be sure to check the Events page on our website.

http://sfrcf.quintex.com/event/events.html

Club Scheduled Events for 2010

Event dates in black are scheduled. Events in gray are complete.

Our schedule is much reduced this year thanks to the new contract, any club fly-ins will most likely be held at the grass field.

January 1st.....First fly of the year

April 16thSanderson Field RC flyers annual swap meet 9:00 to 12:00 SHS Sub

June 25th-26th.....Pylon Race APRA/428/Q-40

July 23rd & 24th.....Pylon Race APRA/428/Q-40

August 20st-21stPylon Race North vs South- Locked

September 24th &25th Pylon Race APRA/428/Q-40 - PROPS Championship

December 8thChristmas Party

It's time for 2011 dues, dues are \$100.00

Check out our web site at http://sfrcf.quintex.com

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Located at Shelton High School, N. 3737 Shelton Springs Rd. Shelton WA, 98584. Just North of downtown Shelton. Take Hwy 101 North to Wallace Kneeland Blvd. Turn right on Wallace Kneeland Blvd. Turn left on Shelton Springs Rd. The Shelton High School will be on the left. The Swap Meet will be located in the Sub.

ADMINISTRATE SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

Tables

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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or

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