



Sanderson Field R.C. News



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Puyallup Expo Jan 31st-Feb 1st see add on pg. 3

Club Meeting

*This months meeting will be held on Thursday January 8th at Choice High School, located at 8th and W Cedar St. Shelton Wa.
Time: 7:00pm*

*Check out the new web site at
<http://sfrcf.quintex.com>*

Well, another year has come and gone. I hope everyone's new year is better than the last, however good last year was.

The December meeting/party went pretty well. I always enjoy the buffet at the casino. I guess you could say the meeting was pretty short, there wasn't one!

The last couple of months have been very poor for flying with all the rain and wind, I think I made it out there only 3 times in December. Here's hoping the new year brings more flying weather!

IF YOU PAY BY MAIL SEND YOUR DUES, PROOF OF 2004 AMA MEMBERSHIP AND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE TREASURER:

***CHUCK KENTFIELD
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THE LAST WORD: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By WALT WILSON

In most clubs, virtually all the work necessary to keep the organization going is done by a small percentage of the membership. The Spirits of St. Louis are no different. Whether it's cutting grass, being field chairperson, activities chairperson, a contest director, a board of directors member, maintaining a club Web site, or being president, treasurer, secretary, or newsletter editor, we are all volunteers. The pay scale is the same-zip. Most members who have never been involved in any of these jobs have no appreciation of the effort that goes into doing them. Many club members have no idea who does what for the club. Some seem to think it all happens automatically and, since they've paid their dues, they're entitled to a free ride in all other aspects.

The people who recognize and assume the responsibilities do so for a variety of reasons. Most want to do something to feel like they're doing their share to support the club. Some have unique skills that enable them to make special contributions. As long as the volunteers do their jobs, the people who recognize what they're doing appreciate and occasionally thank them.

Whatever the reason, eventually the workers feel it is time to move on and let someone else carry the ball for a while. Maybe they're burned out, tired, have developed physical problems, or have family or business responsibilities that precludes donating the time necessary to do a club job. Maybe they feel they've done enough. Eventually, all will quit doing whatever they do. If you don't think that being a club officer takes its toll on time and patience, think about how many past presidents are still active members of the

On April 17th the club is hosting our 10th annual swap meet at the Shelton High School Sub, with a static display of RC planes and admission is free. Mark it on your calendars. See the complete flyer later in this issue. Hope to see you there.

Tips for Beginners

HINTS AND TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

1. Roll test steering in a driveway or basement. If it doesn't roll straight at home, it won't roll straight on a runway. Set control to the least sensitive position.
2. Put MonoKote (or other) small marks at the center of gravity on the wing to indicate balance location. It makes it easier to check at the field.
3. Balancing laterally (side to side) will help aircraft track better in maneuvers. Hold at the spinner and tail. Add wingtip weight as necessary.
4. Check receiver battery every two or three flights. Make a chart of how long you have flown versus voltage drop. Do not operate below 4.9 volts.
5. Always turn on your transmitter first and receiver second. Always turn off your receiver first and transmitter second.
6. Range check your system before the first flight each time out. This should be performed with the engine running at both idle and full throttle.
7. When using the buddy box system, make sure both boxes are set identically. Never turn the buddy box power on.

8. Remove transmitter neck straps when starting engines.
9. If you don't have a starter, at least use a chicken stick. Do not hit against the propeller; start your flip with the stick next to (touching) it.
10. Never jam a running starter onto the spinner. Back up the propeller and place the starter cone against the spinner before turning it on.
11. When you start your engine, look at your watch and keep track of time. After your flight, check the fuel level to judge maximum available flight time.
12. Do not reach over the propeller to adjust the needle valve. Do it from the rear. Do not position yourself or others to the side of a rotating blade. It could fail on run-

up or kick up debris.

from Fly Paper
via the newsletter of the
Orange Coast Radio Control Club
Betty Bliss, editor
Whittier CA

Something to Think about (cont).

club. Of those who are, how many are willing to be president or hold another office?
Appreciate the people who spend their time making your club work. Pat them on the back occasionally. Don't resent them when they quit doing it. Ask yourself if you would have done that job.

from Flight Lines
Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club
Walt Wilson, editor
St. Charles MO

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Annual first fly of the year a big success (mostly)

Last year a few hardy souls tried to get a flight in on the first day of the year as usual but were thwarted by the weather. It rained and the wind blew. This year we had a little snow, which was great for me as I got to try out my new skis. The Port had also plowed one side of the runway, probably en route to the main runway to clear it, so there was somewhere to take off for the people without skis.

Joe Lewis got into the air first with me shortly after. Jody and Sharon Diaz flew and also Dick Robb. Stacy Myers tried but had no control so it went up and came right back down (sorry Stacy). Herb Coslett and Bob and Sylvia Andrew stopped in for a visit but didn't fly.



SANDERSON FIELD R.C. FLYERS

Static
Display

10th Annual

Static
Display

Swap Meet

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.

FREE
ADMISSION



Lots of great stuff!

Saturday, April 17, 2004

Tables
\$5.00

or
2 for \$8.00

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Reserve Your
Tables Now!

For More information Call
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