



SANDERSON FIELD

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Officer Nominations



CHARTER NO. 3079

CLUB MEETING

*This months meeting will be held
on Thursday November 12th
from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

at PUD #3

At 3rd & Cota

Minutes were read and was accepted as read.

Treasures report was read and accepted as read.

Old Business:

Chuck bought the new club BBQ. Revenue from the Pylon race - about \$1,325.

New Business:

We will have food at the grass field event, the float club had leftovers from their last event to donate and we would buy what ever we need to provide a main course for a potluck lunch. Dick will check on the paper products. It's time for the Corn maze and Pumpkin patch so be sure to have a spotter to watch for stray people wandering around.

We will have the Christmas Party at the PUD again on December 10th, we will be having he gift

exchange again. Nothing over \$10. Bob Beatty motioned to have the club pay for the meat (turkey and ham), the rest will be Potluck. Motion carried.

I will maintain a list so let me know what you are going to bring.

On the Election, if more than 1 person is running for the same office we will use ballots for



that office only. You will get a ballot when you come in the door at the Christmas party, they will be collected and counted. If we have no run offs it will be a simple yes/no on the current officers.

We need to get our dates in order for submission to the Port by Dec. 1st, the Dates are: May 15th, June 12th, July 17th (scale fly-in), Aug. 14th, Sept. 11th and Oct. 9th

Stacy Myers motioned to accept the dates for submission to the port. Motion carried.

The Secretary will try to find out when the forest festival parade is so we can schedule a public

day the day after the parade or the next weekend.

The Monroe Event is on for the 12th,13th and 14th of Feb. Contact Dick Robb if you are going to sell, there is a group going and we would like to get a section together.

The club needs to decide if we want to have indoor flying at our next swap meet. The gym is quite a bit more expensive and we don't need it if we are not having the flying. Also we need to decide whether we will have a 50/50 raffle or buy a product to raffle.

Meeting adjourned 7:40

DUES ARE \$100.

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2009 with the SFRCF

2009 With The Sanderson Field RC Flyers

by Royce Tivel

It's October and the Autumnal equinox has now passed. Here in Washington, the Sanderson Field RC Flyers (SFRCF) are looking forward to some Fall flying--and just maybe some winter flying, too. There have not been as many good flying days this year as in 2008. To some, in fact, the flying season has seemed a bit disappointing; but, speaking for myself, I am surprised when I add up all of the events and activities in which I and other members have participated this year. Several of the activities have not taken place on the club's flying fields.

Although SFRCF club members were not able to fly on January 1 due to poor weather conditions, we did get our planes in the air early in the year. The view of the Olympic Mountains, covered in snow, is always a spectacular background for our home field as Winter passes into Spring.

On one rainy day, I spent a morning with Richard Robb discussing his building projects and learning about the latest building techniques. I have not done any model building for many years and I was particularly interested in Richard's tutorial on using modern adhesives, such as cyanoacrylate glues. He demonstrated the use of the glues on scraps of balsa he found in his shop. I was amazed at the building possibilities when using modern adhesives, especially since the last

"amazing" glue I used (around 1960) was Ambroid: I can still remember the Ambroid smell and also the time I spent chewing off dried Ambroid glue from my fingers. I also found Richard's discussion of laminating thin balsa sheets fascinating, particularly laminating them with thin carbon fabric to create light--but very strong--composite material for model aircraft building.

In March, a group of SFRCF members made a trip to the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington. I was particularly interested in the incredible craftsmanship apparent in the construction displays of early aircraft. We spent several hours looking at the "Warbirds" exhibits and on the main floor of the museum.

When Summer arrived--finally--I headed to Sanderson Field with a Great Planes Easy Sport. I'd had a couple of flights with the plane and looked forward to flying it again. My instructor, Bob Beatty, taxied the plane and took off. After making a left-hand turn, Bob and I (on the buddy box) both lost control of the plane: the plane no longer responded to control from our transmitters. The throttle opened up to full and the plane dived for the ground. What started as a training flight with the Easy Sport ended up with a pile of Easy Sport parts and pieces. Like many such disasters, we could find no specific cause for the crash: the transmitter and receiver both checked out as working perfectly and the receiver and transmitter batteries also tested

as good. There was very little that could be salvaged. I am now building a new Easy Sport to replace the old one.

After the crash, the day ended with a very positive experience: I was treated to flights of a REACTION 54 jet piloted by SFRCF's own Top Gun, Charles Kentfield.

On June 20, a group of SFRCF members traveled to the Olympic Airshow, held at the Olympic Flight Museum, Olympia, Washington. But first, the group stopped at the Toledo Swap Meet to look over lots of RC bargains.

It was fun to get a close-up look at many awesome aircraft at the airshow. My favorite event of the day was an incredible show by Bud Granley, flying a Yak-55, and son Ross, flying a Yak-18T.

On June 27, a beautiful summer day, the club met at the Hunter Farms grass field. Hunter Farms is located in the beautiful Skokomish River Valley. Since the day was warm and dry, workers at the farm were busy harvesting hay. Between flying and lunch, I walked about the farm admiring the scenery.

At the end of June, SFRCF's pylon racers Tom and Edward Graves tested their Quickie 500 planes in preparation for the 2009 NATS event, held in Muncie, IN. While at Sanderson Field, both Tom and Edward shared details about the construction and operation of their aircraft. Watching the planes in flight was--as it always is--exciting.

2009 with the SFRCF (continued)

With the advent of summer, SFRCF pilots dusted off their float planes. Several members of SFRCF are also members of the Lake Nawatzel RC Float Flyers (LNRCFF), a small, local club dedicated to flying RC float planes at nearby lakes. Although I do not have a float plane, I enjoy participating in the events as an observer. The LNRCFF fly at two local lakes, Nawatzel and Isabella, both near Shelton, Washington.

In August, there was lots of flying at Sanderson Field, including a major pylon event. Just prior to the North vs South Pylon Race, SFRCF held a fly-in. There were a good number of participants and a wide variety of aircraft, including Stacy Myers' scale model of a North American AT-6A "Texan"-with a somewhat disturbed passenger in the cockpit. There was lots to see at the fly-in, including the usual skydivers from Kapowsin Air Sports adjacent to the SFRCF field. During the fly-in, Dan Nalley arrived towing the signal board for the upcoming pylon event.

An AMA sanctioned competition, North vs South Pylon Race, was held at Sanderson Field on August 29-30. Members of the Pylon Racers Of Puget Sound (PROPS) arrived a day earlier to set up the course. On Sunday, August 30, I spent the afternoon on the flight line photographing the pilots and their planes. I quickly found that there is a universe of difference between observing a pylon race from a distance and experiencing the

event from the flight line. There is nothing to compare with the excitement of watching several aircraft approaching at nearly 200 miles per hour--I understood immediately why hard hats are required on the flight line. At the end of the event, prizes were awarded to all of the volunteer course workers, including several SFRCF club members. The course workers put in long hours during the event.

In September, there was more flying at Sanderson Field, including the last flight of Stacy Myers AT-6. A landing gear problem caused the onboard battery pack to discharge until the receiver no longer responded to the transmitter. The resulting crash retired both the aircraft and the passenger, although the pilot seemed to remain alert and unconcerned. There were also additional float-fly events.

On October 10, SFRCF held its last scheduled flying event for 2009 at Hunter Farms. Although

the day was mostly cloudy, the flying conditions were still excellent. The event was well attended. When not at the grass field, I spent time walking around the farm with my camera, documenting Pumpkin Patch. Pumpkin Patch is an annual event at Hunter Farms, open to the public, and features rides to a pumpkin patch where families can pick their own Halloween pumpkin. Pumpkin Patch has become a family tradition.

What's left for 2009? At the very least, there is the Christmas Potluck. Perhaps there will be additional excursions to places of interest to SFRCF members. For sure, there will be winter building projects. Has 2009 with SFRCF been at all disappointing for me? No way!

For a full HTML version of this article, with lots of images, visit

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Again, I'm sorry that link is so small but my program won't recognize links if they are on more than one line... [ED]

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On the Safe side

101 Ways to Stop a Spinning Propeller

By Don Nix, Insider Safety Column Editor

Unfortunately, we are limited to only a single safe one: Stopping the engine.

Yeah, yeah. Everyone knows that. Right? Well, if so, then why are more than half of all model accidents caused by model propellers—while turning? Because we do very stupid things sometimes. Because we get careless. Because we get too casual. Because we are inexperienced. Because we are so experienced we think common sense safety is for beginners. Because, because, because.

Well, that be the cause!

K&B engines might not be very familiar to newcomers to the hobby, but oldsters will remember that K&B was the leading American manufacturer of model engines for decades, having been started by Johnny Brodbeck back in 1946. About 20 years ago, I was fly-

ing at the pilot's station next to one occupied by my good friend, John Brodbeck; the "B" of K&B engines, and son of Johnny, the founder. John was test flying an engine sent in by a customer seeking a solution to a puzzling problem. (Yes, company owners really used to do such things.) John had made a couple of laps around the field, but felt the engine was too lean, so he landed and taxied to the front of the pit to change the needle setting. Now here's a fellow who is the owner of a model engine company, who had probably been weaned from Mama Brodbeck to a baby bottle filled with glow fuel, and had been around and using model engines since the earth cooled. One would think he would be extra careful; be sure the model was secure and tune the engine from behind. Instead, wanting to get on with the test, he reached across the propeller from the front. I can tell you it stopped the engine. However, flying was over for the day for both of us because I had to drive

him to the emergency room to have a deep 3-inch gash in his forearm neatly stitched.

Yes, he was hurt, but said the worst pain was the embarrassment of being an engine manufacturer who would do such a dumb stunt (his words, not mine) at Southern California's busiest flying field in front of about 60 modelers.

My guess is, there are very few modelers who have been flying more than a couple of years who have not donated a little blood and possibly flesh to carelessness with propellers. For some of us, once is enough. Others have a little slower learning curve. It would be bad enough if their carelessness just injured themselves, but all too frequently an innocent person is hurt; sometimes more than just stitches. I think I'll cut this column shorter than I had planned to allow you faithful readers (all six) to submit some of your own experiences that might quite possibly make others think twice before doing something stupid ... er, ill-advised.

Always glad to hear from you: flyerdon@aol.com or flyerdon@yahoo.com. You will get a reply.

Scale Masters

In September, Bob Mason, Stacy Myers and I attended the Scale Masters at the Red Apple Flyers field in Wenatchee. We stayed at the Worldmark resort in Leavenworth for the whole event and traveled back and forth. Chuck Kentfield and Mark Hunter came over for the day on Friday. The weather was perfect with little to no wind and clear skies. The field there is amazing. If you didn't read the article in the AMA magazine, I suggest you do. Here are a few pictures.





Club Scheduled Events for 2009

- January 1st.....First fly of the year - No go... snow and rain
- February 8th.....Pylon Race - Come out and help officiate
- March 15thPylon Race - Come out and help officiate
- April 18thSanderson Field RC flyers annual swap meet 9:00 to 12:00 SHS Sub
- April 19thPylon Race - Come out and help officiate
- May 23rd.....Fly-In - 9:00 a.m. to ?????
- May 24th.....Pylon Race - Come out and help officiate
- May 30th.....Forest festival Parade float
- June 1st.....Public Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ?????
- June 6th.....Open House Fly-in/work party - Hunter Farms
- June 20th.....Public Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ????
- July 18th.....Scale fly-in/Public/potluck BBQ - 9:00 a.m. to ?????
- July 24th - 26th.....Pylon Race - Locked**
- August 22nd.....Fly-in - 9:00 am to ????
- August 28th-30th.....Pylon Race - Locked
- September 12th.....Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ????
- October 10th.....Fly-In at Hunter Farms 9:00 a.m. to ????
- December 10thChristmas Party 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (potluck)

It's time for 2010 dues, dues are \$100.00

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