

# “Prop Kicks”

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**The Newsletter of the Cloud Kings Radio Control Club - Oxford, PA.**

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## First Crash of the Season?

### Heli Crash at West Field

Well, it wouldn't be the proper beginning of a flying season unless that crazy heli pilot ditches his bird for the first time. My lovely new Concept 32VR crashed due to radio glitches during its first day in the air. At least I had three nice flights with it before the problem set in. Damage was extensive, but routine and the bird is now back in business with the kinks ironed out. According to Alvin I was the first one to fly at West Field this season. The field is in nice shape except for some deep gashes in the runway where the rotor blades hit.....

### Membership Renewal

Please make sure that you renew your membership with the AMA as well as renewing your membership with the Cloud Kings if you have not already done so. Members who do not renew by the April meeting will be removed from the club membership list and will no longer receive member benefits. For the few previous members who have not renewed, this is your last newsletter unless you renew now.

### A Note of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone in the Cloud Kings who contributed cards, flowers and prayers during the recent loss of my wife. It was great joy to know that I had flying friends that I could count on.

Thank You - *Brian Swarts*

### Picture of the Month

Thanks to Bill Losey for this shot of his Grumman AA1B Trainer. I hear it just had a new paint job and looks even better.



“Hey Bill, what kind of servos do you use in that thing?”

### West Field News

Cream Road is still closed at the bridge east of the field. West Field can only be accessed from the West. Take Jackson School road West to Scroggy Road North to Cream Road.

### Harris Field News

Just a reminder to members to look for a red plastic jug or a traffic cone at the entrance to Harris Field before driving in. If the marker is there, please park by the road and walk to the field to avoid damaging the driveway and grounds.

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## ***President's Corner***

### **Meeting Report**

I am pleased to accept the office of President of Cloud Kings for the year 2000. I hope you will all continue to give your support as we move forward through the year.

My objective is to continue to enhance our stature as a first rate RC club which pursues our common love of aircraft and flying. I would also like to improve our structure and capabilities in assisting members to become better RC pilots and builders. This will involve sharing ideas in workshops on building, covering and related subjects as well as having better structure for flight instruction with recognition for attaining milestones of improving proficiency.

#### **Your Officers for 2000 are:**

President: Dick Plyler  
Vice President: Jeff Conner  
Treasurer: Brian Swarts  
Secretary: Leif Thomson  
(and newsletter editor)

#### **Appointed Chairmen:**

Flight Instructor: Jeff Conner  
Fun Fly: Brian Swarts  
Field Marshall &  
Safety Officer: Bill Losey  
(with Todd Aumiller)  
Public Relations: Richard Donham  
Nominations: Bill Losey

We are planning three or four major events this year which include:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fun Fly	June 17	Harris Field
Swap Shop	October 14	BVM School Gym
Christmas Dinner	December	TBD
Scout/Youth Day	TBD	TBD

As you are aware we agreed to meet on alternate months as follows:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan/Feb	Feb. 8	West Grove FC
Mar/Apr	April 11	West Grove FC
May/June	June 13	West Field
July/Aug	Aug. 8	West Field
Sept/Oct	Oct. 10	West Field
Nov/Dec	Dec. 12	West Grove FC

All meetings start as 7:30 PM unless noted otherwise in the newsletter. Newsletters will also be published every two months and you should receive it a week or so prior to each scheduled meeting.

Committee meetings will be scheduled by the respective chairman as needed and workshops will be held either with our regular meeting or scheduled as a separate field trip. We plan to have air plane show&tell at all meetings with time allocated to discuss and ask questions.

A reminder that AMA and Club renewals are now due with a deadline of March 31. Give or send dues (\$35.00) to Brian Swarts along with proof of AMA membership.

***Dick Plyler***

## April Meeting

Just as a reminder, the next meeting of the Cloud Kings will be held on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the West Grove Fire Hall at 7:30 PM.

## New Member Process

At the last meeting we agreed to implement a more formal process for new members to the Cloud Kings.

### Process for becoming a member of Cloud Kings:

"Someone wishing to join Cloud Kings RC Club must attend any regular meeting at which he introduces himself, obtains a sponsor, pays the initiation fee and verifies AMA membership. This new prospective member is now permitted to fly at our fields ONLY with his sponsor, instructor or a consenting member and abide by all applicable rules."

"Prospective Membership continues until he has attended a second regular meeting, during which FULL MEMBERSHIP is voted upon by those attending that meeting. Regular membership is granted after regular dues are paid."

## Cloud Kings in the News

by Alvin Johnson

Many months ago, I saw that Joe Beshar wanted any flying field stories one might have, so I wrote to him with the Harris Field matter of 1993. You will find it on page 149 of the April issue of Model Aviation magazine (yr. 2000).

## Musser's Hobbies, "inside report":

by Alvin Johnson

Musser's now has its own brand of epoxy and CA. It is made by Bob Smith Industries, a respectable name in the R/C hobby world.

Hobbico Servos are now marked down to near cost, to make way for the new "universal" connector ones on the market. They are going fast and selections are becoming sparse.

Upon my suggestion, Musser's will soon be "renting" model videos - How-to's and events coverage. We are now regularly advertising in *Model Aviation*, *M.A.N.* and *RC Modeller*, with future ads in *R/C Report*. I am working towards selling management on the idea of advertising in *Prop Kicks*. Price for this needs to be agreed on at a future club meeting.

## Lost and Found

A pair of size 6 Pak boots was found at West Field last fall under the shelter. If they belong to you, look in the metal chest at West Field attached to the shelter frame.

## Check those batteries

After a winter in storage, your radio batteries may be weak and in need of some attention. It is a good idea to "cycle charge" your batteries after a period of extended storage by discharging them to 1.1 Volts per cell (4.4 volts for a 4.8 volt pack, 8.8 volts for a 9.6 volt pack). Then, give your pack a full charge before using them for the first flight of the season. Do NOT completely discharge your batteries or you may damage them. Hobbico has recently introduced a rather inexpensive (\$10) onboard battery monitor under the trademark "Voltwatch". This is cheap insurance for your aircraft and comes highly recommended.

## Classified Ads

### Built Planes

Sig Spacewalker II. Ready for a 120	\$200
P-51 with OS 46 & retracts. Test flown.	\$200
Tsunami pattern plane.	\$125
A good 40 -46 flyer	
Dynaflite Decathlon 1/4 scale New	\$300
Hobby Lobby "Sting"	\$ 50
2M sailplane for sp 400	
Hobby Lobby "Flame" sport	\$ 50
electric for sp 700	
Goldberg Mirage 05 electric RTC	\$ 50

### New (in box) Kits

Great Planes PT-40	\$ 50
Sig Supersport	\$ 40
Midwest AeroElectric	\$ 50
Kyosho Cardinal ARF	\$ 80
Royal F4U Corsair 35-50	\$ 50
Sig Ryan STA 60	\$ 90
Yoshioka Dash 5 (60 pattern)	\$125
Topflite DC-3 twin 25-40	\$175
Goldberg Aniv. Cub 40-60	\$ 70
Great Planes Extra 300S	\$ 85

### Engines

Webra speed 40 with muffler (new)	\$ 95
Moki 61 abc-ring (new)	\$110
OS LA 40 (new)	\$ 45
OS 25 SF (low time)	\$ 45

**If interested in any of the above items call  
Dick Plyler at (610) 869-0822**

Advertise your hobby-related items in the Prop  
Kicks Newsletter. Just send your ad to Leif  
Thomson for publication in the next issue.