# "Prop Kicks"

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## Fun-Fly 2000!

#### President's Corner

As I write this we are well into our summer flying session and our annual Fun Fly is now history. I would have to rate it as a success based on simplifying it and getting decent attendance and participation. We had a total of 20 pilots, more than two dozen aircraft making up a long flight line. Half the pilots were Cloud Kings with the rest from neighboring clubs. Leif Thomson provided parachute and candy drops. He also showed off new landing gear on his helicopter, a large pair of tennis shoes! Todd Aumiller won the raffle drawing consisting of a finished Slowpoke equipped with a new OS 25LA. Thanks to all who helped make this event happen.

The next planned event is our 2nd annual Swap Show, scheduled for October 14 at the BVM School gym on State Rd. in West Grove (same place as last year). See the ad that will appear in RC Report and Model Aviation magazines. The important thing here is to get the word out to all the local clubs and hobby shops. Based on last year's experience, hours will be shorter, coffee and donuts only, and spouses will have free entry along with kids under 13. Last year we had 18 sellers, half of which were Cloud Kings. I hope we can really increase our table sales this year. It is a good way to reduce your airforce and add some new ships.

We have three official club meetings left this year. August 8 and October 10 are at West Field, while December 12 will be at the West Grove Fire Company. Please plan to attend and have your input to the club affairs.

We had been considering a second Fun Fly in September, but since have realized that the Chester County RC Club has one planned for September 17. They will have food and free admission at the Embreeville Field on Rt. 162. We should plan to attend this event and enjoy their hospitality without the hassle.

Items to discuss at our August meeting include membership limits and progress on our instructor program. Hope to see you there!

## Dick Plyler

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Setting up the tent took teamwork.



The impound tent sure was crowded.



The flight line was busy.



That's Brian Swarts and his fancy flying!



The helicopter kept dropping things. (Unfortunately it also dropped from the sky!)



Mark and Drew prepare the PT-19 (It later had a slightly hard landing)

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#### **Farewell Salute to Local Aviators**

From Bill Losey

Fran Simeone and George Lengyel will be missed by their Cloud Kings friends.

Fran was a local resident and frequent visitor at our flying events. He was a real aviation enthusiast with a dream of establishing a flight school and hosting a local flying community.

George, like Fran loved flying and held a Basic Flight Instructors rating. He was an outstanding pilots and a very capable teacher. He shared Fran's dream and was looking forward to sharing his flying skill with many prospective new student pilots.

This is a sad day to aviation and most of all for their families. We at the Cloud Kings who knew these men will greatly miss the spirit they brought to aviation. We extend to their loved ones our heartfelt and deepest sympathy

"When once you have tasted flight, You will walk this earth With your eyes turned skyward, For there you have been and there you long to return"

Leonardo da Vinci

## **August Meeting**

Our August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8th at 7:30 PM at West Field. Please attend if you are able. We need to proceed with the planning for the Swap Shop as well as get some flying in.

#### **West Field Lease Finalized**

The Cloud Kings have now signed a lease for the use of West Field. The lease gives us the right to use the land for model aircraft activities and has an automatic renewal clause that will allow us to continue the lease as long as both parties wish it. Thanks go to Dick Plyler for getting a land lease written up and to the Johnson's for being willing to extend us the lease for their property.

## **Swap Shop Ad**

October 14: Oxford, PA.

Cloud Kings 2nd annual R/C Swap Shop at Assumption BVM School Gym, State Road, West Grove, PA. From Philadelphia or Baltimore take US1 to Rt 841 south through West Grove to State Road. Turn left on State and BVM is 1/2 mile on left. Hours are 9:00-Noon. Table set up starts at 8:00 and costs \$8.00 each including one admission. Donation is \$3.00 for general admission. Kids free. To reserve a table call Dick Plyler at (610) 869-0822.

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