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

Join us at the Swap Shop

President's Corner

Time rolls along and the shorter days force many of us to daytime or weekend flying. I had the opportunity to attend Chester Co. R.C.'s Fun Fly that I recommended in the last newsletter and enjoyed it very much. I saw a few members from Cloud Kings, but no flyers.

The next major event for us is our second annual Swap Shop on October 14th at the BVM School Gym on State Road in West Grove. See our ad in Model Aviation and R.C. Report. It will be open from 9:00 AM until noon, with table setup starting at 8:00 AM. I really hope that club members will support this activity by getting a table and selling off a lot of “stuff” and also taking advantage of the opportunity to maybe pick up a new model or kit to build this winter. We will have complimentary coffee and donuts, so how can you miss it! We really need all of the members' support if we plan to continue this event.

Plan to attend our next meeting on October 10th at the West Grove Fire Company. Take note that it is **not** at West Field as previously announced.

As I see it, one of our most pressing needs is the training and qualifying of our non-flying members, both old and new, to solo and fly safely. This is no simple task because it takes the willingness and time of our more experienced members to sponsor and instruct all those who want to learn.

The club leaders are working hard to address this issue by recruiting instructors, establishing standards and getting students assigned to instructors. We have identified a list of potential instructors and have agreed to a set of basic requirements to qualify a student to solo a fixed-wing aircraft. By “solo” we mean be qualified to fly alone without an instructor present.

Pre-Flight

- Use of frequency pin and range checking
- Aircraft integrity and inspection
- Control surface check (movement and direction)
- Proper engine start-up and adjustment
- Active runway direction and priorities
- Announcing your intentions

Flying

- Taxi to takeoff position and hold
- Takeoff and fly the landing pattern
- Fly a horizontal figure “8”
- Handle and engine-out situation
- Three takeoff and full-stop landings with engine running
- Taxi to side of active runway
- Proper shutdown and frequency pin return

You must demonstrate the above proficiency in order to become a solo flyer.

In closing, I would like to ask that you plan to join us at our Christmas Dinner on December 16th at the Red Rose Inn in Jennersville. The cost will be around \$25 per person. Until then, see you at the field!

Dick Plyler

Swap Shop 2000

The Swap Shop will be held this year on Saturday, October 14th at the Assumption BVM School in West Grove. This is a great time to thin out the fleet some or to find some good bargains on R/C equipment. Tables are \$8.00, so if you want to sell some of your spare gear just give Dick Plyler a call at (610) 869-0822.

A copy of the flyer is included in this mailing. Please post it so that others will know of our event.

Membership News

Welcome to Charles Narvo, a new prospective member who applied for membership in July.

During the July meeting, the members voted to increase the membership limit for the Cloud Kings from 45 to 50 members.

We had a lively discussion on possible future moves to address the issue of our growing membership, but no viable solutions have been proposed.

NO PETS ALLOWED!

Please do not bring your pets to our flying fields. We have had several instances where members have brought dogs to Harris Field and let the dogs run loose. We should do all we can to be good guests to the Harris family, and terrorizing their pet cats is not the right thing to do.

The next time you're thinking about taking your pooch for a ride, please don't bring him to the flying field.

October Meeting

Our October meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 10th** at 7:30 PM at the **West Grove Fire Company**. Please note the location change!

Picture of the Month

Congratulations to Mark McQuaide, who got his picture into the November issue of Model Aviation Magazine.



Mark's Staudacher 300GS

Field News

This has certainly been a difficult season to stay ahead of the mowing. Kudos go to Dick Plyler and Harold Dunkle for helping Walt with the mowing at Harris Field. With the attention of Alvin at West Field, both fields look to be in nice condition now. I have not had any problems taking off or landing on either of them!

Cloud Kings 2nd Annual R/C Swap Shop

October 14, 2000

Assumption BVM School
State Rd West Grove
PA



Oct 14: West Grove, PA: Cloud Kings 2nd Annual R/C Swap Shop, at Assumption BVM School Gym, State Rd, West Grove, PA. From Phil. or Balt. take US1 south to Rt 841 south thru West Grove, turn left on State Rd., BVM is 1/2 mi. on left. Setup at 8:00 a.m., open 9:00 to noon.

Tables \$8.00 w/1 admission. General admission: \$3.00 donation.

Kids free! To reserve a table, contact Dick Plyler, 18 Bramble Ln., West Grove, PA 19390, (610)869-0822.



Information/Tables

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