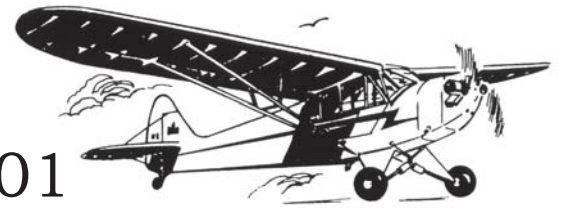


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Fall Flying

President's Corner

The peak flying season is over and the days are getting much shorter now. It's tough to get out in the evenings. This still leaves the weekends and it is important that we all adhere to our published field schedule for our respective fields. We must not be flying before noon on Sundays at either field and we need to meet the noise limits at West Field. The noise meter is stored in the field box at the field. You need help to check your plane, so don't hesitate to ask a fellow member. If your engine doesn't meet the standard you should not fly until changes are made to be in compliance. Most engines can be quieted down with good muffler and propeller combinations. Excess noise is by far the biggest reason for complaints and the loss of flying fields. This is not optional, but it is an added cost to many.

We are making progress with our training program and I thank those who are willing to give their time and talent to assist in training newcomers to fly. This does not happen overnight but takes time and patience to make a good safe pilot. There are schools out there that will make you a pilot in a week (*they claim*). This may be so, but you have to pay for it. Our instruction is free, even if it takes a lot longer. It is a choice to make.

We now move our meetings indoors to the West Grove Fire Hall. This meeting room is next to

the Drug Store and across from Marones Deli in downtown West Grove. (Actually on Rt. 841) There is plenty of parking in the municipal parking lot. Do not park in the Pharmacy parking lot adjacent to the railroad. This lot is for customers and tenants at that location. You could be ticketed and I will surely be the recipient of their anger.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30. We will have some important things to debate and decide upon including our membership limits and reviewing our admission procedures. I think that you all would want to be part of this process.

The Christmas Dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, December 15th at the Red Rose Inn. This has been a very nice dinner event for us in the past so please plan to attend. The cost is \$25 per person and is subsidized by the Club.

Since we are not hosting a Swap Shop this year, there is a place to go if you like this kind of thing. This is the Shue Middle School on Capitol Trail in Newark, DE. See their ad in your November issue of *Model Aviation* magazine on page 168. I have tables there to sell some stuff. They also have an auction.

See you all at the field or at our next meeting.

Dick Plyler

AWOL Heli Pilot?

No, the club secretary and resident heli pilot hasn't fallen off the face of the earth. I have been quite busy with new product activity at work this summer, and have not had the time (or funds) to be active in flying. However, I'm still working (slowly) on my scale heli project and at least I'll have a good stock of fuel for when the itch to fly can't be ignored.

October Meeting

We will have our regular club meeting on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30 PM at the West Grove Fire Hall. We will be discussing what to do about our membership limits and potential issues with our admission process. Please plan to attend and if you have something to show at the meeting please let Dick Plyler know.

Membership News

In our August meeting, we voted Bob Martin in as a full member. Joseph Diaz Jr. was voted in as a junior member. This brings our membership to our maximum of 50. Provisional members are now "waitlisted" for the opportunity to become full members until we resolve the issue of our membership cap.

Correction: In the last newsletter, I mistakenly announced that we had voted Christopher Martin in as a full member. Christopher has applied as a provisional member.

A copy of the current membership roster is included with this issue of the newsletter.