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

Get That Wind Under Your Wings

President's Corner

It pains me to inform you that we lost one of our Life Members. Harry Farmer passed away on May 22nd at age 77. Harry loved aviation and flying and remained active building even if when he could not fly. My condolences to his wife and family. I have included his obituary as it appeared in the local newspaper.

It has been an unusually windy spring (or so it seems to me) and I suspect this has kept a lot of us grounded, although I have been out on some nice days and flew pretty much alone. I guess if we wait for that perfect day with no wind we won't get much flying at all. This means that we must learn to handle some wind even if it's across the runway; as it always seems to be.

Since approving our new membership by-laws we have created several openings for new members while maintaining our cap at 50. We have signed on three new prospective members. They are:

Irv Smith - Sponsored by Dick Plyler
Elmer Bianco - Sponsored by Owen Douglass
Mark Stephens - Sponsored by Alvin Johnson

Be sure to meet with our prospective members either at the field or at a meeting. We will vote on their full membership when their sponsors schedule a vote by informing me prior to a club meeting.

Those of you who are in need of training need to contact Henry Bohe at (610) 857-5669 to get assigned an instructor to work with so that you can get some flying in. We have a Big Stick trainer equipped with a “Co-Pilot” made and sold by FMA. It is designed to maintain level flight and recover the plane from any inappropriate position very quickly. We have test flown it and it seems to deliver on their claims. This may replace the “buddy box”. It is especially good in the wind. Technology marches on!!

At the June 11th meeting I will be proposing a change in our current flying field schedule. Be sure to come to the meeting, which is scheduled for West Field at 7:30 PM to hear more about the proposed changes. I'm not planning to cook like last year but you can still come early and get some flying in.

The schedule for meetings and events can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

We will have a portable toilet at West Field starting in June for at least 3 months. Congratulations to Harold Dunkle who won \$25 in our Super 50/50 drawing at our last meeting; another good reason to attend the meetings!

See you all there.

Dick Plyler

June Meeting

The next meeting of the Cloud Kings will be on Tuesday, June 11th at 7:30 PM at West Field.

There will be a proposal to change our field flight schedule at this meeting.

Please plan to attend.

Membership Issues

At the April meeting the club membership voted for modifications to our new member rules and interpretation of the member cap.

As a result of these changes, several openings are now available for new members. We now have several prospective members working toward full club membership.

On another note; I would ask all of our members to notify the club secretary in a timely manner of any changes to your address, telephone number or E-Mail address. If we can't reach you, then we can't very well communicate.

Secretary's Note

My travel schedule has finally slowed down. While in Florida in April I managed to visit the Fun 'N Sun airshow in Lakeland. I took a ton of digital pictures, so if you're interested please let me know. I've included some of the better ones in this issue.

I'll finally have some time off this month, so I hope to get at least one heli back in the air and maybe make some progress on my scale Bell 222. Hope to see you at the field.

Leif

Picture of the Month



What's that Servo Part Number?

If Matt Chapman flies over the field while you're flying, make sure that you keep track of which plane is yours. These accessories could make you do a double-take!

Thanks to Bill Losey for the picture.

Harry W. Farmer Sr. of Oxford

Harry W. Farmer Sr., 77, of Oxford died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at the Calvert Manor Nursing Home in Rising Sun, Md.

He was the husband of Jean Earhart Farmer, with whom he shared 56 years of marriage.

He was born in Freemont, the son of the late James and Beatrice Waltman Farmer.

He was a lifetime resident of the Oxford area.

He worked as a mechanical supervisor for the Chester Water Authority for more than 26 years before retiring in 1990.

He was a member of Beulah Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for 20 years and served as a deacon and youth director. He was also a member of Mount Vernon Mennonite Church.

He was a member of the Cloud Kings Radio Control Airplane Club. He was an assistant scout master with Boy Scout Troop 44 of Oxford.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Harry W. Farmer Jr. of Nottingham and Richard A. Farmer of Kirkwood; a daughter, Kathy F. Rolland of Elkton, Md.; eight grand-children; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Farmer of Oxford.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m. from the Mount Vernon Mennonite Church, 700 Lighthouse Drive, Oxford. The calling hour will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at Oxford Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mission Aviation Fellowship Ministry Partnership, PO Box 3202, Redlands, Calif. 92373-0998.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Ruffenach Funeral Home of Oxford.

Schedule of Meetings and Events

The schedule for meetings and events this year is as follows:

June 11 th @ 7:30	Club Meeting at West Field
July 9 th @ 7:30	Club Meeting at West Field to prepare for Member Fun Fly and Family Picnic
July 20 th Afternoon/Evening	Cloud Kings Member Fun Fly & Family Picnic at West Field
August 13 th @ 7:30	Club Meeting at West Field
September 7 th	Open Fun Fly at Harris Field
October 8 th @7:30	Club Meeting at WGFH
December 10 th @7:30	Club Meeting at WGFH
December 14 th	Christmas Dinner Planned for Red Rose Inn

(WGFH = West Grove Fire Hall)

Pictures from Fun 'N Sun - Lakeland Florida, April 2002

