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Fun, Flying and Family

President's Corner

I am writing this column in the middle of our fifth heat wave and it sure has taken its toll on my flying activities. In spite of all this heat we managed to have one of our most successful club events.

Yes, the July 20th Club fun fly and picnic was great! Would you believe that we had 15 pilots, most of whom flew and many more aircraft. With everyone's help we had more than enough good food. This is something that we must do again! My thanks to all who came and helped make this such a success.

As some of you may be aware, legal action has been initiated by Walter Harris aimed at revising the current restrictions for RC flying at his airfield. This may take some time but we are still allowed to fly there. We do need to adhere to the schedule; Wednesdays and Thursdays and alternate weekends as scheduled. We also need to fly 300 feet back from both University and Penns Grove roads (note the sign at the big tree on Harris Field). Due to this activity, I am recommending that we not have our annual fun fly planned for September. We will make the final decision at the August 13th meeting.

Welcome to our newest prospective members Joe Burns and Carl Cantera. Carl comes as an accomplished builder and flyer while Joe joins as a backyard pilot with abundant energy to learn.

He is also an accomplished contractor and we owe him gratitude for building those nice plane tables at West Field.

Training has been difficult this year due to individual work and personal demands on some of our key members. I hope to make up some of the slack and would certainly welcome any help from other club members who are willing to do some training.

If this sounds like a plea... It is.

We have our regular meeting on Tuesday, August 13th at 7:30 at West Field.

See you there.

Dick Plyler

August Meeting

The next meeting of the Cloud Kings will be on Tuesday, August 13th at 7:30 PM at West Field.

We will be discussing the results of the Family Fun Fly and planning for the open Fun Fly in September, as well as attending to any new member business.

Please plan to attend.

Membership News

At our July meeting, we voted in Irv Smith as a full member and welcomed Joe Burns and Carl Cantera as new prospective members.

We are now at our cap for new membership again. Any additional prospective members can apply, but will not be considered for membership under our new process until an opening becomes available.

Secretary's Note

I'm just back from another business trip in Germany. I missed the Family Fun Fly but it's nice to hear it went well. Thanks to Mark McQuaide for providing the fun fly report and to Bill Losey for the pictures.

Leif

Picture of the Month



Dick shows how to get airborne!

First Annual Cloud King Family Picnic

July 20, 2002 was the date of the first annual Cloud Kings Family Picnic and Fun-Fly, held at West Field, and by all accounts the event was a great success. Despite busy summer schedules, attendance was sufficient to fill the parking area as well as the flight line, and the delicious food dishes brought by members was enough to spill over onto an extra table. There were a number of kids present, as well as some adults we don't see so often.

Plenty of shade was available to provide relief from the sunny July weather, and the winds were nearly calm, making it an ideal day for doing some flying.

And fly we did - the pattern stayed busy with 3-4 airplanes in the air much of the afternoon, and the people who did the cooking managed to get in at least a flight or two. We even had some student pilots who logged buddy box time. There was, however, a noticeable lull in the flying activity right around the time the burgers and dogs came off the grill! Apparently we do have our priorities!

Hats off to the Cloud King members who participated. I can't think of anything that went wrong. I expect we'll have another one of these next year (if not sooner), with the addition of some airplane games (limbo, bomb drop, etc.) as well as some music to liven things up a bit.

I'm sure we can get an even better turnout from members and their families next time!

Mark McQuaide
VP

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Cloud Kings Website Goes Online

Several weeks ago the Cloud Kings website went live.



The website is designed to give members access to the most current information such as news, field schedule, as well as online versions of our newsletter and bylaws.

The website is primarily for members, but some pages such as the field maps and the open Fun Fly may be published for access by others. I'm considering preparing another navigation set for non-members to access.

Currently, the website is being hosted for no charge to the club under my personal account at Chester County Internet service.

The URL is :
<http://www.chesco.com/~lthomson/Index.html>

Schedule of Planned Events

The following events are planned for the remainder of 2002.

August 13th @ 7:30 Club Meeting at West Field
September 7th Open Fun Fly at Harris Field
October 8th @7:30 Club Meeting at WGFH
December 10th @7:30 Club Meeting at WGFH
December 14th Christmas Dinner
(Planned for Red Rose Inn)

(WGFH = West Grove Fire Hall)

E-Mail Mailing List

We now have e-mail addresses for about 30% of the club members. Some members have not provided this information and therefore are not receiving advance information. We currently use e-mail to notify members of:

1. Reminders about upcoming meetings and events.
2. Advance notice of newsletters and a direct link to the newsletter on the Cloud Kings Website.
3. Additional news about regional R/C activities that we know about.

If you have a current e-mail address, or have changed yours since giving me this information, please send me an e-mail so that I can update our list.

You can send it to: LThomson@Chesco.com

Pictures from the Family Fun Fly and Picnic, July 2002

