

“Prop Kicks”

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Picnic Fun Fly

Picnic Success

In spite of some questionable weather, the Family Fun Fly and Picnic was a great success. Mark made a difficult call and postponed the event until Sunday, but fortunately the weather was nice enough to enjoy.

Thanks to Dick Plyler, who did a good job of working the grill and keeping us supplied with hotdogs and hamburgers. There was plenty of good food for all. Also thanks to all the others who made this an enjoyable and successful event.

There was also good participation in actual flying for this event. There was a moderate wind which did not bother most of the aircraft, but contributed to the loss of the parachute bunny (It looked like he was going to end up in the next county) and some spectacular hovering on the part of Harold Dunkle when his slow plane took off at zero knots AGL. Eric Froyland did some excellent aerobatics with a pattern plane, and the durable McQuaide plane spent most of the time in the air with either Mark or Drew at the sticks. We didn't even get any noise complaints, in spite of the fact that we had as many as three aircraft in the air at once at times.

Some photos of the picnic are included in the newsletter for those who didn't make it. I took some artistic license and retouched them a bit. (The sky really wasn't blue at all that day!).

August Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 7:30 PM at West Field.

Please plan to attend.

Membership News

The following prospective members were voted into the club at our July meeting:

Brian Porter
Kelly Spence
Darren Kauffman
Ken Danser

Also welcome to our newest prospective members, listed here with their sponsors:

Prospective	Sponsor
Jack Warland	Jack Douglas
Ron Hayes	Alvin Johnson
Alex Miriellio	Eric Froyland

Field News

Thanks to Derek and Peter Roberts for building our new transmitter impound shelf. It can hold 10 -12 transmitters per shelf. There is a storage area in the back. A shelf in this area is to be added at a later date.

Remember that our new radio procedure requires you to return your radio to the impound shelf when you are not flying, even if you are the only one on your frequency.

Being a Sponsor

by Brian Porter

A sponsor is a very important title to assume in our R/C club. When someone applies for membership to the club and you volunteer to be a sponsor, you are taking on something bigger than you realize. First, you are representing the entire club and quite possibly the entire Radio Control community. Second, you must determine the person's abilities and capabilities, and third, you are the person who must decide if this person will fit into our club.

I know what you're thinking; "It's just another person wanting to join the club." Before you take that approach, think about our flying field. We have had enough difficulties in keeping this field. If you as the sponsor do not take the time to find out how this person flies, how will you face the members of the club, if this person ignores the rules and we lose the flying field?

When you sponsor someone please make it a point to introduce yourself, be accessible to the person. By accessible I mean if you are going to the field, call them and let them know you're going to be there and that you are going to be flying. Ask them to come out and fly. Give them your phone number, so that if they have questions they can call you. You don't have to look over their shoulder on every flight if they have already soloed. However, you should make sure they understand the safety rules of both the AMA and the club. Also, watch how the person interacts with others in the club. Remember that you are trying to see if they fit in with us.

Before you volunteer to be a sponsor, think about how you felt at the very first club you joined and what you wish your sponsor would have told you back then. Try to pass this information on to the person for whom you are raising your hand.

Remember this can be and is a very diverse hobby. Let's keep it that way!

A Wife's View of R/C

by Carol Porter (R/C widow)

"This hobby is really different." That's what I heard three years ago after many different hobbies had come through my door. I thought "Well, this will last a while and it will collect dust in the closet with the rest of the past hobbies". This is the way it really happened; this hobby has turned my once honest husband, a man of his word into a person I just shook my head at and agreed with.

First came "I just have to stop by the hobby store for two minutes to look around." This turned into a two hour stay. Next came, "I just need to stop for one thing." When I hear this I think "OH NO." The truth here is that we have accumulated so much equipment in the past years that we could probably open our own store. When you hear this "one thing" line, your thoughts are "What else could you possibly need?"

But finally the best for last. This is "I'll be back soon." By the time the day is through, any other plans for a day of activity other than R/C are shot. By the time dinner is reheated three times and you are still waiting for your flyer you just give up and go watch TV. They will have so many stories of what went on when they get in, they won't eat anyway.

So R/C wives, if this is the worst your husband does then you are very lucky. Radio control is a great hobby.

By the way, come on out, I'm usually there. Hey! It's better than sitting at home watching dinner dry out.

**Photos from the Fun Fly and Picnic
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