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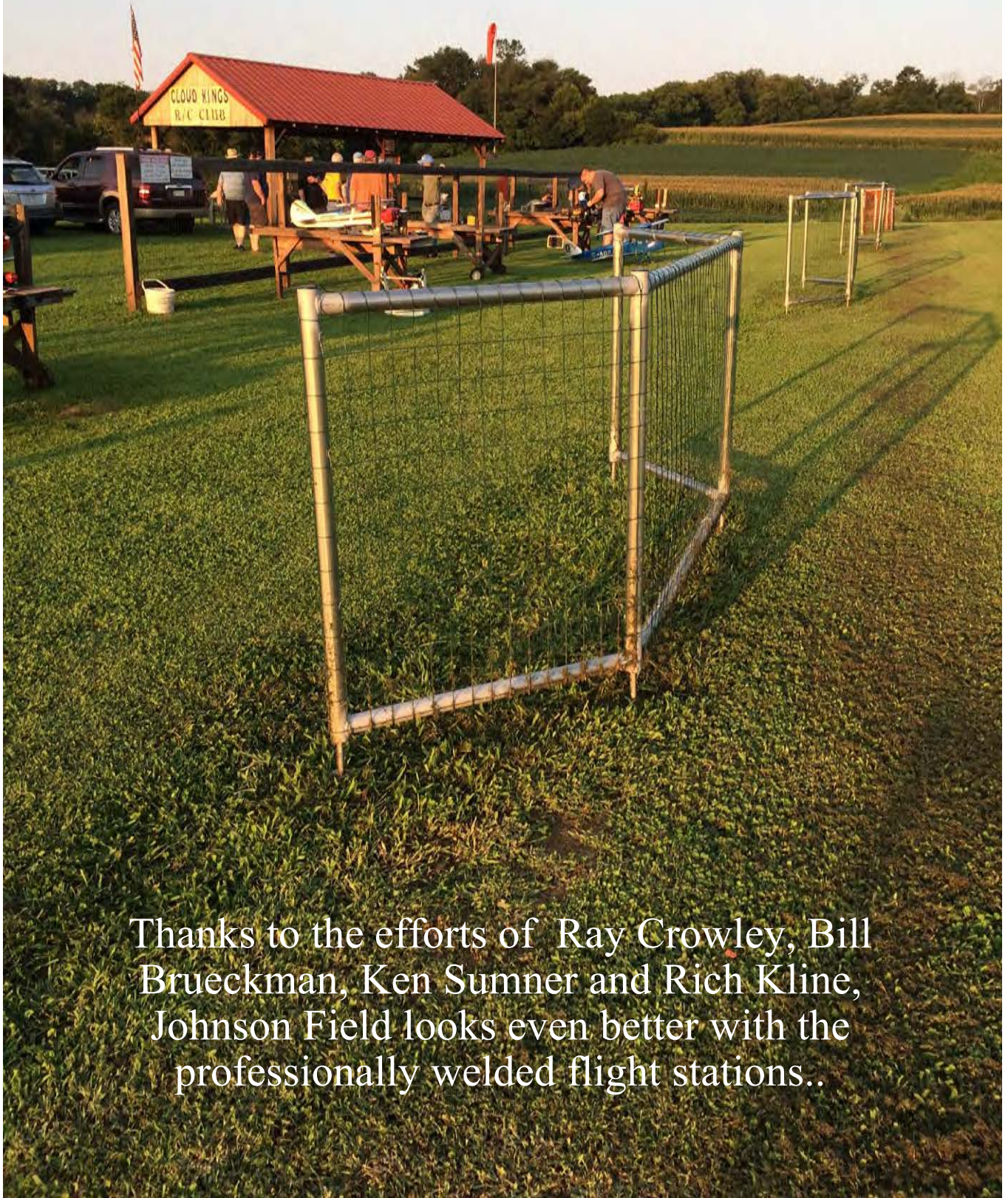
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AMA # 579

What are these guys looking at?



The new flight stations, of course!



Thanks to the efforts of Ray Crowley, Bill Brueckman, Ken Sumner and Rich Kline, Johnson Field looks even better with the professionally welded flight stations..



The new flight stations are made of welded aluminum tubing with a mesh screen to stop a wayward model in its tracks. They're spaced off the ground high enough for the ease of trimming the grass under the stand.

Club Picnic

Sunday, September 10th. Come out for a day at the field and spend some time with your friends, flying and good eats. Bring a covered dish or any other picnic items. We'll fly all day the serve up the good stuff at 4:00 PM. See you at Johnson Field and bring your favorite flying machine.

Back in April, member Tom Bedsole received a \$1500 scholarship from the AMA to help with his college studies. Tom is on his way to attending his first classes at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. ERAU is the premier aviation oriented college in the USA offering programs in engineering, aviation management, aircraft maintenance and pilot training. Good luck Tom and enjoy the ERAU experience.



“Get a little grass on the tires”

With apologies to Brad Paisley



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Around the Patch (and the workbench)



Roger Smith with his Quaker Flash sporting an OS FS .20, three channels for guidance and Solartex for covering. Looks good, outstanding workmanship.



Bill Brueckman getting his Spacewalker ready for another go at the stratosphere.



Tommy Bedsole off for another flight, Bill Brueckman on the assist.



Rich Kline's Powerhouse sporting a new schnoz, looks like a healthy one lung four stroke. Not really, there's a cleverly hidden E-Flite 46 in there somewhere. Could have fooled me. Don't forget to dust off the electrons after the flight, Rich.

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Proctor Antic Parasol, 78" span, Saito .65, four Futaba S-148 servos, Solartex covering. First flights took only a couple clicks of down trim. A blast to fly, does anything you want it to do. Shades of 1909 in modern RC airplane clothing.

Sometimes you're in the right place at the right time. I found this Antic up for sale at one of the local auction houses near my home. Checked it out, found some storage damage (it had never been flown). I placed an absentee bid and won the sale. Took it home and went entirely through the airplane. Fixed a few things like a broken longeron, replaced a lot of the cross bracing (makes the fuselage unbelievably stiff) replaced the old servos with Futaba's best, and headed for the field.

The Saito hardly works up a sweat with all that wing area. Rolls like it's on rails with all that vertical tail surface, chugs around on 3/4 throttle. Except the slightly small fuel tank, the Saito has an alcohol habit you wouldn't believe. 10 minute set up, fill the tank and it's off to the wild blue.



The Frugal (Cheap) Pilot by John Anderson

I'm cheap and I admit it. I also like to fiddle with stuff trying to make something out of nothing. I'm only about 50% successful but I like the challenge. The successful 50% is the subject of this article. Here are some of my Frugal (Cheap) discoveries. Hopefully, you will find them useful.

Let's start with some simple "less fiddling and more flying" cheapies. With a subscription and some patience you can score some great deals from Horizon and Tower. Recently I have been focused on small airplanes of the RTF, BNF, and PNP type. Here are my most recent Horizon deals:

Whipit (BNF) HLG for \$49 with free shipping. This was part of a weekly sale and I saved \$20. It is a blast to fly.

Micro Radian Powered Micro Glider (BNF) for \$89. That's the regular price but stay tuned for the coupons. It's also terrific indoors and out.

EFlite Clipped wing Cub for \$79 with free shipping. This was a weekly deal. As an email subscriber, twice I was asked to participate in a survey. As a result I was given a \$25 coupon. So for my \$220 order I paid \$195 and free shipping. I also subscribe to Tower Hobbies which offers coupons and runs weekly deals. So here is what I purchased recently:

Hitec eHawkeye PNP for \$39 and free shipping. It is a 22" three channel hotliner. You can't buy these high quality components (Motor, ESC, Servos) for that price. It is a blast to fly; indestructible (I tested this); and, might have some thermal soaring potential too. I suspect this is a closeout.

Hitec Zipper PNP for \$49 and free shipping. It is a 23" aerobatic rocket. Again you can't buy these high quality components for that price. I'll fly this next weekend. It gets terrific reviews. I suspect this is a closeout too.

Hitec Extra 300 PNP WAS on sale for \$134 with free shipping. This is a 47" 3D Foamie with terrific reviews. This is the highest quality Foam airplane I have ever seen. It goes together quickly and easily.

In all of these Tower deals I was able to get free shipping and apply a 10% off coupon. For example, the Extra was on sale for \$134 - \$15 Coupon = \$119 total with free shipping. We know many of these airplanes are manufactured in China. With a little investigation you can find some of the mainstream models at 50% off from "other sources". Here is an example:

Dromida® Sky Cruiser 2 EP Glider RTF for \$99 plus shipping. I found the generic on Ebay.

WLTOYS-F959 SKY-KING RTF for \$48.49 including shipping from a California seller. I received it in 3 days! It is a great flier that exceeds my expectations. Plus it has a TX that allows you to select the sensitivity from 10% to 100%. This is a great trainer. It is available from many Ebay sellers. Pick the one with the best price+shipping cost with a warehouse in the USA.

WLtoys makes cheap good stuff. I have owned their Quads, Helis, and other airplanes. They all work very well and are a real bargain.

Next time I'll share some electronic deals that will turn ordinary TXs into multi-protocol (Spektrum, Futaba, FlySky, FrSky) 2.4 workhorses. Don't discard that 72 MHZ TX yet!



Bill Brueckman's Focke Wulf FW-190
"Butcher Bird" on the bench.

Sinister looking, ain't it?

Camp Awesome kids Tame The Beast

Recently Cloud Kings members Bill Brueckman and Ross Carson participated in the Silent Knights Soaring Society Camp Awesome program at their Big Pond flying field in Newark, Delaware's White Clay Creek State Park. The kids tried out flight simulators, flew an RC model with a buddy box set up and flew Delta Dart's assembled by SKSS members for the kids to take home. The event was topped off by Bill flying an aerobatic demonstration with his Beast. The kids had a great time, some even went home petitioning their parents for an RC plane.

Camp Awesome is a summer program sponsored by the White Clay Creek State Park.



(left to right) Bill Brueckman, Ross Carson, SKSS President Eric Teder, SKSS members Newt Bollinger, John Powell and Mike Martin

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