

"Prop Kicks"

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Open for Business

President's Corner

The new flying season is here and I have not even been out to fly yet. I hope some of you have made it out.

Remember that when Harris Field is closed during a time when it is scheduled to be open (when the jug is out) we are now allowed to use West Field. All safety and noise limits at West Field still apply.

If the wind will now cooperate, I will get flying. I have had a prolific building season and as a result I have a full hangar of planes, both glo and electric to get check flights. Electric continues to grow as the technology improves for batteries, motors and speed controllers. It seems that every month there is something new being reported in the various flying magazines. Park and slow flyers are really catching on. They need to be flown in non windy conditions however; which doesn't seem to occur very often.

We must be more vigilant to watch for frequency interference from any local "back yard flyers". If we see them it is in our best interest to invite them to join us so that they can at least understand their potential impact.

The April 9th meeting is coming up at the West Grove Fire Hall at 7:30 PM. We have lots to get done at this meeting. We will finalize our

understanding of a new membership procedure and cap the count that will be voted into our bylaws. As a result of creating "family memberships" we will have several openings to allow new prospective members until we again reach our maximum club count of 50. The new system also relies heavily on sponsorship. The sponsor will be responsible to present the new prospective member to the membership for a vote within 6 months of introduction.

We will also discuss and decide on our schedule of events this season. We should, hopefully be looking at something new that will appeal to all and get everyone involved and participating.

One of my top priorities is training new "student" pilots. We made progress last year, but we only graduated one flyer. Congratulations to Mike Rubini who became a solo flyer. I know that Henry Bohe will be working hard to get students assigned to instructors and moving this important aspect of our club forward.

I am looking forward to a good year with full membership participation. It is very important that you all get involved in some aspect of our shared love of aircraft and flying.

See you at the next meeting!

Dick Plyler

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2002 Slate of Officers

The following officers were voted in for the 2002 season:

President - Richard Plyler
Vice President - Mark McQuaide
Treasurer - Brian Swarts
Secretary - Leif Thomson



The executive committee in action!

In addition, the following junior officers were appointed:

Lead Instructor - Henry Bohe
Safety Officer - Jack Douglas
Field Marshal - Harold Dunkle
Public Relations - Alvin Johnson

April Meeting

The next meeting of the Cloud Kings will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 PM at the West Grove Fire Hall.

The bylaws changes proposed during the February meeting will be brought to a vote at this meeting. The modified section are included in this newsletter for review. Remember that you must be present to vote.

Membership News

Membership renewal for 2002 is now closed. I believe almost all of our 2001 members have renewed for 2002.

At the February meeting we were introduced to a new prospective member Elmo Bianco; a general aviation pilot wishing to move into R/C modelling.

Charter News

The Cloud Kings AMA charter membership was also successfully renewed for 2002; including AMA insurance for both fields.

An important AMA rule change this year is the requirement that all clubs have a written set of bylaws which must be filed with the AMA.

Be prepared for some "suggestions" which will probably be mandated in all charter club bylaws in future years. I see the oversight as the first steps toward a standardized core set of bylaws in the future.

Travelling Secretary

I'm just back from two weeks in the fatherland (Germany) and I'll be heading down to sunny Tampa Bay on Friday for a week of training next week. I guess I'll miss the April meeting. All this travelling leaves me little time to catch up with club business and even less time for modelling. Drop me an E-mail if you need to discuss any urgent club business or if you have any ideas for the next newsletter.

Leif

An Idea Whos Time has Come



Bill's great idea!

By using this little gem we could move it back and forth from field to field. It will of course be equipped with a "sanitation station" (camper porta-potty) also it will be the recluse of the new club trainer as well as a on-the-spot repair facility for the trainer will probably stand in need of lots of TLC.

By equipping it with a generous supply of "Country Garden Potpourri Spray" we could hang out in it on rainy days and maybe even flip a few burgers in it. Hmmm Hmmm

The initial cost should be small and if every one brings his or her (Hee, Hee) own paper the cost would even be more manageable.

I put this suggestion before the club as an alternative to the on site "Potty" which will probably consume half of the clubs discretionary income.

Think about it!

Bill Losey

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

During our February meeting, we discussed changes to the membership rules as listed in our bylaws. The changes would result in the following sections of the club bylaws as worded below if voted in during the April meeting.

4.3 New Member Process

- ◆ Anyone who wishes to join the Cloud Kings RC Club must be sponsored by a full club member. The applicant must fill out a club application and present the application to the club secretary. Applicants will be registered by the date of receipt of the application by the club secretary.
- ◆ No applicant will be considered for membership unless a vacancy exists on the club roster. If no vacancy exists, applicants will be placed on a waiting list in the order that their applications were received.
- ◆ When a vacancy exists, the sponsor will introduce the applicant to the club at a regular club meeting, at which time the applicant will provide proof of AMA membership and will pay the initiation fee. At this point the applicant will become a "prospective member".
- ◆ It will be the duty of the sponsor to prepare the prospective member for full membership with the club; and the sponsor will act as a mentor to the prospective member. The initiation period will begin when the applicant becomes a prospective member and will last no more than six (6) months. During this time, the prospective member is allowed to fly at the club fields only with his sponsor, instructor or a consenting member of the club.
- ◆ Following completion of the initiation period, full membership status for the prospective member will be put to a vote. The vote will be taken at the first regular club meeting following the initiation period by the general membership in attendance. If preferred, the vote may be taken by ballot. If the vote is done by ballot, it is recommended that the count be made by the Executive Committee in private, and that the prospective member be notified of the results at a later date.
- ◆ Regular membership is granted after receiving a majority vote and payment of regular club dues.

4.4 Membership Renewal

All current members must renew with the club by the first meeting of the new year to retain their membership in the club. Membership with the AMA must be confirmed by that time.

4.5 Membership Limit

Club membership is limited to fifty (50) full members. However, multiple members of the same family living at the same address will count as one (1) member with respect to the membership limit.