

"Prop Kicks"

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Summer Days

President's Corner

If the wet and windy spring wasn't enough, the weather got us again at our planned picnic in June on both days that weekend! That is the first time I can remember that happening here. The New Garden Airshow was cancelled in June too. We can only lament about the weather so it's water under the bridge; we move on.

We have had some instances of radio interference at West Field, causing the loss of two planes. This occurred on Channel 50 and 23. Channel 25 has had some erratic interference also. We do not know the cause, but it could be a lot of things including pagers, cell phones and a host of other electronic gear that is growing in all of our homes these days. PECO has agreed to check their surrounding lines and insulators for static generation. I do not suspect foul play but we all must be careful with our transmitters at home, especially if we live near a flying field. The best place to practice on the ground is at the field -- *with a pin*.

I am sad to report the passing of one of our senior members, Ralph Senter. He was an aviation enthusiast all his life and usually came to our meetings in spite of poor health. My sincere condolences to his family. We have sent a donation to his church in his remembrance.

We have been asked to participate in the Mushroom Festival in Kennett Square on September 7th. This involves some park flying at the High School, electric or helicopters, and a booth on State Street to share with the Chester County RC Club. If you are interested in participating, let me know.

We also need to finalize plans for a September event for our club also.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, August 12th at 7:30. This meeting will be at West Field.

Please plan to attend.

Dick Plyler

August Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12th at 7:30 PM at West Field

We will be planning our fall activities as well as attending to any membership business.

Come early and bring an aircraft for some flying before the meeting starts.

Membership News

At our June meeting, the club voted Robert Close and Louis Kinney as full club members, and Alex Miriello as a junior member. We also welcomed Andy Warnock Miriello as a new prospective junior member.

Ralph T. Senter, Jr.

Age 79 of West Grove, PA, passed away on Monday, July 21, 2003 at the Jennersville Regional Hospital in Jennersville, PA. He was the husband of Ruth Goodhart Senter, with whom he shared 58 years of marriage. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Ralph T. Senter, Sr. and the late Winifred Russell Senter. Mr. Senter graduated as a naval cadet in 1944 and was a Navy pilot during World War II. He was a Chief Pilot and Director of Aviation at Sun Oil Co. from 1947 to 1982. Prior to that, he flew airplanes and participated in air shows throughout the tri-state area. Mr. Senter was a member of both the Quiet Bird Men "QB's" and IOC Aviation Association as well as the EAA. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Ralph T. Senter III and wife Pam of Southlake, TX, a daughter, Wynn S. Seeman and husband William H. Seeman III of Pass Christian, MS, a sister, Susanne S. Parker of Springfield, MA, 4 grandchildren, 2 step granddaughters and 4 great granddaughters. Mr. Senter's Memorial Service was held at 11 A.M on Thursday, July 24, 2003 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Concordville, PA. Contributions may be made in his memory to St. John's Episcopal Church, 576 Concord Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342.