"Prop Kicks"



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The Newsletter of the Cloud Kings Radio Control Club - Oxford, PA.

A New Pavilion

President's Corner

Now that the 2004 flying season is in full swing, the board would like remind everyone of some the club rules, and some general items for courtesy at the field. Observing these rules and guidelines will make flying a more enjoyable experience for everyone.

Noise levels

There is a decibel meter at West field, and the maximum noise level is 95 db for two-strokes, 100 db for four-strokes. Complaints about noise, which may or may not be legitimate, should be referred to the club president.

Engine break-in and troubleshooting

This should not be done in the pits. There is an area for this behind and to the east of the shed. In case another pilot needs your frequency pin, flying always takes precedence over engine break-in or other ground troubleshooting time.

Frequency control

Frequency pins should be used at all times and returned to the board immediately when finished flying. For those with multiple radios, only one pin should be used at a time. Transmitters not in use should be kept away from the pits, preferably in a case with the antenna down to ensure they are not accidentally turned on.

General Courtesy

If you are on the same frequency as another pilot, please share the pin and make sure you both have an equal opportunity to log flying time.

The benches are for airplane set-up and starting only. Do not keep an airplane on the bench - this prevents other pilots from using them.

No more than four (4) airplanes should be in the air at the same time. If there are four planes in the air, please wait until someone lands before you fly.

June Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8th at 7:30 PM at West Field.

We have lots of business to attend to and plans to finalize for the 2004 season. Please plan to attend.

Come early and get some flight time before the meeting starts.

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New Member and Guest Flyer Policy

Lately there has been some confusion about the Cloud Kings' new member induction process and our policy for guests at the fields. When communicating with guests and people interested in joining the club or just using our excellent facilities, please remember the following:

Only full members may use our flying facilities unattended. Prospective members may fly only with their sponsor or a consenting club member.

■ Guests with current AMA membership may fly with a consenting club member, but this practice should be limited. Two times per year is a good guideline for an individual guest flyer. Guests may be allowed to fly for the purpose of introducing new people to the club, or to accommodate people who visit from other clubs on an infrequent basis.

If you are sponsoring new club members, please be mindful of the sponsor responsibilities spelled out below.

The process for inducting new members is spelled out in the bylaws. This process is reprinted below:

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

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Field News

Thanks to Henry Bohe and his team of builders our new club pavilion at West Field is finished. For those who have not yet seen it, some photographs have been included in this newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this new pavilion a reality. I'm sure we will all enjoy not bumping our heads anymore!









For Sale

The following items are offered for sale.

GP Super Sportster 120	\$175.00
GP Super Sportster 60	\$150.00
Boeing F4B-2 Bi-Plane	\$ 75.00
US Aero Mitsubishi "Zero" ARF	\$ 50.00
Futaba 7UAF Super	\$ 50.00
Hitec Eclipse 7 Radio	\$150.00
(with Spectra module)	

Call Henry Bohe for details at 610-857-5669

