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The
Inside Loop



Safety is our most important Product!

A note from the AMA—Hold the throttle stick on the transmitter in the idle position when walking. If you trip or stumble it jut might keep your plane from biting someone.

President's Soapbox

Another month gone by....time for another newsletter, and another President's Soapbox. I hope you enjoy them. Writing a monthly column is always challenging, but has also become a lot of fun. Climbing up on the Soapbox is easy. Staying there and presenting a cohesive story has at times been difficult. Sometimes the soap on the box gets wet, then a bit slippery, and staying balanced is....well. So I'd better start writing before the rain comes and messes with that dried soap. Actually, the Soapbox this month is timed pretty well with the start of the national political conventions, although those guys will get a first class podium rather than an old soapbox. As both the Democrats and Republicans wind up their political machines maybe we can all keep our minds open and consider accommodating change and diversity.

Oh no, where is this going? I didn't say to accommodate change and diversity in your political view, I meant within this RC

hobby! Try to change up your RC experience and keep it fresh. Maybe one of the best examples of diversity I can come up with is the airplane collection of one of our club members, Mike Ripley. At Club Day, Mike had a glo-fueled Cessna, WWI SE5a, a glider, and one of the day's biggest hits...a bungee catapult-launched F9F Panther electric fan jet. Talk about different stuff! I'm not sure if he still has it, but at one time Mike also had an RC parachutist....yes, he would drop from a plane and was (almost) controllable during his fall back to ground. I don't think Mike gets bored with any one thing...he has too much cool stuff for that! Another example that comes from Club Day is Dennis Laughlin, flying both a helicopter and a fixed wing twin. Very different machines! Of course, flying a twin also gives you the bonus of delivering what I think is the best audio experience you'll ever get in this hobby!

What else can you do to change up? If you've only flown ARF's, try to build a kit. If you've only built kits, give an ARF a try. Never had an electric? Why not? How about a glider?

Next Meeting
09-15-2008
7:00 PM
Kinton Grange



Hi Guys, let me introduce myself. I'm Sq Earl V. I'm the latest member of the Earl family to take over this column. You got it, right at the beginning of the election year fourth quarter. Maybe I'll just have to chew through the TV cable. See ya. Sq Earl V

Float plane anyone? Remember, if you try something new and in the end you don't care for it, there are usually ways to recover. If you buy an ARF and it ends up you don't like it, pull the Rx, battery, and servos, put them in your next kit build, and sell the ARF airframe. If you try an electric and don't like it I'll bet there's another club member that would be happy to take it. Ask a local hobby store if you can hang something for sale from their ceiling....buy something different from that same ceiling. Minimize the cost of an experiment by purchasing used rather than new equipment. Another way to change up is to try different flying sites. Fly at different club sites as part of a contest, general event, or as a guest. Every site has its own rewards to offer.

Change it up. Stay interested and excited about stuff.

Let's fly!

Scott E.



Memorial Fly-by in honor of the passing of Alan Couch

**Club Day August 23, 2008
The Al Couch Memorial Fun Fly**

I would like to thank everyone for making

this years Fun Fly a great success. The day started off with the usual customary things... pilot briefing and registration. We had 13 pilots that sign in. The Festivities where started off with Don Schultz leading us in a moment of silence for Al and then a fly by with his BTE Super Flying King carrying the American Flag and smoke trail. After that spectacular flight we start the morning with a spot landing event. The idea was to get the best 3 out of 5 landings. At first it appeared we would have a 6 way tie for first place until Don made his landing attempts. Don bested everyone with a score of 35 (45 being the max) and received a gift certificate for \$50 for RC Northwest. Through out the day Scott Enochs did pilots raffles for \$25.00 (both Tammie's Hobbies and RC Northwest).

We broke for lunch and I would like to thank Cliff Pemberton, he did a great job on the grill. Also Leslie Couch brought her famous Airplane watermelon.

The afternoon event was a one minute time flight. The pilots were not allowed to use any timing device nor have anyone time for them. This was to test their judgment on how long a minute is while flying. The time started when the wheels lifted off the ground and stopped when the wheels touched the ground. When Peter Renwick landed after 59.62 seconds we thought no one would beat that. Well, we were wrong. Hugh Christian landed with a time of 59.75 seconds.

The Judges conferred and decided that due to human inaccuracies, we needed a fly off. The judges decided that if the landing times where within 1 second, we would consider it a tie. Peter flew and his second time was 62.34 seconds. We still thought that would be a tough one to beat, but Hugh proved us wrong once again and his second time was 62.73 seconds.

To add more of a challenge, the judges decide the increase the time to 75 seconds and try for a third flight. Hugh took to the air and landed with a time of 72.87 seconds. Peter was not going to be out done this time and his final flight was for 75.72 seconds. It was a great contest, congratulations Peter. Peter won the \$50 gift certificate to Tammie's Hobbies.

The day ended with three raffles:

The first raffle was a set "Victory at Sea CD's". Now this gets really hilarious. There was a 24 pack of chips left over from lunch that no one wanted to take home. Don Schultz grabbed the family pack of chips, put it with the CD set and of course had to make a speech "whoever wins the CD set has to take the chips."

So who won the CD set? You got it, Don Schultz and that brought the house down.

Next was the 50/50 won by, who else, Don Schultz.

Next was the KeeCat (pusher ARF) won by James Walker (Hopefully, his son Austen, will let his dad fly it).

Mike Ripley made a demo flight with his electric ducted fan F9F Panther. Following the catapult (a long bungee cord) launch it was very fast and very impressive.

Pilot raffle winners:

James Walker, Ken Gullberg, Charlie Hagen, Dennis Laughlin, Clifford Nicholson, Peter Renwick, Arnold Sohlstrom, Mike Ripley, Bruce Graham, Jeff Jones, Scott Enochs and Cliff Pemberton.

Scott Carrigan CD

Highlights



President Scott Enochs opens the show



Leslie Couch and Don



Leslie's famous Watermelon Salad flies again



Spectator in the background along with President Scott Enochs and Vice President Scott Carrigan Scott Carrigan was the CD and did a great Job

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