

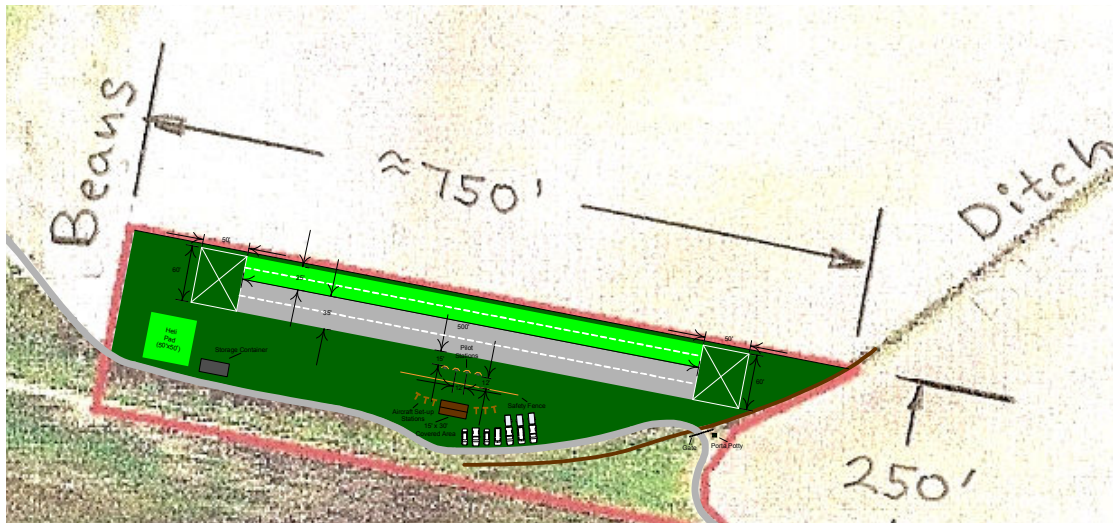
Home of the Fly-A-Ways R/C Club

March 2010

The Inside Loop



Here's what the field layout is at this time. We Will be reviewing the options at our next club meeting. It is getting exciting to see the development process come forth and what the possibilities are for us with this new location.



President's Soapbox

We're back! We now have a copy of a draft lease for the Dersham Road site in North Plains. There are a couple of questions to ask, but for the most part, we're good to go. Along with the lease we have a plan to develop the site that's been put together by the field development committee. The plan calls for parallel 25' X 500' grass and 35' X 500' surfaced runways. In this case the surfaced runway is a geotextile mat like used in so many new fields across the US.

We want to tie the commencement date of the lease to the date we get the required land use permit. Scott Carrigan is pulling the permit application together and we expect a first meeting with the county in the 1st week of March. We hope to know lots more about the field development schedule after that meeting. Based on what we know today, the permit could take up to 6 months, so we're probably looking at September to be able to enter the site and start to develop the field.

The challenge is now on to raise the funds we'll need to have one of the best flying sites in the area. Fund raising will be the major agenda item of our March meeting.

We've already applied for an AMA development grant. Other ideas for fund raising include use of 2010 dues, a donations challenge, raffles at monthly meetings, and fund raising events such as indoor fly-ins at Rock Creek. Another idea I like a lot is a raffle for a life time paid membership in Fly-A-Ways! This would be open to club members and the public at a price to be determined, probably \$50-\$100 per ticket. Fund raising starts at our March meeting with surprise gifts and a challenge from Len Merritt. Anyone wishing to bring items to raffle please do!

Stay tuned for updates. Updates will be posted in the newsletter and announced at monthly meetings. Don't be shy.....attend a meeting.....be an active member of the club.

Check out our club website at www.flyaways.org. Our new webmaster, Mike Carty, has been busy. The site has a whole new look.

Keep your engines running.

Scott E.



Meeting Announcement

Monthly meetings are now scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7pm-9pm. Come check out our new meeting room in the North Plains Fire Station. The room is provided at no charge to the club.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 7pm-9pm.

Club Elections

Elections were held at the February meeting. Officers and board members for 2010 are:

President: Scott Enochs
Vice President: Scott Carrigan
Secretary: Curt Boardman
Treasurer: Dennis Laughlin
Board Member: Cliff Pemberton
Board Member: Bruce Graham
Board member: Mike Sheets

Contact Information Update

Please update your e-mail and mailing address contact information with Curt Boardman. His email address is cantpdx@yahoo.com. There are some obsolete e-mails in the club member directory. An update when paying dues is an excellent way to make sure your contact info is current. If you don't have email, let Curt know.

From the Safety Officer

No one wants to be injured especially when they are out having a good time flying, or having some quiet building time. Sharp spinning objects are present in both environs, so think before you reach for that needle valve while the engine is running, or reach into that saw for that scrap of wood before the blade stops turning. A friend sent me a video of a new "safe" table saw. This saw will not let you amputate a finger or other member. It has a sensor that knows the difference

between hard materials and soft materials like flesh. The machine senses the difference and stops the spinning blade the instant it senses the "soft" material. Pretty ingenious, but I noticed they used a hot dog to demonstrate, not their finger, and while not severing the hot dog it did make a small nick that if it were a finger, would require some attention.

The point is don't take a chance when working or playing near sharp fast moving things like saw blades, grinders, dremel tools, and PROPS, think before you reach.....

Cliff P.

Secretary's Ramblings

Some items from the general membership meeting held on February 16, 2010 at the North Plains fire station:

Status of Lease—Scott E. has been pursuing an on going dialog with the land owners since September 2009. Scott showed the layout of the field. we will lease approx. three acres. Overall site is about 100 acres and some of the good features of the site it are secure as fenced and gated are requirements of the lease which are currently in place. The land is basically flat and not inside the Urban Growth Boundaries. Non potable water is available to us to connect to so we can water the grass strip. The lease will allow us to have "Events" and will be open to others. There are NO houses near the site and not in any flight paths of airfields. The property is owned by the Coussens family. Paul Coussens is the contact Scott has been working with to lease this property. Specifics of the lease have been received and a copy of the lease agreement will forward to the board members and get the information to them and the let them review. Their was much discussion about the use of different types of fabric for the "surfaced" portion of the field. Scott E. presented information that he will submit to AMA to apply for a grant to help fund the field construction.

There was a recommendation from the board as to dues structure as indicated in the notes above, and that was voted on and approved by the members present.

A great deal of discussion was brought forth regarding possible raffles, money raising activities and other methods of raising funds. Dennis L. is working on a budget for the next few years to present to the board for recommended approval by the membership.

All thanked Jim & Wil for their great work on the proposed layout of the field. Scott C. is the chairman of the field committee and he has been assisted by a number of club members who have devoted much time into finding a meeting place, locating paper mills with available dryer felts, research on the runway surface materials.

Curt B.

R.C. Modeler NW

March 2010 Club specials

10% Off flight simulators, upgrades and add on packs. The new "Phoenix" is due mid March.

10% Off Futaba systems. Also thru April 30th you can purchase a 7ch 2.4ghz receiver for \$10.00 when you buy a 7ch or better radio system.

10% off O.S. Engines.

Look for April 2010 specials!

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Thank you for your support

Management

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