



The Insiders Edge

PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

I hope everyone enjoyed their Fourth of July weekend! Now for the business at hand, again we have had a situation occur at the field that should never have happened. One of our members that has not yet soloed decided to fly without out assistance. I guess we should count our lucky stars that his plane went into a tree top and not the compound, antenna tower, somebody's vehicle, or last but not least somebody! The more we stress the rules and regulations to the membership, the more they seem to be ignored and members do what they want. I have spoke with the executive counsel, and we have decided to start holding these people accountable for their actions. No more verbal warnings everyone has been given the constitution and bylaws and if they need a copy they are posted on our website. WWW.CHARLESCOUNTYRC.ORG For those of you who do not have internet access and would like a hard copy please let me know at the next meeting. If the field isn't important enough for you to follow the rules then please don't use it, there are plenty of other members who want to use the field and don't want to risk losing it.

Increasing problems! We now have an artist that decided he didn't like the way the frequency board was done and felt the need to put some numbers on the face of the Plexiglas. I'm not going to beat a dead horse but I want to stress that we are all guests at the flying field and need to respect each and every structure or sign that is present. If you have a suggestion bring it before the membership at a meeting, or contact one of the executive counsel members and ask them to bring up the idea for you.

In closing, we have started to accrue numerous items around the new structure. (e.g. grills, chairs, additional carpets and a PVC rack) These items are nice to have and most of the time can be used, but before bringing anything out to the field to be dropped off please contact Bob Perry. We currently have a couple of grills and many carpets that need to be hauled off to the land fill. In addition there is a huge pile of garbage back by the porta-potty that needs to be removed. Everyone please remember we are guests of the Air Force and they do pay attention to what we do and how things look on their property.

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FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR DAVE FULLER

For all the new and prospective pilots out there, flight training is available every Monday from 4:00pm until its too dark to see, and sometimes longer than that. If you are a new student or just need to shake out some cobwebs, come on out for some free instruction. The only things required are a club membership, a current AMA membership, and an airplane. For new pilots, a dedicated training aircraft is highly recommended, but other types can be used as well. We have successfully taught students to fly using gliders, some small electrics, and other types of airplanes. Remember, in order to fly as a member of the club without instructor supervision, you **MUST** be signed off as a solo pilot. This helps prevent most accidents, keeps you from damaging your airplane, and most importantly, helps you enjoy the hobby. If you have any questions about flight training, feel free to contact me (Dave Fuller) at streakagle2000@hotmail.com, or through Doug's Hobby Shop in Waldorf at 301-843-7774

CCRCC HAS A NEW FREQUENCY BOARD

Thanks to Bob Perry, our Field Maintenance Chairman, we have a brand new frequency board. The new board looks outstanding and adds a very professional touch to the new shelter. For those members who have never used this type of frequency board I will offer the following instructions:

- When ready to fly, the pilot must place current AMA card in the slot below their channel number.
- When pilot has finished flight, they are to remove their AMA card and impound their transmitter.

If a pilot sees an AMA card occupying the slot below their channel number, they will know that channel is in use and will be able to identify who is using it.

This is a very simple and effective method of managing frequencies. At the same time it allows the membership to ensure that all pilots are current AMA members, even if they are guest pilots.

FREQUENCY PINS ARE NO LONGER USED WITH THE NEW BOARD

Frequency pins or a clothes pin with your name on it, can NO LONGER be used for frequency control. A current AMA card must be displayed in order to fly at CCRCC field.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The club frequency board is not be used for a bulletin board and will not be written on, altered, changed or defaced in any manner. If you have suggestions about the board bring it up to Bob Perry or Roger Vaughn and they will present the idea to the Executive Council. Nothing will be changed until the Executive Council makes the final determination.

VICE PRESIDENT'S RUNWAY

It's been a few months since I have put my mind back into writing a monthly column...sorry about that folks. I changed jobs a couple of months ago and my schedule is crazy. I hope to adjust soon and hope to see each of you out at the flying field!

During my last column, I mentioned that I was having problems with the projected 2 year competition time of my Bates Hellcat. Since I have developed a serious allergy to CA, I am using nothing but epoxy and aliphatic resin glues. Thanks to Jimmy at Doug's Hobby Shop (www.dougshobby.com) I now am using a new while glue that he ordered in especially for me. It's called "se-cur-it" and is made by Ambroid. I have been having good results with it and if you would like to try new glue I recommend it. The only down side is drying time which is still problematic when using anything other than 5 minute epoxy or CA. But on the other hand, there are no toxic vapors to contend with! Since I am now waiting longer and longer for glues to dry, I am continuing with two on-going projects. In addition to the Hellcat I am building a 1/5 scale PT-19 that will have a G-38, be covered with Super Coverite and will be painted with latex house paint. If you remember back to my previous articles, I want to move into scale competition and each plane I build has some sort of training aspect to it. The Ultra-Stick 120 has a G-26 for power, this is to prepare me for gas engine flying, the PT-19 will be painted with latex and will prepare me for large scale flying, I have a P-47 waiting for bench space that will transition me from a primary trainer to a fighter aircraft and will combine the gas engine, the latex paint, and the glassing techniques I learned from the smaller Skyshark Hellcat. Each project has a part of my training program in mind. A few months ago I discovered that for \$45.00 you can purchase from the Government, a complete Federal Standard (FS) color chip book. This book contains every paint color, on a small chip used by the U.S. in aircraft paint since the Wright brothers. This is an amazing resource for the serious scale modeler. It is a simple thing to have the chip read at you local paint store and then an exact color made to the FS color. See me if you would like to look at it.

At this point I have the fuselage of the PT-19 framed up, the wing mostly done and I expect to have construction complete by August 1st. Covering and Painting will follow and I hope to test fly the PT-19 the beginning of September. On September 15th, it's off to Warbirds over South Carolina for me to participate at my first giant scale warbird fly in. It helps that my wife has a friend in the are that she get to visit while I am out in the sun at the same field that hosts the Joe Nall event every year.

And a final plug for the Internet. A couple of years ago I discovered a web site totally dedicated to scale builders. If you have the time, check out www.rcscalebuilder.com. There is an amazing amount of talent there, from major designers to serious competitors. Until next month.....be safe and see you at the field.



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**Meeting Wednesday July 6th, 2005
at 7:30 pm CCRCC flying field**



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