



The Insiders Edge

PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

For those of you who have not been to the field in a couple of weeks, the new shelter is up and looks outstanding. A team of members led by Bob and Gail Perry took on this project and on behalf of all of the members at CCRCC, a big *thank you* is in order. A new concrete floor at twice the size of the old structure and a nice new modern metal sun shade have replaced the old wood shelter. The members who worked the concrete pouring, were on site until the early morning hours making sure everything was done just right. A tremendous job well done!!

The Constitution and Bylaws committee has produced a finished draft to be voted on at the next meeting. All members who have provided the club with a current mailing address were mailed a copy of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws for your review. The committee spent a considerable amount of time working on these documents to produce a clearly worded set of rules that are based on AMA Safety guidelines and good common sense. I will place the finished documents on the floor for a vote at the May membership meeting.

In closing, I wanted to announce to the general membership that I will be stepping down as the club President at the May membership meeting. This decision was made not because of problems or issues at CCRCC, but because of my new work schedule. I am working rotating shifts and my days off vary each week. The club requires a president that can be at the field, attend events/meetings and represent the membership when needed. Also, I have held the presidents position for several years now and I don't believe that it is good business for CCRCC to have the same person leading the club for such a long period of time. A new leader with new and fresh ideas is a good thing for our club in its current status. I believe I have pointed the club in the right direction and it will be up to the new president to keep it moving towards providing a fun, safe and friendly place for model airplane enthusiasts to fly and share common interests.

I wanted to thank everybody for allowing me the privilege of being your club president and I certainly will not be disappearing from the club. I will still be very active in flying and participating in committees as my work schedule will allow.

The Current Vice President is unable to step in to fill my position because his work schedule is actually worse then mine. Because of this, **I will be scheduling a special vote to elect an interim President at the May meeting.**

I will personally be nominating Roger Vaughn to fill the vacancy and I will open the floor up to other nominations if any other members wish to run for the office. The person elected to fill this position will serve as the President until the next regular election in October 2005.

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NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

The budget is looking good and on anticipated schedule for general income. For the building fund we are running a little short due to the cost of the concrete being significantly more than the original estimate. We still have a few (approx 5) members who have not paid their assessment. This has short-changed us by \$150. We will have a building fund donation jar at the picnic and hope to get enough to cover the remaining balance. Any extra we get will go toward building 2 additional safety stands for the pits. We have had several people already donate funds and products (signs, building materials, etc.) that are greatly appreciated.

PROFILE WWI BIPLANE PYLON RACE REPORT

Saturday April 16, 2005 CCRCC held its first WWI profile biplane race with me (Dave Indyke) as the seedy CD (Contest Dictator). The course was set up by 8:00 a.m. and the weather gods cooperated by not delivering any rain or wind -- fortunately the sun was out too.

I was a little apprehensive about the expected turn-out but was pleasantly surprised when a whole bunch of familiar faces showed up just before 9:00 a.m. In addition to the club members which included Dan Ruefly, Aaron Kahn, Ralph Schreiner, Jeff Chumley, Jerome Jaimeson, Brian Vance, and Regis White, we had visitors from PGRC lend a helping hand with their racing experience. Past PGRC presidents Rick Moreland and Steve Baker along with Dan Meyer entered some rather formidable aircraft.

Hard as it may be to believe, Chip Hyde, most well known for his pattern abilities and pylon racing with PGRC in the mid to late 90's surprised us all by showing up with his biplane just before we closed registration! As it was, we had enough people between Pax Aeromodelers, Windrifiers, PGRC, and our club to run twenty-five rounds.

In the eleventh round, when we broke for lunch, we had another surprise when eleven Hooters girls (promoting the new Hooters in Waldorf) jumped out of a low flying C-130 -- some didn't even wear parachutes -- and they all just floated down...! They provided free table dances between heats and helped out the remainder of the race.

Just when I thought I had seen everything, Vice-President Dick Cheney even showed up from an undisclosed location. Then, Air Force One performed a Lomcevok during a low inverted flyby!

When we got back to the business of racing, we finished up all rounds and had fly-offs for fast time and any tie breakers. Does anybody ever really read this stuff? Everybody won and everyone lived happily ever-after. With 107 entries from 41 nations, a great time was had by all.

If you weren't here, you missed it -- and even if you were here, you missed it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, April 30th Picnic - noon, rain date of May 1st. Meat and drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish to share.
- Wednesday, May 4th - 7:30PM Club Meeting at the Mattawoman Middle School - Building Contest, By-laws and Constitution changes vote. In addition, the club will be voting on a new president that will retain the seat until October 2005.
- Friday, May 6th - afternoon - practice for the Aerobatic Havoc IMAC contest - field open to all. There will be several guest pilots at our field getting in practice flights for the IMAC contest. Please make them feel welcome and help them with our safety procedures.
- Saturday & Sunday, May 7th & 8th - Aerobatic Havoc IMAC Contest - **Field CLOSED to general flying during contest**. Come and enjoy aerobatic flying. Basic is open to all planes. Higher levels require scale planes. We will need lots of volunteers to assist with this. This could be a good fund raiser for the club so lets really try and make it happen.
- Friday—Sunday, May 20th—22nd—Andrews AFB Open House



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pm Mattawoman Middle School**



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