

THE CVRCA FLYER

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Note: The July meeting is at the field!

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For Sale

Hitec Laser 4 channel fm radio control system, micro receiver, charger and extra crystal. Used it for three months. Jeremiah Guelzo 434-420-2583

Glow Fuel by the gallon. Top Flight Contender, OS 46 engine, all servos, center flap, excellent condition, Call Gary Cowden

Spectrum radio system. Call Melvin Lindsay

Calendar

6/23 – Jenkins and Crance mow

6/28-6/29 Cub Scout Event (see below)

6/30 – Cowden and Franklin mow

7/7 – Neumann and Diamond mow

7/11 – Club meeting **AT THE FIELD!!!**

7/14 – Caldwell and Kirby mow

7/21 – F. Lindsay and Castine mow

7/21 – “Fun Fly” contests - **CANCELLED.**

7/28 – Taylor and Cowden mow

8/18 – 8/19 – Tentative date for mall show

9/8 – Day in the Park

9/9 – Fall air show

The Meeting Minutes

Attendance at the June meeting was good, several members showed up early and flew, it was one of the nicest evenings we have had at the field in some time.

Old Business

New member - Well, we typically do such things at the end of the meeting, but we were so very anxious to have Stephen (Cliff) Gray join us that we started out by voting him into the club. Cliff has been in the area for some time and flew many years ago. He visited the field about a month ago and got some time on one of the club trainers with an instructor. Cliff is anxious to get into the air!

Fall Air Show – There was a fair amount of discussion with regard to having a Fall air show. Not much feedback had been received from the club regarding the topic. All in attendance were very much in favor of having a Fall air show. Day In The Park, which the club participated in last year, was discussed as well, DITP will be September 8 this year. We discussed having the Air Show on the same day as DITP, the Sunday DITP, or one week after DITP on Saturday, September 15. After some discussion, it was decided that we would participate again in DITP and that we would hold the Fall air show on Sunday, September

9, the day after DITP. It was also decided that the Fall air show would follow a format similar to that of the Spring, 2006 air show. David Kirby and Gary Cowden were tasked with organizing the events. **Follow-up:** David and Gary to report on progress at the July meeting.

TAG program – Gary reported that the club made its first TAG presentation on June 11th. The CVRCA was the guest of the Civil Air Patrol cadet program and made an hour presentation on Radio Control aviation. We will hold our first hands-on event at the field on Saturday, June 16th, Gene, Gary, Jimmy, and Tom Hunnicutt will organize the event and provide instruction. Several people have already registered for the event. We hope to keep this event small so that we can learn from it and prepare noted for future events. We hope to hold three additional events this year. **Follow-up:** Gary to report on progress at the July meeting and plans for the next event

Spring field cleanup – Mark reported the Spring field cleanup went well and that nearly everything that he wanted to get done was accomplished. Gary brought in his tractor and mowed the open field area, table tops were replaced, the willow tree was cut down, the announcers stand was taken down, and the weeds growing through the cracks in the runway were removed.

Special Needs Scouts – Mark reported that the event was well received and all went well. Several scouts



came out and watched members fly. Gene provided food for the activity which was well received.

Cross-wind Runway – Mark reported that Randy has asked him to prepare a cost estimate to build a cross-wind runway. Mark had figures including the cost for gravel and concrete. The note taker failed to write down the exact figures but it was in the neighborhood

of \$2,000 assuming that the club would provide the labor. No further action was discussed.

New Flying Field – Gary reported that on June 7th, Gary, Gene, Tom Hunnicutt, and Fred met at the field with Mary Pascal, the director of Parks and Recreation for Campbell County to discuss a possible partnership with Campbell County that could involve construction of a new flying field. Mary was unaware of the sport of RC aviation and was impressed with the short demo that we put on. Mary's husband was with her, Gary got him up in the air with one of the club trainers. His response was "this is way cool, we have to do this!" Mary had several ideas for possible sites in Campbell County that might be used and she seemed very interested. One possible long term site is the site of the current Campbell County land fill, it will be closing soon. The location could be good as it is a large, open space and is easily accessible. She asked that Gary prepare a proposal for what we might need and asked that he submit the proposal to her and be prepared to make a presentation to the Campbell County board of supervisors. **Follow-up:** Gary to report on progress at the July meeting.

Mowing – Mowing continues to be a topic of great dissatisfaction. Some members don't like to mow but do it, others seem to ignore their assigned mowing times, others don't mind mowing or getting someone else to do it for them, and everybody is sick of discussing it. It appears the only clubs that are successful in having members mow are those who have a few members who have time and don't mind mowing, and just do it for the club. Clubs that are not in that situation uniformly report that member mowing is a nightmare to manage and have given it up in favor of hiring the work out. It would appear that we are at the nightmare stage as the topic is generating great dissatisfaction. Two things were resolved, the first being that for next year, we will not do member mowing but will instead hire the work out. No details have been worked out thus far, and all associated options are on the table. There are some arrangements being considered that would allow members to mow next year, if they so choose, and then avoid higher dues. But to get through this year, it was determined that we need to go with the plan that was devised at the top of the year. To that end, it was determined that at the July meeting, a motion will be made that members who do not mow at their assigned time or arrange for someone else to mow for them will be billed. If you have comments, please share them with Mark or bring them at the July meeting.

Web Site – Gene reported that nothing has happened and the fellows who said they would do a web site for the club have been out of contact.

New Business

David Kirby contacted the club about a Cub Scout outing that will occur during the last week of June. We have been asked if we can do a flight demo on Thursday, June 28 or Friday, June 29 shortly after noon. Anybody who would be interested in doing this should call David Kirby. This is a dandy chance to entertain some kids, increase awareness of RC, and generally show off. The location is at the Heritage Methodist Church on Leesville road. They have an open area for flying a slower plane or heli.

The July meeting will be at the field, Gene suggests that everybody come early and he will light up the grill at 5:00. – End of meeting minutes -

Something New in the Shed

Gene donated a very nice charcoal grill to the club. Feel free to use it as you care to although you will need to bring your own charcoal. When you are done with it, empty the contents of the grill before putting it away as charcoal ash tends to attract moisture and will shorten the life of the grill. Thanks to Gene for this!

July Fun Fly

The club had scheduled a fun fly in July with the intent of having several interesting competitions that club members could participate in. However, do to some unforeseen scheduling difficulties, the event will not be held. We may try to include some of the activities during the September air show.

CVRCA hosts TAG event

As noted in the meeting minutes, we hosted our first hands on “TAG” flying event on Saturday, June 16th. Gene, Jimmy, Gary, Sean, Evan, Tom Hunnicutt, and Fred Lindsay ran the event. We had 12 new people participate in a safety talk, ground school, and then hands on flying. Each student flew one of the trainers at least once, and almost all flew at least twice. We started at 8:30 in the morning and finished around 2:00. The weather could not have possibly been better, it was overcast, calm, and comfortable the

entire time. Greg Smith, a former club member, dropped by and put on quite a “half time” show flying inverted low over the field and doing flat spins. The



event appeared to have been very well received, the students, consisting of 3 adults and 9 teenagers, seemed to be very much into the event, flew surprisingly well, and asked many good questions. One person indicated his intent to join the club. We hope to schedule another similar event in the future. If you know of an individual or group that would be interested in participating, please let Gary know.

Add some color to your plane

A few months back, we shared a note with you about being able to color glow fuel using “tie die” coloring. Not something that will radically change the sport, but something to try one day for fun. In this months Fly RC magazine is a short article on coloring epoxy. It seems that simple food coloring can be used to color epoxy. When mixing the stuff up, just add a few drops of food coloring to tint the epoxy any way that you want. According to the article, the coloring easily mixes into the epoxy and does not alter the performance of the glue in any way. This might be interesting to try where you have a joint that will be exposed or are using epoxy to seal an area, such as on a firewall.

Magazines

Old RC magazines seem to be very popular handouts to give to visitors at the field. If you have old AMA or other RC magazines that you are not interested in keeping, consider donating them to the club. There is a small stack of magazines started in the corner of the shed, please add yours to the pile.

Fall Air Show and Day In The Park

As noted in the minutes, the club will participate again this year at Day In The Park which is scheduled this year for Saturday, September 8th and is held at Miller Park. This is a half day event and serves as a way to generally promote the hobby, promote the club, and promote the Fall air show, which is scheduled for Sunday, September 9th. Last year at Day In The Park, we displayed several models, showed videos, and had a training system set up. What probably attracted the most attention though, to our surprise, was an airplane being covered. We twice ran out of air show handouts and observed the following Sunday that almost half of the people who first arrived at the field were people who had heard about the event through Day In The Park. We will need volunteers to setup and staff the exhibit. If you are interested, please let David or Gary know

The air show is scheduled for Sunday, September 9th from 11:00 – 5:00. Please let David and Gary know what you would like to see included in the event. Should we have some games or competitions? How about a kids event? Also be thinking about how you will be willing to help put. We will need setup assistance, people to prepare and manage concessions, people to staff the PA, and more.

Mall Show

We have tentatively scheduled a mall show for August 18th and 19th at the River Ridge mall. We will have the community booth which is located at the interior entrance to Sears And should have enough room to display a few aircraft and maybe run a video and a simulator. We can use the opportunity to generally educate people about RC aviation, promote the air show, and possibly promote the next hands-on flying event at the field. To make this work, we will need club members who are willing to staff the booth.

Potentially, we might split each day up into three shifts and staff each shift with one or two people, so we would need roughly 10 people who are willing to help. If you are interested in participating, please let Gary or Gene know by July 15th so that we can retain the booth. If we do not have 10 volunteers by that time, we will have to cancel the event.

From Jimmy

Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane, but only a high school diploma to fix one. Reassurance for those of us who fly routinely in our jobs.

After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS ' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, UPS is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident.

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P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.  
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.  
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.  
S: Something tightened in cockpit

P: Dead bugs on windshield.  
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.  
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.  
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.  
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.  
S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.  
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny. (I love this one!)

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

And the best one for last.....

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel.

Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.