

April 2003 Newsletter

Hi Guys,

The April meeting was held as scheduled on Saturday morning, about 10 or 12 members present. The Treasurers report was given by Dave Yoder . We discussed changes and additions that need to be made to the roster that was published with the last newsletter. We discussed the fly-in schedule for this summer and it was decided that the club would provide soft-drinks to flyers and guests.

Just a reminder, it was decided last fall that this summer the club would sponsor 3 "fly-ins", or "picnics" similar to the one we had last season. Each family or flyer provides his own food, but the club will provide the soft-drinks. An attempt will be made to invite flyers from other clubs. The dates are:

June 7 "Spring Fling" July 26 "Mid-Summer Bash" Sept.13 "Fall Roundup"

Our Vice President Jeff Dinehart agreed to pick-up the soft-drinks for these events, thanks Jeff.

Jeff is also working to arrange a club fuel purchase similar to what he did last year. Please contact Jeff if you wish to purchase fuel through the club.

We discussed some of the field maintenance issues:

Fertilizer and weedkiller applications will take place sometime in May. Dave Yoder will re-activate the Port-O-Jon. (I am not sure what that means, but I don't have to, as long as Dave does.)

We have a report that some "critters" have severely damaged our storage shed. I can report to you that there is a plan in the works deal with this problem.

Gene Statesman has put me onto a source for some amusing definitions for commonly used RC or aviation terms. I thought I knew what all of these terms meant, but I was wrong! For example:

Auto rotation: This is what your car does on an icy road.

Crash: This quick method for removing the radio and engine from your old model in order to fit them into your new model.

Fuel Tank: This is a plastic bottle designed to leak when it is installed in a totally inaccessible location.

Nose wheel: This is an implement used to remove the firewall. Blind nut: Judge at a pattern contest. Dead stick: Two of these can be found on your transmitter after failing to properly charge your batteries.

Tail dragger: This term is used to describe an RC pilot who has spent an hour trying to locate his airplane in a corn field.

Flying wing: Usually seen after a very tight loop.

Gravity: A force of nature intended to reduce an airplane to its component parts.

That's it for this month. I hope to see you at the field. Don't forget to contact Jeff Dinehart for your fuel needs.

Happy Landings,

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