



The Evergreen Aero Modelers

TEAM Talk



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A note from the Editor:

Greetings fellow aero modelers; once again I find myself short on time, and even shorter on content ideas. Please, as the flying season progresses find something to submit to our newsletter. I will continue to publish what I can of course, but some new perspectives would be nice once in a while.

As you can see, I am trying a different layout; I need your feedback to decide if this is better than the two column issue I have been writing.

Finally, all of the newsletters are available on the TEAM website, look in the right column and you will find the links.

From the Presidents Model Cockpit

Hello everyone;

We got sad, troubling news at our last TEAM meeting. Dave told us that in all probability we are losing our flying fields, in total. The new “water slide” or whatever it is called, and the new Hotel/Motel, or whatever it is called, is set to take the space we are occupying: or at the least some parking lots are going to take the space. There is a chance that we will be able to get this all replaced in another spot, nearby, but.....

In the meantime, we still are able to fly RC, and I believe we will be able to throughout the summer. And, I do ask all of you keep thinking positively; we might be able to replace what we have lost. Our SPAD event and our The Electric Goose event are still on. So continue to plan and support Terry and his crew, and myself and my crew as we work on these events. Talk to all your friends and buddies: get them to come out and support us. The more we have show up for these events, the better for the future.

The new building site in the Space Building is great. If you are a builder, grab a kit you might have, and find a bench, and go to work. I am currently working on a 1936 “Quaker,” and old free flight ship changed to RC assist. It is a ball to build, and when flyable, it is a great lazy day flyer.

Take care all, many smooooth takeoffs and landings, and do a lot of flying, no matter where.

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The next TEAM Meeting:

The meeting will be held at the TEAM flying field, weather permitting. The meeting will be on Thursday June 11th at 7pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it!

Flight line:

Monday May 25th Was Memorial Day, and quite a wonderfully nice day weather wise as well. Calm wind, sun shine and me at the air field with my family.

My son is still deciding if he wants to fly I think, as his interest comes and goes seemingly with the wind. This day was no different, he wanted to play on the playground with his little sister and her friend, but he wanted to fly as well.

The girls won and Dad lost, he flew for about 2 minutes and then headed back to play some more. Ah well, if he decides to really get into it I will be here for him, until then I will continue to offer but I won't push him to do something he may not truly want.

I started by flying my SPADStick. I ran her up, and took off. It wasn't running quite right but I'd had no problems last week so I sent it up. I pulled it into a split S, (My current favorite maneuver for some reason). She flamed out at the bottom of the loop. I had plenty of altitude so I brought her around for the first ever dead stick landing on this bird. It turned out to be perhaps my best landing ever as she greased in so smoothly you would have thought it to be on rails.

Back to the bench, and some tuning later I put her up again. Another dead stick, this time I didn't quite have room to make the turn to final at the west end of the runway and ended up landing cross runway. She flipped over in the grass, but of course was unhurt.

I retuned and flew her again. This time no engine problems; YES!! So after the usual period of pit talk, I gassed her up and flew again. During one of my flights I remember hearing one of the guys say "Watch him; he's flying the heck out of that thing!" I am in my mind a beginner pilot still, so I felt real good about this!



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The last flight of the stick for this day ended in a hilarious crash, well more of a hard landing since there was no damage, not even a broken prop! You see, I wasn't out there to practice anything; I was just playing around and enjoying our sport.

I tossed her into another split S from fairly high up, but then immediately followed that with a second split S, not taking time to gain altitude. I must admit, as I rolled inverted and pulled back I was thinking I might not have the altitude to pull this off, but I was committed by the time I realized it, and so pulled for all I had.

I had been having so much fun that I cracked up laughing as she pancaked into the tall grass, the motor stopping and leaving quite the depression in the hay but doing zero damage. The others still there laughed right along with me, and Burt's son went out into the field to help me recover the downed bird. They even snapped a photo of it from the flight line when he handed it to me and I held it up smiling and laughing at my good fortune.



It was about this time my son came back to fly with Dad. So I cleaned the grass off the propeller of the Stick, and set her aside. I assembled my Hangar 9 Arrow and conducted a preflight, then fueled her up and started her.

It had been long enough since John had tried this that he needed me to go over the controls again so we did. I then explained to him my new strategy for teaching him. This is to start by getting up really really high, and giving him control with the idea he could do whatever he wanted till I had to take control.



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Then, I would recover the altitude and give him back the plane, only this time he had to work on some basics before getting to play again. Surprisingly he asked to work first! You see John wants to do the fancy tricks, but doesn't like the work of learning the basics. I was really encouraged until he made one turn and said "OK Dad I'm done take it back". When I asked why he said it was too hot; I think he really just wanted to go play again. Ahh well, he will either come around and learn to fly, or he won't but I am not going to force it on him.

I flew her around a bit, made two touch and goes, and then landed. Wouldn't you know it, on the actual landing I botched it and let her land too fast. She hit the grass on the flight line side, flipped over, and busted the tail loose...

Bummer, but easily repaired so not a problem. I actually have the repairs almost complete now, only the finishing touches and covering are left.

Since I had been there quite a while, (3 to 4 hours I think) and the Stick's RX battery pack was nearly depleted anyhow I chose to pack it up and head home. (My loving and most patient wife telling me she was done and wanted to go home might have had just a little bit to do with the timing of this decision as well.)

All in all I considered it an extremely successful day at the flying site!



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TEAM Meeting Minutes – May 14th, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Weeks. There were 16 members present.

The previous meeting minutes were approved as published.

Treasurers Report: We currently have Some Money in our account. (As always edited, if you are curious ask Dave the exact amount)

Old Business:

- The Electric Goose is scheduled for August 22nd. Coyote Hobbies is supporting us with the event. There will be a \$25.00 landing fee which will be used to provide prizes/rewards for all entrants.
- It is time to renew our domain name for our original web sight. After discussion, it was moved that we renew the domain name for another 3 years at a cost of approximately \$10.00 per year. Motion carried.
- Jerry said he would be willing to have someone else take over the Tee shirt box for a while, so he was looking for a volunteer. (He still hasn't found one, but he will sell the tee shirts at \$10.00 a copy.)
- Our field marshal is trying to put together a work-party to pressure wash the fence next to the field. It has started to grow moss/mold, and needs to be cleaned thoroughly. It was decided to set a Saturday date at our next meeting, rather than attempted to get a crew together for mid-week.

New Business:

- The Civil Air Patrol will be holding its academy at the museum from June 17th through the 27th this year. On Friday PM, June 26th, Dave Bibbee will host buddy-box flying for the cadets, and is looking for people to assist him. Contact Dave if you can help.
- Cecil is working with the ESA students on building model airplanes. They are building rubber band models during the first phase and are quick learners. After they finish the rubber band models, they will put together a couple of Sig LT 40 kits. Cecil has purchased two models, engines and radios for ESA so the cadets will be able to really get involved with building RC models. Sounds like a good job Cecil.



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- The club discussed whether we should continue doing the drawing for gift certificates and prizes at each meeting. After discussion, it was moved and carried to continue with the drawings. The purpose is to attract meeting attendance rather than generate revenue for the club. As long as we break even, we are meeting that objective.
 - SPAD contest is scheduled for July 25th and 26th.
 - Roger requested the club approve spending \$50.00 for a JR buddy box. The motion carried. He will purchase it if it is determined it will work with the 2.4 systems.
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Flying Field info

- Dave Bibbee reported that the U-Control field will be replaced by a parking lot for the new water park that will be constructed shortly. We will have to negotiate a new site to replace it. There are some options that can be considered. Eventually, the west end of our RC flying site will also be covered by a parking lot. This will occur during phase three of the water park construction. We don't know when that will be. All of this will result in discussions with Evergreen to determine where another site can be built. A new site needs to be close to the museum in order for us to support the education efforts effectively.
- The Control-line contest has been cancelled for this year since the CL site is going to be relocated. All scheduled CL events have been cancelled for the remainder of this year.

Show-n-tell

- Roger brought in his new Revell Piloto electric pusher which he purchased for less than \$10.00. He will have to shell out a few more bucks for some batteries. It is ready-to-fly but apparently Roger isn't, because he hasn't flown it yet. Maybe we will get an updated report at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: 7:00 PM, June 11th, at the museum or flying field, weather permitting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gary Werner, secretary.



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Upcoming events

Control line fun fly:

Please note: All control line events currently scheduled at DeAlton Field have been cancelled due to the impending loss of that facility. For information contact Jerry Eichten at jeichten@aol.com, (503) 554-0034

Noel Martin Memorial Fly-in:

This will be hosted by MAM on June 6th 2009.

Civil Air Patrol Academy

at the museum from June 17th through the 27th.

Cadet Buddy Box Flying

On Friday PM, June 26th, Dave Bibbee will host

SPADS Over the West Coast 09:

Saturday and Sunday July 25th and 26th. at the DeAlton Bibbie Field. For information contact Terry at SOTWC09@Gmail.com or go to www.teamrc.org/sotwc.html

The Electric Goose:

August 22, 2009 See or talk to Roger Weeks (503) 554-8187 or cell (503) 332-8376