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Dues Renewal Information

If you have not renewed your membership by April 1, 2005 you are considered a non-member, and all non-member rules apply. You are also removed from the club roster. You have until the end of 2005 to re-new your membership w/o penalty. After a one year lapse, you will have to re-new as a new member, and all initiation fees will apply.

If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail or have an article, idea or editorial opinion, please send it to the newsletter editor at:

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Please remember to lock the porta-pottie after each use and at the end of the flying day. It is for **club member use only**. Let the public use the vaulted toilet around the corner.

IMPORTANT DATES

6/12	Pattern Primer Event – (Field Closed to open flying until 4 P.M.)
6/14	General Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
6/25-27	Jet Rally – (Field Closed to open flying until 4 P.M. each day.)
7/12	General Meeting – 7:30 P.M.
7/29-31	SRW 1 st Annual Helicopter Fun Fly
8/14	“Wings Over Brooklyn” annual Warbird Rally (field closed to open flying until 4 P.M.)

The Presidents Corner

It's the end of May and our flying season is in full swing. I have just a few items to mention this month, so my column will be brief.

- PARCS is one of the oldest (55+ years) RC clubs in the world. This fact became obvious when the fourth generation of the Schultz family, the lovely Victoria, attended our general membership meeting on May 10th.
- Thanks to Joe Vella for his electric Heli demo at our May meeting. It's too bad he ran out of juice before he could land it on top of old baldie.
- On May 14th PARCS participated in a Boy Scout event held at Gateway. Under the AMA Intro to Flight program we gave about 40 young men their first RC flight. Additionally, the troops were treated to an acrobatic demo followed by a question and answer session with Bruce Roland. I receive a lot of positive feedback from the Scouts and Gateway rangers. The credit belongs to the over two-dozen members contributed in various ways to make this the success it was. Thank you.
- On May 28th we are dedicating the field to Ray Gallo. Carmine Bianco will make a brief speech, followed by a BBQ. As this has become an annual event, nominations for next year's honoree should be submitted in October.
- Congratulations to Ben Sepe, our door prize committee chairman. The door prize at our June 14th meeting will be worth over \$150.
- I have been advised that long time member Bernard Salomon will be attending his last meeting on June 14th. Bernie is relocating to Florida. Join with me in wishing Bernie *Bon Voyage*. (I'll supply the cake, bring your own coffee.)
- Pattern Primer is scheduled for June 12th. Jon needs a few people to help him with this event, bring your umbrella.
- Big Apple Jet Rally will be held June 25th & 26th.
- The NEPRO Pylon Race scheduled for July has been canceled.

Have a good month, hope to see you soon

Mike Palumbo



Guidelines for a good spotter

by Jim Malek
Don Zepp, editor

A good model aircraft spotter does not have to be a flier. They can be a spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, or an interested friend. They should, however, have some training that goes along with their responsibility.

Good spotters:

1. Begin their duties as they approach the pilot's aircraft. They observe the fueling ports for security, backed out screws, hatch security, proper frequency pin etc. and alert the pilot to anything out of the ordinary. They also observe the type and number of aircraft flying in the pattern.
2. Spotters should get a good grasp on the aircraft, even if there is a mechanical restraint. Proper hearing protection may be required. They clear downwind of the propeller prop wash, and warn any people standing in the propeller arc to stand back. They observe the position of the throttle stick on the transmitter—always keep their eyes on the pilot's left thumb, and watch for a fast full throttle.
3. After the aircraft is started, they observe the functional check on the control surfaces for proper deflections. Is the antenna extended, etc.?
4. They check the runway, departure end, crosswind, downwind, and base legs for traffic prior to calling taxiing out and takeoff.
5. After take off the pilot will feed them information on their intentions, i.e., do a loop, roll, stall turn etc. The spotters will stay ahead of the aircraft, feeding the pilot traffic information.
6. Before landing, they call out "landing," and make sure the runway is clear. After landing the spotters' job is not done. They check the final leg as the pilot taxis off or is on the field recovering his/her airplane, alerting other pilots of landing aircraft or aircraft taxiing out.
7. From the time the spotters are on the flight line until the engine is shut down and the aircraft is removed from the flight line, the spotters must have situational awareness to their surroundings.

Cool New Stuff



Radio controlled aircraft are subject to radio frequency interference (RFI) and electromagnetic interference (EMI) from a variety of sources. FMA Direct has developed the new Opto4 as an economical device to combat receiver interference. An optical isolator uses a short optical transmission path to electrically isolate two circuits. When used with two batteries (one for the receiver and one for the servos) the Opto4 divides your airborne electronics into two electronically separate systems. This prevents interference by servo wires from propagating back into the receiver. Street price is around \$50.



Possibly the finest quality scale pilot on the market today, the PerfectPilots.com pilots bring a new level of detail to the hobby. We had PerfectPilots prepare a version of their WWI "Mike" pilot for a Kyosho Tiger Moth. Mike fit right into the cockpit and gave the plane an awesome touch of realism. The detail in his uniform (from helmet seams to the alpaca collar on his jacket) make these pilots top notch. Mike's expression is classic and we are impressed with how much this inexpensive accessory adds to your plane. Street price is around \$20.

For Sale – Contact Frank Desanctis (516) 889-6179

All items are new in the box except where noted.

Lanier Super Trainer 40 - \$ 40.00

Goldberg Eagle II - \$ 35.00

Pica 1/5 scale Cessna 182 - \$ 150.00

Global Bridi 10 w/ .10 Magnum - \$45.00

Global Cessna 182 .60 size - \$50.00

Hobby Lobby Skimmer Electric Glider w/ motor and prop - \$50.00

Royal Cessna 310-Q twin .40 - \$125.00

Fox .45 BBRC w/ spinner - \$ 50.00

Webra .40 Silverline - \$50.00

O.S. .40 LA - \$40.00

K&B .40 Test ran only - \$40.00

Enya 2-09 IV - \$40/ each

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