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Westside RC Newsletter April 2022

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Many years ago, in the now defunct RC MODLER MAGAZINE, a man named HENRY published some excellent RC humor panels prior to his death, he named his cartoons THE MICROHENRYS. I have many of them and I will occasionally include them in the NL when there is room.



**First Solo
Flight**

New Pilot Instructor

President's Notes

The first meeting of the year at the field was a success. The weather cooperated and members were able to get flights in before and after the meeting. It was a nice change of pace. The following covers some of what was discussed.

Flight training will begin on Sunday afternoon May 1st at 1:00 PM. The club trainer will be available to use or bring your own plane. Instructors will be available to help anyone needing it, member or not. We have Intro Pilot instructors for people who are not AMA members and want to try flying.

While we were discussing flight training, it was brought up as to whether the club was looking to do some outreach to help recruit new members. Past program were discussed, and we will be looking in to starting some new programs now that things have opened back up.

Also, on May 1st we will be trying some pylon racing to gauge interest to see if we want to start something more formal. If you are interested in giving it a try, bring an electric airplane and some batteries. We will fly some laps and have some fun.

The website is still in work. I was hoping it would have been running by now, but life has been getting in the way. I will keep everyone informed on the progress.

Finally, I would like to talk about our field rules. These rules were written to keep the club members safe, the field owner protected, the field neighbors happy and to follow the AMA safety guidelines. For us to be able to continue to keep the use of our field, EVERYONE must follow the rules. When you joined the club, part of the process was to read and agree to follow the rules. If you see someone not following the rules, just point it out to them, they may not know. Also don't expect it to be the exclusive job of the board to enforce the rules, we are not at the field all the time. All club members have a stake in the success of this club and part of that is ensuring the rules are followed.

Ok, I'm off the soap box now. Hope to see you at the swap shop and field.

Keith

From the Vice President

There is not much showing on the district calendar for upcoming events. I am sure that will change once the weather starts to break.

The Tulsa Glue Dobbers are holding the Mike Pennell Memorial Fly In on May 14th. Starting at 11:00 am it is open to all aircraft with no landing fees. The event will be held at Grant Wilson Field 2817 S. Lynn Lane Tulsa. Rain date is May 15th. See the AMA district VIII web site for more information.

Warbirds over Arkansas is a fly-in being held June 8 – 12th in Eureka Spring Arkansas. See the AMA district VIII web site for more information.

The club will be having an Electric Night Fly in June. Flying will begin at dusk. More information will be available at the May club meeting.

From the Treasurer

April Treasurer's Update

We voted one new member in April, one member from long ago, and two returning members from last year. Westside currently has 40 paid members, 38 adults and 2 youth. Our AMA club charter and field insurance has been processed and renewed by the AMA.

Please tell your friends about the upcoming Swap Meet, as that will hopefully be a large fundraiser for the club this year. Any additional funds we can bring in will be critical in helping us to secure new storage and equipment at the field.

If any of your contact information has changed, please reach out via email (westsidercyukon@gmail.com) and let me know about the change so that we can keep our records up-to-date.

Thanks! James

From the Safety Officer

With the temps turning warmer I want to remind everyone to use sunscreen and bug spray at the field especially if you have to go out and hunt for an airplane. I plan to hang some mosquito repellent tubes this summer, but I'll wait until the mosquitoes show up in force. Also, we have some new fire extinguishers along with some sand buckets intended to be used for lipo fires should they be needed. With more members and guest out flying please be sure to look at our flying regulations make sure you're operating safely. Remember every member is responsible for safety not just the safety officer. If you see someone not following our safety procedures KINDLY visit with them, they may be new to the club or the hobby and simply not know. And as always **BE SAFE**.

From the Field Marshal

Fellow Westside Members,

I'd like to thank all members that were able to make it out to the field on Saturday April 9th to help with various field maintenance projects. Although we have done an extremely good job of maintenance at the field over the past several years some have mentioned changes and even possible upgrades!

Another part of my job is to report on the "***State of the field***"!! As many of you are aware we try to start rotating through our mowing teams in early April each year but this year the weather has been crazy and we as a club are aging, so I decided to push back **structured** mowing until the first week of May, the field will be mowed but on an as needed basis for the month of April! Since we have been mowing this way, it's given me time to really evaluate the club's equipment...

Just to give a short report on where we stand equipment wise:

- We have an excellent push mower that has very few hours of usage and runs excellent.
- Keith has the craftsmen rider in great shape considering we've had it for many years, but I'm hoping it will have very few issues over the '21 mowing season.
- The Poulan rider is running great, but it seems like that belt rolling issue is as persistent as ever and hopefully we can limp it along until we are move to our long-term goal of a zero-turn mower?
- We have several weed eaters but the only worth a plug nickel is the Stihl and it's difficult at best to rewind the trimmer string. There is a newer unit provided by a member recently that seems to have little use but more importantly is easy to install new trimmer line! The other units will be re-evaluated and disposed of if that's the best course of action!

I'm requesting that club members help over the next few months not only with another field day but helping to haul off items that are not beneficial to the club. These and other items will be during the next few club meetings.

Thanks Guys !

New Newsletter Editor

My name is Jim Kale and I have volunteered to be the Newsletter Editor. A little about me. A long time ago, I was born in Kingfisher, and grew up in Dover. After a BS in Education degree From Southwestern University in Weatherford, I joined the Army and flew as a Warrant Officer helicopter Pilot for 28 years, flying about 10,000 hours on 3 continents. I retired and was a contract flight and ground instructor at the Army Aviation School in Alabama. After retirement I was a docent tour guide at the Army Aviation Museum at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. I was gone from Oklahoma about 52 years before returning to Oklahoma in 2019.. I have been an active modeler since I was about 12 years old and built my first RC model in 1969. With no instructor, I crashed it on the first flight. I eventually figured it out and I've been flying RC ever since. I also built 2 full size airplanes in Alabama. Over the years I have been club president , club Secretary, NL Editor, and Club Flight Instructor in various RC clubs on 3 continents.

I would like to put photos of club activities, flying or models in each newsletter if I receive any from the membership. Please send them in pdf format.

I plan to have a **For Sale by Members** list in each newsletter if I get any input from members. Please email a very brief description of the item for sale, the asking price, your name, your contact information and photo if desired. Please submit/resubmit each month if you want it published.

Last but not least a little humor will be added from time to time. I am certainly open to suggestions concerning the newsletter. My email is on the front page. My memory is not as good as it once was, so don't give me information orally at the flying field or meetings. I might not remember it.

EDITOR NOTES ON THE APRIL 30 SWAP SHOP

We tried to host the swap shop twice and had conflicts with the date. The third time was a charm and had a great turn out.

While I was on active duty, I had several assignments. On a few of them I have seen some great shows. I made the giant international show in Nurnberg Germany a couple of times. I have made a few trips to the great Toledo show over 30 years. It was permanently closed down in 2020 but was reactivated this year and I hope it continues into the future. For 15 years I attended the largest swap show in the USA at Perry Georgia where they had 1,000 tables filling 3 large buildings at the State Fair Grounds. I felt that the Westside swap shop was really great. These shows take a lot of planning and work to put on and I think the members who did the work deserve a lot of thanks.

Pictures from the club workday

Members putting paint on benches and frequency board



Field Marshal Kip cutting the pits.



Ron working on one of the weed trimmers



Cinnamon rolls from Okarche, yummy!

