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For about 20 years, Mac Hodges (Andersonville GA) flew his giant B-29 across the SE USA at major RC events. Over the years he went thru 3 of them, each ending in a crash. He would T/O and climb up to about 400 feet and drop the Bell X-1 model (flown by another pilot) and it would glide down until at about 10 ft. high on final approach, it would fire off a rocket and climb vertical to about 200 ft. and glide back to a landing. Then Mac would put the B-29 into a spin down to about 100 feet and put on an aerobatic show with it. Looked odd to me to see a B-29 making a low inverted pass down the runway. After he lost the 3rd model, his flying demo show was permanently finished. Mac had a big flying field on his farm with the best RC Model shop I have ever visited. I could land my full size J-3 Piper Cub or my Full Size Cessna 150 on his model runway and shop at his great hobby shop. Those were the Days.



President's Notes

Keith Gorrell

Well summer has decided to be a scorcher. The July meeting the temps were around 100 which cause the turn out to be a little low. The winds were behaving though and a few of us did manage to get some flights in.

As discussed during the June meeting, a proposal to change the bylaws was drafted. A section was added to the voting procedures to include email voting. The gist of the change allows the board of directors to get items before the club in a timely fashion and allow the membership to vote using their email address on record with the club.

In addition to the voting procedures, there were some minor clean up items in the bylaws that need to be addressed. They include some minor changes removing some duties from the Vice President to align it more with the position, book keeping requirements for dues allocations, and board members being able to serve on different clubs boards while serving on the Westside board.

The members present were agreeable to the changes but as normal we didn't have enough members present for a quorum, hence the need for email voting. We will bring the items up again later in the year.

On a different note, the AMA has announced a dues increase for next year. Dues are going up to \$85.00 for Adult and \$75 for Senior. Watch for more information coming from AMA. They are talking about discounts which I am sure will be like the last dues hike.

That's it for this month. Hope to see you at the field and the next meeting.

From the Vice President

Clayton Crabtree

Here are a few of the upcoming events in the district.

Fort Worth Thunder bird Summer Float Fly on August 6th

Richardson Radio Control Club R/C Swap Shop Allen TX. On August 20th
This is a big swap shop worth the trip.

Warbirds over Tulsa Sept. 9th11th.

GOOFS Annual Fall Fun Fly-In Sept. 10th Ponca City

Lindsey Oklahoma Super Fly Sept 29th – Oct 1st

More information can be found on the District VIII website

From the Treasurer

James Thomas

We added one new member this last month, bring our total up to 44 members. The lease for Holman field has been paid for the next year, and we are looking forward to funding at least one new mower for the club and other improvements needed at the field.

As always, if any of your contact information has changed, please reach out via email at westsidercyukon@gmail.com and let me know about the change so that we can keep our club records up to date.

From the Safety Officer

Tyler Young

There is a video posted on the club Facebook page showing the importance of flying your plane safely. Make sure you keep your plane away from the pits. Always call out to the other pilots your intentions to take off, land or going on or off the runway. It should make you think twice about how you fly your plane and be aware of your surroundings. It looks like the plane was made of foam but it still put the guy to the ground. Please note that you don't have to be a Facebook user to view it.

Thanks and as always **BE SAFE**

From the Field Marshal

Kip Rackley

Here is a recap of my July officers report:

I thanked member Dick Russ for taking the bull by the horns and starting on upgrading the Wagner Road sign that has fallen into disrepair over the years. Dick has gotten the signage to the point that I've been able to order the actual signs but of course with everything else right now it might take till late August to get them delivered!

I also stated that due to personal health issues in June that several of the club projects I wanted to complete have been delayed somewhat but will still be finished as in the original project scope.

The '22 mowing schedule has recently been modified and all members that volunteered to mow should have received the new schedule around the third week of June, if you have any questions feel free to contact me!

I announced the creation of a new Field Maintenance Committee or FMC back in May and due to some unexpected delays, that hasn't gone as I originally planned but the first two members have done an exceptional job working on projects to help the general membership!

We also discussed another work party but haven't set a date yet, this will be decided at the August club meeting.

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Please list

your Name to be used when contacted by a potential buyer

a brief description of the item for sale

the sale price

your contact information

a photo if you have one in .pdf or MS PP format

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The subject of your email: WESTSIDE RC NL FOR SALE

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STRANGE INCIDENT – ACCURATE STORY

This is my Sig Senior Kadet that I had bought for a very good price from one of my fellow club members in Alabama. He had become inactive in the club and offered to sell me this airplane minus radio and engine for 25 bucks. I bought it, installed an engine and radio that I had removed from one of my crashed airplanes.

I didn't give much thought about how old the model was, it had only about 5 flights on it. On the first flight I checked out the flight handling in the air and when it flew well, I opened the throttle, built up a high airspeed in preparation for some aerobatics. I heard a loud noise and noticed some pieces of covering material floating around in the sky and the model begin a gentle dive for the ground. Seeing this, I closed the throttle and mentally began to prepare myself for the crash.

Somehow, I must have instinctively pulled nose up on the controls and the model responded. After some other control movements, I began to realize I had some partial control with the nose very high. I managed to land it and when I taxied in I found that the wing covering was ripped off of the top of both wings. The model had been flying very nose high with just the covering on the bottom of the wing. Later when I told the previous owner the story, he did mention that the wing had been stored next to a large window in his shop where the afternoon sun shown directly on the top of the wing for about 3 years. Most likely the sun's ultraviolet rays had cooked the top covering of the wing and weakened it. My high airspeed had put more stress on it than it could take. I was ever so lucky that both sides of the wing covering had let go. If it was just one wing, that would have caused an uncontrolled roll rate and a crash.

I have had a few bad-luck crashes in my RC life, but this was one very good-luck **SAVE**. I recovered the entire airplane and converted it to electric power and I still fly it and it is one of my favorite airplanes to fly in my old age. I removed the narrow aluminum landing gear and installed a very wide music wire homemade landing gear so the wind does not blow it up on one wing during taxiing. I also replaced the nose gear with a very heavy duty model that would withstand hard landings. It is, unfortunately, no longer being sold.

Jim Kale NL Editor