



Westside RC Newsletter December 2023

Flying Field Location :420 W Wagner Rd, Yukon, OK
73099 Membership Meetings on the second Monday of
each month at the flying field in the warm months.
Location as announced in the cold months

Next Meeting

Jan 8 7:00 PM
Resurrection Lutheran
Church - 675 W.
Vandament Ave
Yukon, Oklahoma

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Model Humor



President's Notes

Keith Gorell

Well, we made it through another year. The December club meeting/party was well attended with 16 members and 9 guests. Everyone had a nice time with dinner and socializing before the meeting.

The swap shop on Black Friday was a success for the club. We managed to sell 25 tables, which is good, but the foot traffic was lighter than we had hoped for. I did have discussions with some of the participants who questioned the date. The thought was we would have a better draw if it was moved to the spring and not around a major holiday. After discussions with the board, we decided moving it back to the spring would be best. We will be reviewing the calendar and picking a date soon.

I did bring up that the bylaws changes and board were voted in at the last meeting. When this was mentioned, it came to my attention that some people didn't know the changes had been approved. Shockingly it seems they didn't read the last newsletter. Unbelievable. A publication with so much useful information going unread in your in your mailbox, I just don't understand. Just kidding, I get it.

We finished the meeting with a raffle drawing. This used to be done years ago and we decided to bring the practice back. Every member present was given a ticket for each meeting they attended during the year. That is one reason we have everyone sign in at the meeting. Winners of the raffle were Tyler Young, a \$50 gift certificate to Motion R/C and Bob Nusbaum, a \$50 gift certificate to Horizon Hobby.

The toy drive was very successful. A big thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. The toys this year went to the Bethel Foundation, a local group that helps single mothers trying to get back on their feet.

The next club activity is the January 1st Chili Fly at the field. Come on out, eat some chili and get a flight in to start the New Year off right. It is also an easy start to begin your all-season flyer quest!

I am going to finish this month's article with a year in review. Hope you enjoy.

President's Notes

We started off the year with the annual chili fly. Best one we have had in years. Great weather and plenty of participation. 19 club members attended and 13 managed to get their first flight of the year in.



Next up was the Tax Day Fun Fly on April 16th. We moved the date one day due to forecast weather. Although it wasn't raining, the wind was blowing pretty strong. At least it was straight down the runway. Some flying was accomplished, hot dogs, chips and brownies were consumed. It was a good time.



In May we then participated in the Yukon Festival of the Child. The club used two flight simulators for kids to try their hand at R/C flying and we had a static display to show them what different types of planes we fly. We ended up having over 80 kids fly the sims, quite a few were pretty good. This was a good outreach for the club, and we will be attending it again in 2024.



On June 15th the city reached out again and asked if we could have a booth at their Route 66 Movie night event. We had simulators and a static display for the attendees to fly. When the sun went down, they showed Top Gun Maverick on a big outdoor screen.



Our first workday at the field was on June 17th. We had at least 11 members come out and make repairs to the flight line and flight stations. After the work was done lunch was served and then the flying commenced. It was a good day at the field.



Next up was a club fun fly on August 12th. The weather was a little overcast but we ate and flew for most of the day. We had 8 members attend and 3 guests in attendance.



August 31st was a big day for the club. This is when we received FAA approval of our FRIA application. This allows us to continue to fly at our field without any additional equipment or rule changes.



**Dear Keith Gorrell,
Congratulations!**

The flying site located at/near 420 W Wagner Rd that you submitted on behalf of Westside RC Flyers Inc. has been approved as a FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA). This designation will satisfy the remote ID requirement for anyone flying at your club's site beginning September 16, 2023.

September 2nd was Scale Aviation Day. We had 16 pilots and multiple aircraft participating. Everything from WWI to modern day jets were flown. The weather was nice and sunny with winds straight down the runway (a little on the brisk side at times). A great lunch of Kip's special burgers was enjoyed by all. All in all, a very nice event.



At long last on September 29th, the Conex storage container was delivered to the field. This is a huge improvement for storing our equipment at the field and will allow us to get a bigger mower this coming spring.



We had a night fly on October 14th which was a rescheduled date from this spring. It only brought out 2 pilots (again Oklahoma is a windy place) but things calmed down once the sun went down. The only problem was the temperature dropped along with the sun and it was quite chilly. Although I tried 3 times, my plane would not cooperate and fly. Something to do with weight and balance and me having a DUH moment. (More information can be found on the club forum). Kris did manage to get a few successful flights in for the spectators that did make it out. We will do this again, but it will be in warmer weather.



November 11th was our last work party of the year. We worked on a final field mowing, put shelving in the conex, moved the mowers and the larger field equipment into the conex.



The Swap Shop on November 24th was a success. We sold 25 tables and quite a bit of club merchandise. A definite help to the club treasury.



And last but not least was the club Christmas Party.



I want to thank all the club members who helped make this year a success. As you can see, we had a little bit of everything going on this year. If you have any ideas for what you would like to see this coming year let me know.

Hope to see you January 1st !!

From the Vice President

Tony Cappellaro

Tony will start writing this column in next months issue.

For now the only upcoming event is our New Years Day Chili Fly.

Westside R/C Flyers Annual Chili Fly

January 1st, 2024



Come out and get your first flight of the year in, eat a bowl of chili and start your All-Season Flyer quest!

Chili will be served around noon.

From the Treasurer

James Thomas

The end of the year bill for the Port o Potty will be paid this month, our last outstanding bill for the club this year. We have finished the year in a good financial position. Members are starting to renew, 5 so far. Remember with the change to the club bylaws, dues are not due until March but can be paid starting in January if you desire. New cards will be issued closer to the April 1st gate code change.

If any of your contact info has changed, please send me an update email to: westsidercyukon@gmail.com

From the Field Marshal

Kip Rackley

Nothing to report this month. With winter coming field maintenance should be done until early spring.

From the Safety Officer

Mike Hankins

Westside RC Flyers... Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!!! Hope to see each of you January 1st 2024 at the flying field!

I first want to THANK each of YOU for your vote for 2024 Safety Officer! I have learned a lot in 2023 as the current safety officer and definitely look forward to flying with you throughout 2024. As always if there are any safety concerns I need to know about, any ideas you may have that the club can benefit from or if there is anything you need from me simply send me an email or text anytime. Your voice matters and I want to hear from you!

Contact Info: 2024 Safety Officer [Email: appliance-guy@outlook.com](mailto:appliance-guy@outlook.com) Text: 405-388-5700

It's officially wintertime and it's often cold and windy outside. Not much flying is going on in December to wrap up the year 2023. Many people have a few extra days off work for the holidays and looking forward to Christmas and the new year 2024!

Now may be a great opportunity to look over the links below for simple reminders and even something new you may have not seen before. Preparing now during the off season for 2024 flying season will get you refreshed and ready for the upcoming 2024 flying season.

Below are some popular quick links you may find helpful.

Westside RC Flyers Membership

[Westside R/C Flyers 2023 Membership Application \(google.com\)](#)

Westside RC Flyers Field Rules and Regulations

[The Westside R/C Flyers, Inc \(westside-rc.org\)](http://westside-rc.org)

Westside RC Flyers Bylaws

[WSRC Bylaws.pdf \(westside-rc.org\)](#)

AMA Membership ...

[Membership Enrollment Center | Academy of Model Aeronautics \(modelaircraft.org\)](http://modelaircraft.org)

TRUST Test

[The Recreational UAS Safety Test \(TRUST\) | Federal Aviation Administration \(faa.gov\)](#)

B4UFly App ...

[B4UFLY App | Federal Aviation Administration \(faa.gov\)](#)

Drone Zone ...

[FAADroneZone Access – Home](#)

YOU have a circle of influence!

Think Safety - Practice Safety

Invite A Friend Month!

Each month for the entire year 2024 is officially "Invite a Friend" month!

To help promote our hobby we all love we encourage each of you to invite, invite and invite family members, co-workers, friends, sons, daughters, grandkids and even your wife!!!

Let's start 2024 inviting and encouraging people to get involved and be active in RC modeling and flying. Its so easy to go all year and never invite someone to come out to the flying field and spend a couple hours doing something so fun we all enjoy, lets all share the fun and excitement we have for this great hobby!

Many people are just waiting for YOUR invite, be the one to send an invite and put a smile on someone's face by introducing them to something they may have never seen or heard before!

Please Invite a Friend this month!



For Sale by Members

Please submit:

your Name to be used when contacted by a potential buyer

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

You must remind me to relist each month

Send this direct to the newsletter editor email: jimkale@pldi.net

The subject of your email: WESTSIDE RC NL FOR SALE

As a Senior Citizen, I will do my best, however, I will likely not remember your name on the email. When it is published depends on when I find the email, when I compos the NL, and when I submit the NL to the President. He is the final NL approval authority, and he forwards it to the membership

WANT TO BUY: I am looking for an Eflite Power 25 electric motor, 870 Kw. I need a match to one I already have to power a twin plane. Used is preferred, new is considered. Please contact Gary Bartley at bartleyg@cox.net or 405-227-3957.



