



Westside RC Newsletter **January 2024**

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

Feb 12 7:00 PM
Resurrection Lutheran Church -
675 W. Vandament Ave
Yukon, Oklahoma

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Model Humor



President's Notes

Keith Gorell

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy and joyful holiday season. If you were good last year and Santa brought you some new planes to fly, bring them to the February meeting for show and tell.

The meeting attendance was a little light this month. I believe the National College Football Championship game might have had something to do with that.

The New Years Day Chili Fly was a success. It was overcast in the morning, but the sun came out around noon helping it to warm up. The wind shifted from the north to the south and for the most part followed the runway. We ended up with 11 members making it out to partake of some chili and 8 managed to get their first flights of the year in. For those who got their first flights in, it is a good start for the All-Season Flyer Challenge. For those who don't know what the challenge is, here is a brief overview. You must complete a least one flight (a takeoff and successful landing) each month of the year. You log your flight on the Westside R/C forum under Holman New. Select the All-Season Flyers 2024 option and post your flight. It is that easy.

This year we had 4 members complete the task, Ron Brown, Kelsey Doughty, Brian Downing, and me. The board decided to do something for the flyers who completed the task this year, a raffle for a \$50 Longhorn Steakhouse gift card. An impartial junior member, Destinee, did the honor of pulling a name from the hat and yours truly was the winner. Thanks to the board, my wife and I will enjoy it.

I went over some of the events we had or participated in last year and which ones we were going to do again this year. We will be participating with Yukon's Festival of the Child, doing a night fly in the spring, Scale Aviation Day, a swap meet in the spring and the Tax Day Fun Fly. I asked for suggestions of what the membership would like to have, and a Cub and Cousins Fun Fly was mentioned. We also discussed trying to have pylon racing again with Flite test foam aircraft. More information on that can be found later in the newsletter. If you have any ideas of activities the club should look at having, let one of the board members know.

That's it for this month. Hope you get to spend some time in your shop working on your next project.

For the pylon racing the planes are made out of dollar tree foam board, use an inexpensive motor (less the \$20) and cheap 3 cell batteries. The plan is to have a couple of build nights at the church to help people get planes started. More information on this can be found later in this newsletter.

From the Vice President

Tony Cappelaro

As I write my first newsletter contribution, is just 3 deg F and snowing, a far cry from flying weather, but is a great time to finish that project or tidy up the work bench.

Anyway I am just getting started with this new VP position and hope to have the opportunity to meet all of you. Normally this section will make you aware of upcoming RC events, that being said I need to get more familiar as to how to get that information, so unfortunately I have nothing for you this time.

This year I will like to focus on increasing our social media presence (Facebook, Instagram) whether we like it or not, social media outlets is how most people find about about clubs, places, events etc.

In order to have material to post I will call on all of you to help me, all I need from you is to take pictures anytime you are at the field, a brief description (or not) and either text it or email it to me, I will do the rest, the more pictures the more post and subsequently the more activity our social media pages will have.

I also believe that helping our community is an excellent way to represent our club, I am a frequent volunteer at the food bank and it would be fantastic to get a group of Westside R/C Flyers to volunteer one evening, and show that we are more than just a bunch of guys flying toy airplanes.

On the same thought a Fly event at our club where the entry fee is a couple Lbs. of can food can also be a great way to help hungry Oklahomans, how does "Feed and Fly" sound?

Well like I said at the beginning I look forward to meet all of you, if you have any ideas to help the club feel free to email me or text me anytime.

From the Treasurer

James Thomas

We now have 14 members who have renewed or joined for 2024 which is a good start. Remember since the bylaws change, your dues for 2024 are now due in March. The online payment portal on the forum has been updated for 2024. Please note you do not have to have a PayPal account to use it, you can pay using a credit card. Payments can also be made at the meetings.

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

From the Field Marshal

Kip Rackley

Guys first I thank all WSRC members that voted me in for the '24 Field Marshall office, I'm getting a little closer to that gold watch for years of service or was it a box of balsa toothpicks? Either way I really enjoy the group and more importantly the thought that I might fly something this year really motivates me. With that said here's my January '24 ramblings!

We have made tremendous improvements to the field over the past few years, and I figure we should just try to continue that trend in '24? What's on the list for this upcoming Spring one might ask? I've Listed below a few of my "Casey Kasem" favorites but of course this list is always a work in progress.

- Typical painting, repairs etc. on club items.
- Continue setting up our new storage unit in preparation for a new Zero-Turn!
- Entrance access road to the field it's getting a little rough, don't you agree?
- Battle of the critters? Moles, ground hogs, whatever they are we need to eradicate them.
- Dispose of the white doghouse that has served the club for 20+ years.
- **TRP '24** Yep, that's the *Tail-Hook Relocation Project* for '24 (Time for new look)
- **RHF '24** Dreaded Runway Hole Filling project! It's going to be hard work, but someone must do it.
- Electrical power to the pavilion, ok scratch that one I'm just getting ahead of myself!

I promise to get this years mowing list out earlier then the '23 edition since I had so many members complaining that they weren't able to enjoy the dirt and grass in their eyes☺ It's a Dirty Job that will be much easier with the club's newer equipment and storage facilities!



If anyone has
one of these
**RUN UP
HOLDING
DEVICES** and
wants to sell it,
let me know
(NL Editor)



Spring Work Party?

Yep, throwing down the gauntlet early on this one! The 1st Westside work party in '24 is tentatively scheduled for National Windmill Day; most people know that as Saturday May 11th! I'm sure this will be changed several times but that's the date I just pulled out of the hat for now! See you at the field!

From the Safety Officer

Mike Hankins

Happy New Years to each and everyone of you! Hope this year our club has many safe and successful flights. As always, I encourage you to invite friends, family and maybe even that new person you just meet in hopes many NEW friendships are created, club membership continues to grow and our hobby provides countless hours of fun entertainment throughout 2024!

First, I want to say THANK YOU to our past 2023 vice president Tyler Young for contributing and volunteering his time and resources to our club! Tyler has done many great things as our safety officer and most recently vice president for our club and always ends the year with a table full of toys to donate to children, THANK YOU Tyler for all you have done for our club!

Secondly, I want to give a SHOUT OUT to Steven Poe.... often Steven is seen helping other pilots at the field and answering questions but recently Steven stopped and took time for some visitors with kids that came out to watch planes fly during our annual January 1st chili fun fly. Steven put on a BIG show with extremely extra-large gigantic bubbles and entertained several kids while out at our flying field. The kids and adults alike absolutely loved the show... things the kids will remember for a long time, great job Steven!!!

A few reminders to start the year off right...Please take time to re-read field rules and by-laws if you haven't recently

Please remember to open the radio control box and place your club membership card inside if you are flying that day.

Please stand behind the flight station while taking off and flying. Never stand in front of the pilot station while taking off or flying your plane or helicopter.

Never fly over the parking area or pavilion where people and cars are.

911 emergencies ... remember the club has posted the field address inside the radio control box for 911 calls if needed to the field.

Reminder we have a first aid kit and fire extinguisher available to use if needed.

We all get and understand accidents and mishaps happen (as what happened to me recently). If we all can recognize and learn from our mishaps or accidents and make changes to prevent that from happening again that would be great and that would also show the club that you are serious about safety and safety of others around you.

YOU have a circle of influence!

Think Safety - Practice Safety - Encourage Safety by your influence within your circle!

From the Safety Officer (Con't)

Have you ever lost a plane? Spent hours looking for it? Well maybe below might help find that plane!

Apple Airtag and Fumei tags could be used to "HELP ME FIND MY PLANE!"

Apple users

[Amazon.com: Apple AirTag](#)

Andriod Users

[Amazon.com: Fumei 2 Pack Find My Tag](#)

Disclaimer: personally, I haven't never used these but I hear they work great to locate item in general area.

Couple local hobby shops listed below, click links...

[HobbyTown Edmond Store](#)

[HobbyTown Norman Store](#)

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For Sale by Members

Please submit:

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 .jpg 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

I have no idea where the TAIL-RUNNUP-HOLDING devices, (like the one depicted on the Feld Marshall Page) came from, but I would like to get one. If any club member has one and wants to sell it, please let me know

Jim Kale – NL Editor

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Let's Race!!

Let's do some pylon racing at the field. We did this 6 years ago and it is a lot of fun. The planes are not real fast, easy to build and pretty cheap. You have the choice of flying either the Flite Test Bloody Wonder or Bloody Baron. The only difference between the two is the Bloody Baron has a rudder.

If you haven't made a Flite Test plane yet, they are easy to build using Dollar Tree foam board, a razor knife/ razor blades and hot glue. The planes are made from a couple of sheets of Dollar Tree foam board, \$1.25 each. The motors cost less than \$20 and use a 20 amp esc and 3 cell lipo batteries.

Here are the specifications for the builds, same as we used last time.

Motor 2212 1400kv

Propeller 8x4e

Battery 3 cell 1800mah to 2200mah

Servos any 9g to 12g servo

ESC any 20 amp or more you want. System tests at approximately 190 watts.

Plans for both planes can be found at Flite Test site and on the internet under FT Bloody Baron or FT Bloody Wonder.

If there is enough interest we can have a couple of build nights at the church to help people get planes started.

