



# Next Meeting

**Mar 11 6 PM**

**Resurrection Lutheran Church -  
675 W. Vandament Ave  
Yukon, Oklahoma**

## Westside RC Newsletter February 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

## March 11 Meeting Racer Build Night Begins at 6 PM

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### 2024 Meeting and Event Dates

Jan 8

Feb 12

Mar 11 Central Daylight Time begins Mar 10

Apr 8 Swap Shop Apr 13

May 13 May 11 Night Fly (Tentative)

Jun 10

Jul 8

Aug 12 Scale Aviation Day Aug 31

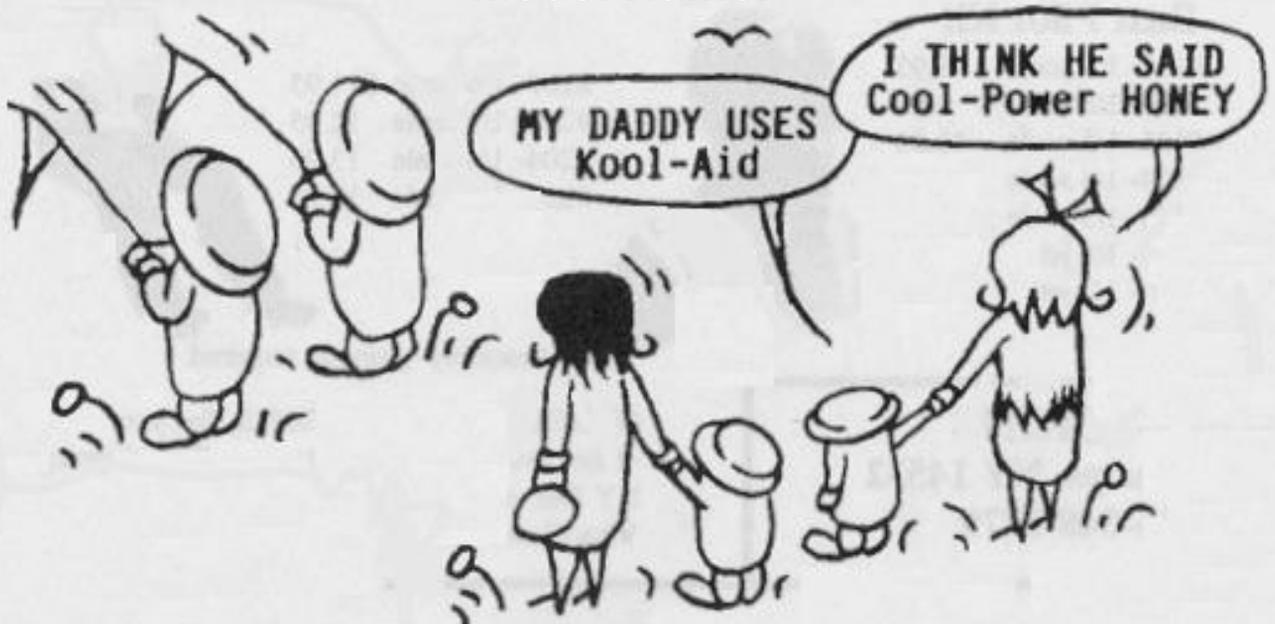
Sep 9

Oct 8

Nov 11 Central Standard Time begins Nov 3

Dec 9

## Model Humor



# **President's Notes** page 1

Keith Gorell

We had a good turnout for the February meeting. It won't be long, and we will be able to start meeting at the field. Even though we have had a mild winter, I am ready for spring to get here. Going forward, the plan this year is to have more club events; the hope is for a least one a month.

The board has picked a few dates for events coming up this year. First on the list is the spring swap shop. This will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Exchange Ave. Baptist Church. As stated before, the decision was made to move it to the spring in hopes of increasing attendance. The last time we held it in the spring we were pretty successful. We will be needing help with setting up Friday night and with teardown on Saturday. Let me know if you will be willing to help.

We will be having a night fly tentatively scheduled on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This is plenty of notice to get your planes ready to fly. Being in May, the night temperatures should be a lot better than when we tried it last time. More information will be available closer to the date.

Scale Aviation Day will be on August 31<sup>st</sup> this year. This is over the Labor Day weekend like last year. It is open to any aircraft, military or civilian, if it was an aircraft that was built. They do not have to exact scale; this is a fun scale event. We had a great time last year, but our club members were almost outnumbered by visitors. So get your planes ready and plan on coming out, it is a lot of fun.

It was decided at the meeting we should move forward with pylon racing. If you built a racer for the 2018 series and still have it, you are ready to go. I did a little show and tell on how the flite test plans work and materials used to build them. To help jump start things we will have a build night to start cutting and building planes at the March meeting. Since we will be building, the start time is moved to 6:00 pm. More information on this can be found later in this newsletter.

That's it for this month. Don't forget to get your February flight in when the weather cooperates. With the days getting longer it is possible to get one in after work with a little planning. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

# **From the Vice President**

**Tony Cappelaro**

**Half way through February and I can't wait for the warmer spring temperatures that are more suitable for flying weather, with that in mind events are starting to get started; below are some upcoming ones that are not too far from OKC to make the trip.**

**Fly The River  
Wichita Falls Radio Control Club  
April 4<sup>th</sup> to 7 Day and Night Flying  
Camping Permitted  
Oscar OK  
Anything Flies AMA required**

**Electric Fun Fly – FMS and Hobby Town Sponsored Event with prizes.  
Three Rivers Area Model Plane Society – Hatbox Filed  
April 27 & 28 – Sunday Fun Fly open to glow/gas/electric  
Campers allowed for fee  
300S. Hatbox Rd. Muskogee, OK**

**Mike Pennel Memorial Annual Fly in  
May 18  
Tulsa Glue Dobbers  
817 S. 177th East Ave. (Lynn Lane) Tulsa, OK 74134  
All types of planes and sizes welcome AMA required**

**As we discussed on our last meeting we are getting ready to start building our racing planes and I wanted to share a website that I have had very good luck purchasing from.**

**[www.altitudehobbies.com](http://www.altitudehobbies.com)**

**Their suppo motors are very economical and perfect for our builds \$48.00 will get you a motor, ESC and 3 x 9gr servos.**

**Additionally I found on Facebook Oklahoma RC Swap and Buy page, some interesting items in there or a chance to sell your stuff.**

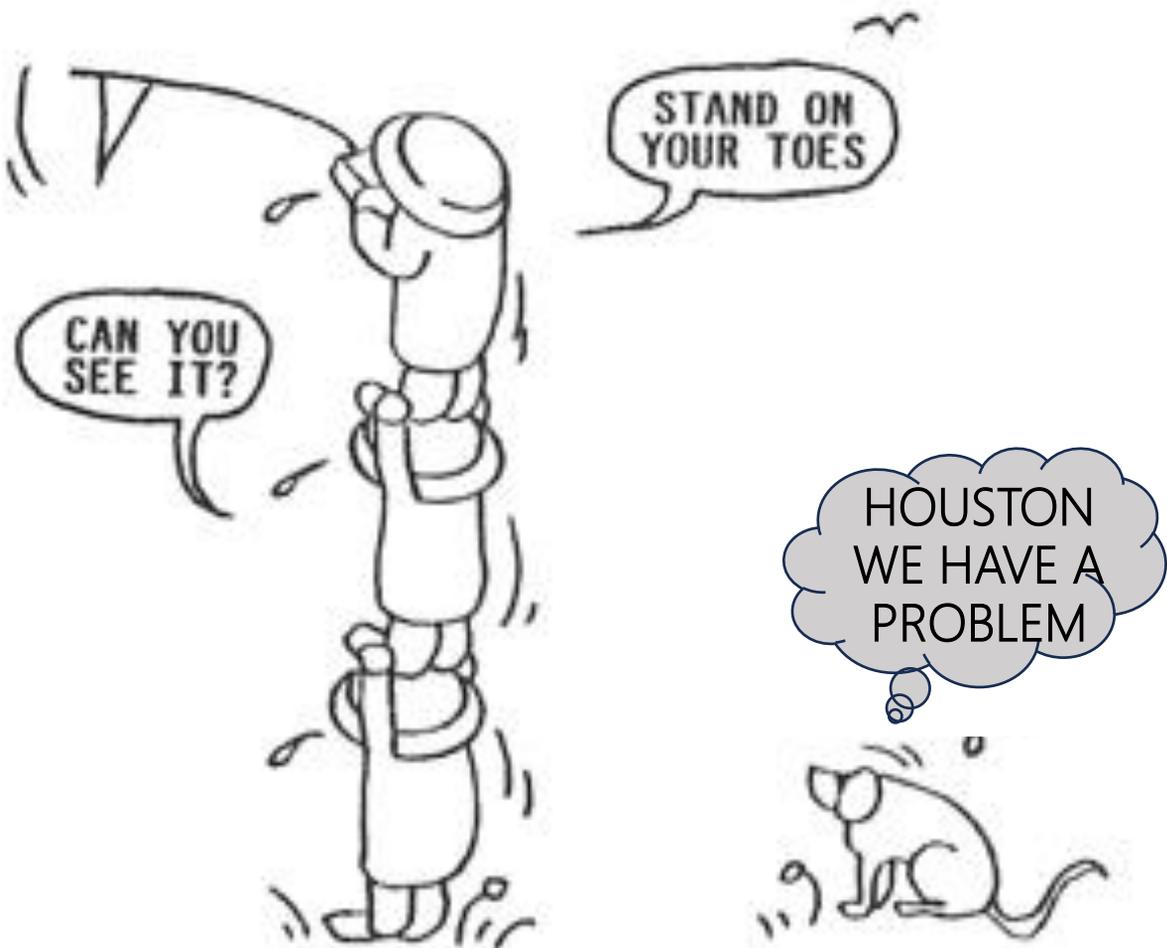
# From the Treasurer

James Thomas

At the February meeting we had two new members and one past member join the club, bringing the membership total to 50. This is the most members we have had in quite a few years. It's nice to be growing again. As a reminder, with the By Laws change, dues are now due to be paid in March for 2024. You can pay them earlier if you wish, either in person at a meeting or on line through the club forum under the welcome section. You do not need to have a PayPal account to pay on line, just a credit card.

**If any of your contact info has changed, please send me an update email to: [westsidercyukon@gmail.com](mailto:westsidercyukon@gmail.com)**

## More Model Humor



# **From the Field Marshal**

Kip Rackley

I'm not sure where to start. I don't really have much to discuss this month since the grass is dormant (I hope) and mower maintenance is nil at best! With that said things we will start later this month in preparations for our '24 flying season. As I posted last month, I'm hoping for new equipment in the next few months to deal with until then it's well status quo! Whatever equipment we have when the mowing season starts, we'll just make the most of it as we have in the past resilience has always been a WSRC trait!

## *Events for '24*

Well, the president has requested that I run yet another one of my crazy days' events! Tax Fun Fly, Phase One fly... Whatever you call it I'm ready to CD that event. Watch for my next month's article as I throw down the gauntlet, you asked for it.... here it comes! What will it be you might ask? Heck if I know but it will be an enjoyable wild event that any pilot regardless of skill set can win! One might ask what should I practice on before the event? That's the beauty of my events, not even I know what's going to happen! Good, Bad, or ugly it's a fun fly like no other you've ever experienced! If you're not ready for a total surprise maybe you shouldn't fly but if you're ready for a fun-filled day of flying, nerves and taking it to the limits this might be your cup of tea! Who's flying? Yep, again I'm as clueless as you but I might just recruit a few other crazies / pilots from other clubs to join in this event.

Show up check it out you won't be sorry!!



# **From the Safety Officer**

## **Mike Hankins**

Every four years is leap year! Guess what? We have 29 days this month... **Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024** is leap day! We should have planned a "Leap Day Fun Fly". I personally will try and make it out that evening couple hours before sunset and get a couple flights in. If anyone wants to join me on the extra special day we get to fly come on out and enjoy leaping around the sky!

**March 19<sup>th</sup> 2024** is the first official day of spring! Recently sunset has been about 6:15pm and getting later each week. That means one thing... flying season is just about here, finally! Let's shake this cold weather, chilly rainy days being stuck indoors looking out the window wishing for sunshine and warmer weather!!! It's coming so get excited, get your batteries and aircraft inspected and let's go flying!

A couple things mentioned at the monthly meeting if you happened to miss it

1. Drone Zone Registration... [FAADroneZone Access - Home](#)
- 2.- Reminder the FAA requires all drones; planes and helicopters to have this number on the outside of your aircraft.
- 3.- Cost: \$5.00
- 4.- 3-year registration, then you'll need to update your registration again after three years.

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

- If you haven't taken the TRUST test its quick and easy to pass and also required by the FAA

3. Reminder to place club membership cards in the radio control box station if you are flying. THANK YOU to the ones that always take time to open up the frequency control box if you are the first person at the field.

# **From the Safety Officer**

## **Continued**

Safety topics mentioned at our last monthly meeting by club members...

Remove prop before repair or programming plane is always a great idea to help prevent accidents.

Use your throttle kill switch on radio if possible, to help prevent accidents

Popular Quick Links ...

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 \(westside-rc.org\)](#)

Westside RC Flyers Bylaws

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

AMA Membership ...

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

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](#)

# **From the Safety Officer**

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### **Invite A Friend Month!**

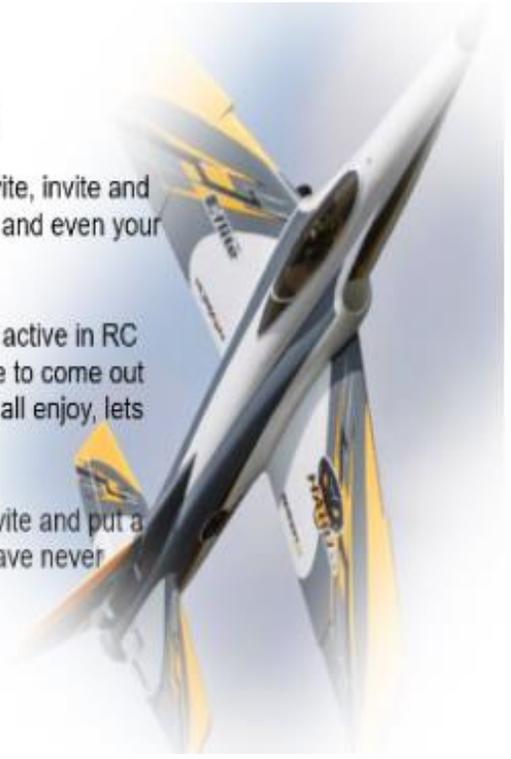
Each month for the entire year 2024 is officially "Invite a Friend" month!

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](mailto: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**

# Let's build a Racer!!

Since we are having a build night, I want give you a list of items you will need to get your racer started.

Here are links to plans you can download for both of the aircraft we will be racing.

<https://www.flitetest.com/articles/ft-bloody-baron-build>

[https://www.flitetest.com/articles/FT\\_Bloody\\_Wonder\\_Scratch\\_Build](https://www.flitetest.com/articles/FT_Bloody_Wonder_Scratch_Build)

2 20 x 30 foam board from Dollar Tree **NOTE:** you want to use the Dollar Tree foam, it is lighter than other foam and that will affect your planes performance.

High temp hot glue gun (if you have one)

High temp glue

A copy of plans for the plane you want to build

Tape

Pencil or pen

Exacto knife with blades or disposable breakaway blade razor knife

Cutting mat (if you have one)

Metal yardstick or ruler (if you have one)

At least one of the servos you plan on using for sizing holes (if you have one)

As a reminder, here is the list of the components needed for the planes.

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.

Hope to see you at the meeting!