



# Next Meeting

**April 8 7:00 PM**

**Flying Field**

**Yukon, Oklahoma**

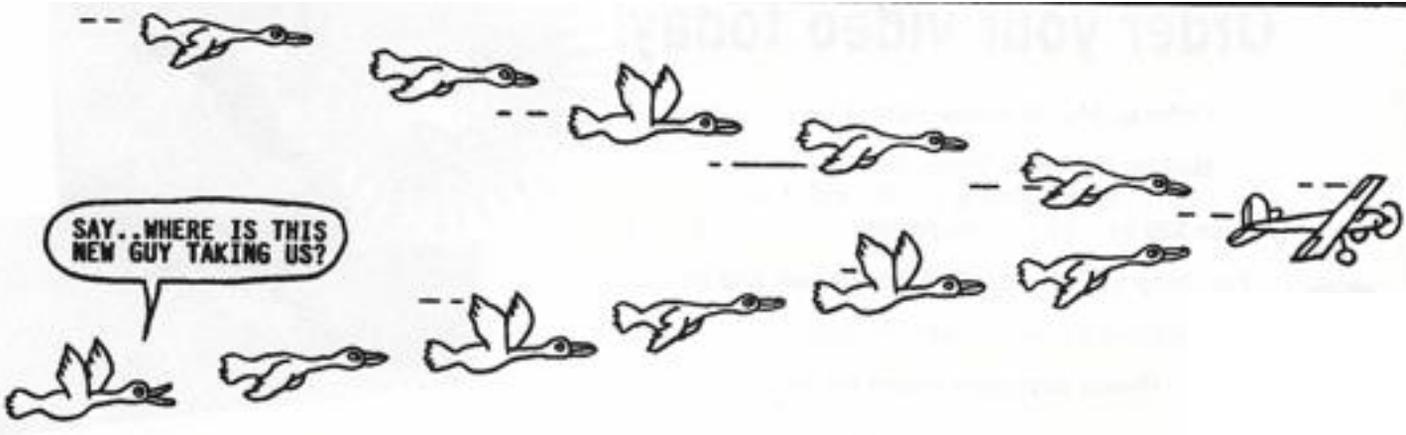
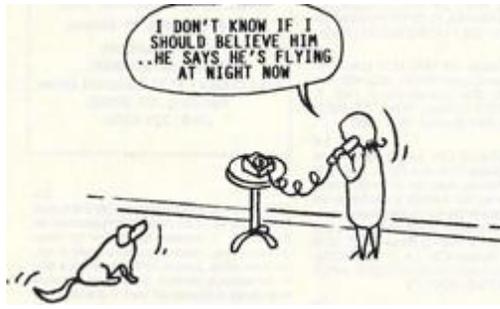
**Come early and get some flights in before the meeting.**

## Westside RC Newsletter March 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

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### Model Humor



# **President's Notes**

Keith Gorell

Well, the time change has finally come back around, and I for one am glad. Now we have enough time after work to get some chores done around the house or we could use the time to get in a flight or two. I think I'll work on getting flights in. With the time change, it is time to move the club meetings back to the field.

This month's meeting was a build night for the flite test pylon racing series. Two members came ready to cut and assemble their planes. Daryl was building his plane from Dollar Tree Foam Board and Jim purchased the Flite Test kit. Although foam plane building was a new venture for them there were plenty of experienced foam builders available to lend a helping hand. I think it was a pretty successful evening of building.

I would like to suggest that everyone who wants to fly in the pylon racing series bring their planes to the April meeting. We will make it a short business one and concentrate on getting some plane test flights in.

As a reminder, the FAA has ended its discretionary enforcement policy on drone remote identification. What does this mean for us? Nothing changes. We are an approved FRIA so we don't need a remote ident module, but you must have your FAA UAS registration number on your plane if it is over .5 lbs. . You do need to have your Trust test completed and a copy available along with your FAA UAS Registration. These must be presented to any law enforcement officer or FAA safety inspector if requested. I don't think this will happen, but you never know. Also know that all of this is your responsibility and failure to comply could result in a health fine.

It is dues renewal time! I have been getting questions on how to renew your membership on line. All you need to do is go to the club forum. If you don't know how to just google Westside R/C Flyers. It will come up showing a Facebook page, look closer at it will mention the forum.

Select the link and it will bring up the forum home page. The first item is the Welcome page, select that and you will see the section for joining the club. Select that and follow the directions. You do not need a PayPal account to use the system, just a credit card. As always you can pay at a club meeting.

That's it for this month. Get your planes ready to fly, the season is upon us!

Hope to see you at the field.

### Build night



# **From the Vice President**

Tony Cappellaro

**Heads up! Perhaps you missed it on this month's issue of model aviation but as of March 16, the FAA will begin enforcing the remote identification (Remote ID) although you will not require the remote ID when flying at our field, since we have FRIA status, however if you enjoy putting a casual flight at the field across your house or park etc. you should definitely look into purchasing one.**

**This one is a bit of a drive Sky Kings RC Club will be hosting a swap meet and fun fly on Saturday April 6 starting at 9:30AM till sunset – No landing or vendor fee.**

**Sky King R/C Club is located in Webb City MO (Joplin) a solid 3.5 hour drive. For more information you can email [tssnider33@gmail.com](mailto:tssnider33@gmail.com)**

**Saturday April 13 is our club Spring Swap Shop. Make plans now to come out and support your club! A copy of the flyer is at the end of this newsletter.**

# **From the Treasurer**

James Thomas

**Membership renewals continue to come in and we continue to be in a good place financially. I have the new 2024 membership cards printed and will get them filled out for paid members by the end of the month. I'll send a text message to each member with their 2024 card before the end of the month and will let them know when I place their new cards in the frequency box at the field. Remember, the gate code will be changed on April 1<sup>st</sup>, but all paid members will receive a text and picture of their card before April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

# From the Field Marshal

Kip Rackley

With this unseasonably warm weather there have been multiple opportunities for members to fly at Hollman field. Unfortunately, those same warm days have brought out the colorful weeds a little earlier than normal. I'm starting to work on the existing mowers this week to get ready for '24 field maintenance but as I said this past month I was hoping for newer equipment for the '24 season. Well.... like in that movie *Christmas story* Ralphie got what he asked for! Just this past weekend the club invested in a brand new 52" zero turn mower that should last us for many years to come!

I just hope Ralphie doesn't shoot his eye out 😊



*Yep, this is a picture of our new ride!*

## ***Spring Work Party***

This project is in the works and due to other events could happen with very little notice, please watch for e-mails and or updates on the forum as this event is scheduled!

# **From the Safety Officer**

Mike Hankins

## **Field Improvements...**

First, I just wanted to thank each and every member that voted recently to purchase a Conex box and a NEW mower for the field. Two BIG purchases for our club! Membership is growing and the club's financials allowed our club to invest back into our club for years to come.

There are several key people that help Kip take care of our field and a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to each and every person! THANK YOU for taking time out of your busy day to mow and weed-eat for our club!!!

## **Mowing Season Safety Tips!**

Please consider wearing safety glasses (goggles preferred) and hearing protection when using a riding lawn mower and or weed eater. If riding our clubs new zero turn mower or any riding mower please don't point the grass side discharge chute towards people when mowing.

Please don't smoke or have an open flame around any gasoline.

Fly is prohibited while the field is being worked on.

Turn off and let riding mower engine cool before refueling.

Make sure everything is shut down before leaving the riding mower.

Wear long pants and sturdy shoes.

By-passing or removing any safety devise or gear is always a bad idea.

Even more importantly when temperatures get hot but it's always a good idea to have someone around when working on the field just in case something happens to go wrong and you need help.

**THANK YOU** to each and every person that helps mow our field so we all can enjoy short grass for take-offs and landings along with our field just looking good!

Remote ID Enforced as of **March 16th 2024...**

Check out the latest news concerning remote ID. Luckily Westside RC Flyers is a FRIA field, and no remote ID is required BUT if you fly in a none-FRIA area with a drone (drone, plane or helicopter) that requires a remote ID you'll want to comply with remote ID.

Click links below for more details and information...

<https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/faa-ends-discretionary-enforcement-policy-drone-remote-identification>

<https://youtu.be/DaAwNsViA-A?si=cJTIZwVIGrCqK62k>

**First Flight of 2024 ...**

**Been a while since you have flown? Little nervous about your first flight of 2024?**

**Two Suggestions...**

**Flight Simulator - stop and take the time needed to open your flight simulator and practice take off, flying and landings. Knock the dust off and get rid of them nerves to feel better mentally and physically before your first flight.**

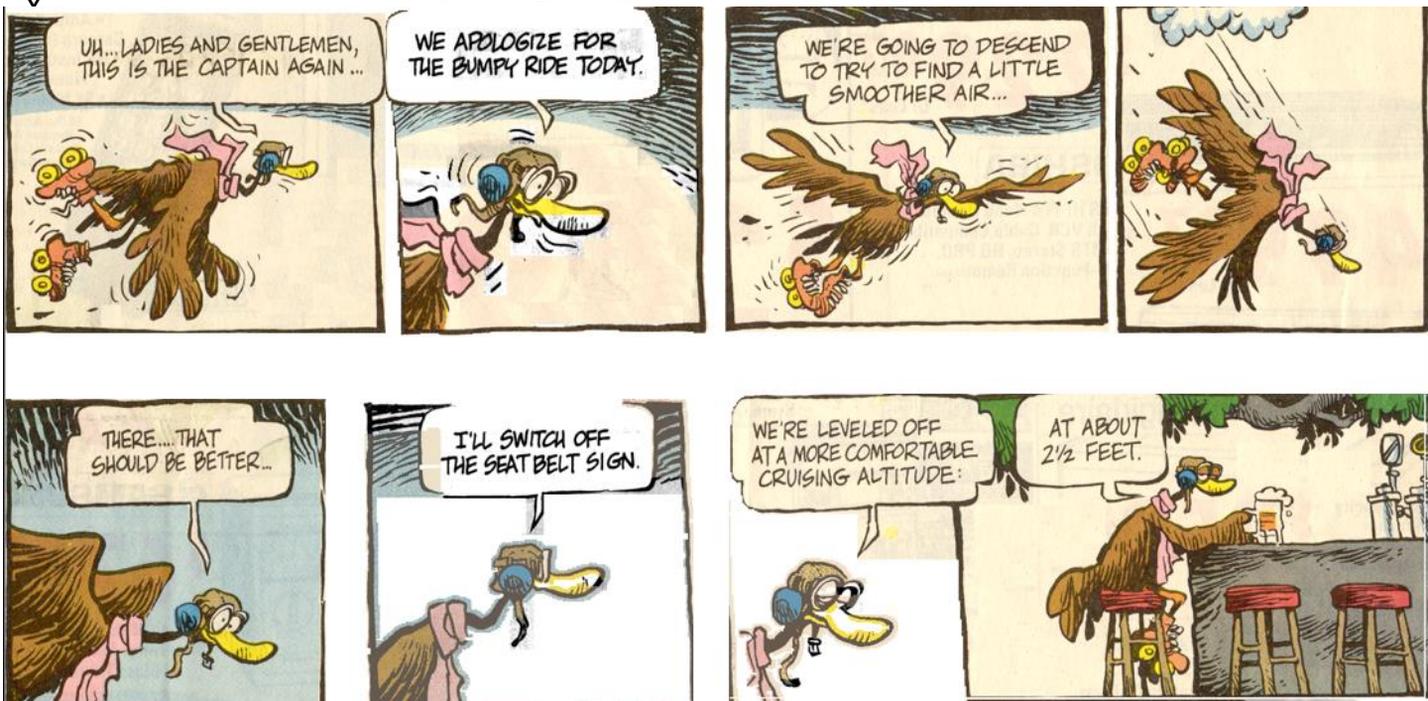
**Pre-Flight Inspection - we all know the importance of pre-flight inspections. Save yourself lots of time and money and perform a proper pre-flight inspection for your plane and batteries.**

**Relax, slow down and don't get in a hurry... take the time needed before your first flight to help better your odds on a successful first flight of 2024!**

**YOU have a circle of influence!**

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

# Full Size Av Humor



## 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



# **Westside R/C Flyers Spring Swap Shop**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> 8 AM till 12 PM**  
**Exchange Avenue Baptist Church**  
**1312 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Oklahoma City**  
**Come to swap, sell or buy.**



**Tables \$10.00**

**Includes one admission**

**\$5.00 admission**

**Ladies and children under 12 free**

**Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for set up**

**For table reservations contact**

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