



Westside RC Newsletter **April 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

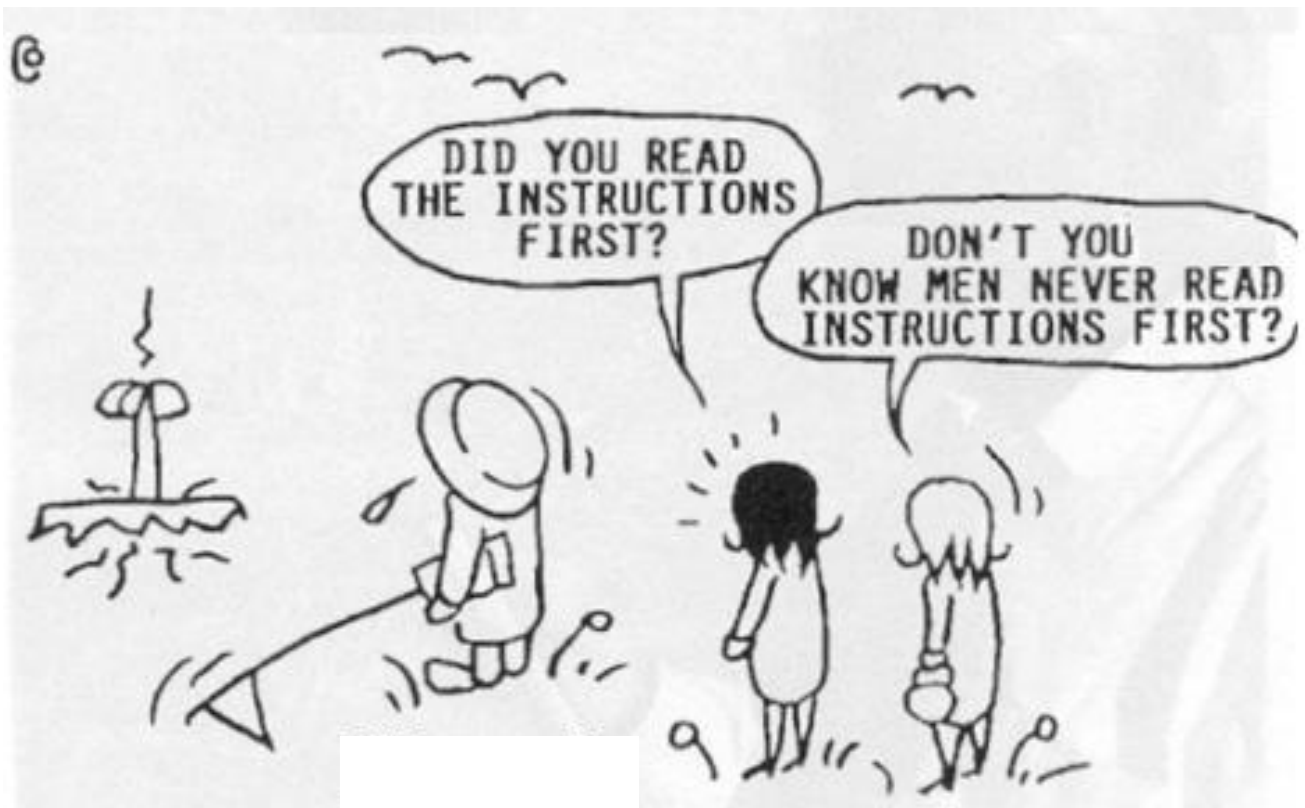
Next Meeting

May 13 7:00 PM

**Flying Field
Yukon, Oklahoma**

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Model Humor



President's Notes

Keith Gorrell

Well, the April meeting at the field went off without the weather causing any problems. If you didn't see it in the club forum, Wagner Road at route 4 is closed. Not sure how long they will be working there, probably a while, you will need to enter Wagner off Cemetery Rd.

Three members did manage to get flights in. I had hoped to get some practice flights in with the racers, but members are still working on completing their aircraft. Watch for a notice to have a racing practice soon. A big thanks to Kip, Chris and Mike for getting the field cut Monday.

We did have some issues with a few members getting the new membership card information. Some of the numbers that the club has for contact numbers are land lines, which doesn't work well for texts. If you have both types of phones, please send your cell phone number to the treasurer. Use the email address that is listed in his newsletter article.

Kip presented the All-Season Flyer plaques for last year. We had 4 flyers qualify, Ron Brown (4 years), Kelsey Doughty (4 years), Myself (2 years) and Brian Downing (1 year). Kelsey and I were the only ones present to receive our plaques. Thanks Kip, it will look nice hanging on my workshop wall.

Please note that the field directly north of us is now running cattle. The field fence has been replaced with heavy duty tubing to keep them in. Although we are not supposed to be flying over that field, in the past we have had a plane or 2 end up over there. I just wanted to make everyone aware of the change and watch out for the cows if you must retrieve a plane.

Don't forget the Festival of the Child is coming up May 4th and held at the Yukon City Park. We are looking for volunteers to help man the booth. Set up starts at 8 with the event running 10 am – 4 pm. We will have a static display of aircraft, running 2 flight simulators for the kids and we will be giving out 8" balsa gliders. If you can spare some time we could use the help. This is a great community outreach for the club. Let me or Mike Hankins know if you will be able to lend a hand.

That's it for this month, hope to see you at the field.

From the Vice President

Tony Cappellaro

Well, the weather has been a bit lousy for flying lately and it seems like 20-25mph wind is the norm these days. I can't wait for a breezy warm afternoon to enjoy some carefree flying. I find that just being at the field sitting and taking on the day and listening to the stories of other members makes it just as fun and relaxing; I once read somewhere "RC planes are my therapy" and I wholeheartedly subscribe to that. It would be nice for us to have a way to notify each other via group text when someone is planning to be at the field.

Here is a listing of upcoming events in Oklahoma. But just in case you fancy driving out of state into TX or even farther into AR, LA or NM; visit www.amadistrict8.org it has a nice listing of upcoming events in our district.

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

No Broken props, Jet Fly-in - June 7, 2024 - June 8, 2024

Tulsa Glue Dobbers

2817 S 177th East Ave, Tulsa, OK, 74134

Summer of Fun Fly 2024 - June 6, 2024 - June 9, 2024

Chisholm Trail RC Squadron Inc.

172729 North 2910 Road, Duncan, OK, 73533

Henryetta RC Aviators Swap Meet & Fun Fly - June 15, 2024

Henryetta R/C Aviators

400 U.S. 75, Henryetta, OK, 74437

From the Field Marshal

Kip Rackley

The mowing season has begun, and the new mower is a big help. The field (or should I say the weeds) have been cut a couple of times now. The weeds do like this weather. A new mowing schedule is being established and will be sent out to the teams soon. We will be having a class on how to operate the new mower for the teams, more information on a date and time will be forthcoming.

Still working on the inside of the Conex getting things situated. There are some LED lights spread along the inside that help a lot.

We did get a donation of a power trimmer to use to keep the fence line under control. It is a gently used Gravelly that was used a couple of years ago to clean up the fence line.



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

With May just about here and the weather warming up and showing signs of good flying days ahead, now is the time most people are getting their planes out to start another flying season.

Let's fall back to the basics!

- Pre-Flight Inspection may save you time and money. Help increase the odds of a successful flight and take the proper amount of time to check your plane and radio setup. Try not to get in a hurry**
- Check batteries for swelling and always use a battery meter to check the Voltage(V) and Internal Resistance (IR) for each cell.**
- Check radio setup and radio battery level**
- Call out and be LOUD with your intentions or warnings while flying; "on the field"... "off the field" ... "dead stick" ... "taking off" and "landing" are all great communications skills to help alert other pilots around.**
- Please show acknowledgment when you hear call outs so that pilot knows he/she has been heard.**
- Please place membership cards in the radio frequency control box prior to flight. •Please keep all flying EAST of the PVC markers. At no time may you over fly the taxiway, pilot stations, pit area or parking area.**
- Flight control shall take place from the designated pilot stations. Please, please refrain from flying any aircraft while standing on the field east of the pilot stations.**

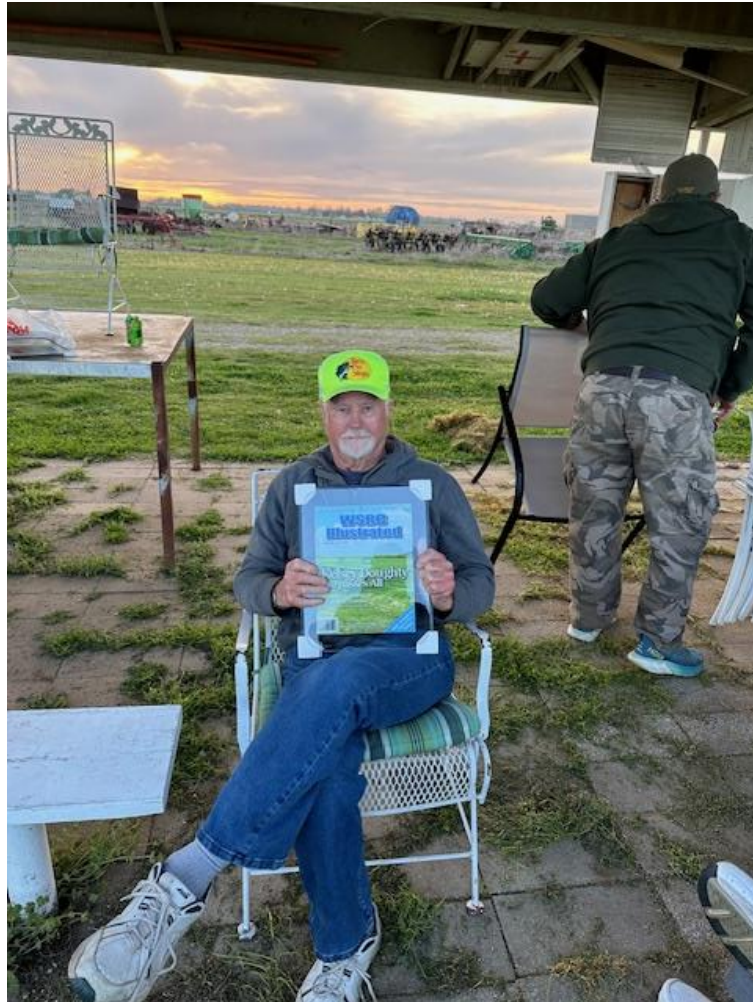
Too many to list all. We encourage you to read and refresh your memory on the club field rules at [The Westside R/C Flyers, Inc \(westside-rc.org\)](http://westside-rc.org).

Be familiar with AMA Rules, visit [100.pdf \(modelaircraft.org\)](http://modelaircraft.org) to read more.

Flying RC planes and helicopters is an enjoyable hobby and a great way to spend time with friends and family. Invite someone new to come out with you this season to the flying field and club meetings. People are all around us daily, invite and encourage others around you to help foster and promote this great hobby!

YOU have a circle of influence! Think Safety - Practice Safety - Encourage Safety

He is a picture of Kelsey with his All Season Flyers plaque. His 4th in a row, Congratulations Kelsey!



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

Here are some pictures of the swap shop. Some good deals were had. Not as successful as the last fall one, but the club still made some money.

