



Come Fly With Us Buck Remote Control Club

September 2002 Newsletter

Calendar

- Sep 21 – Pavilion Meeting/Fly – 1:00 PM @ The Field
Oct 12 – All Fly – 1:00 PM - all members meet & eat!
Oct 26 – **Fun Fly!** – **9:00 AM – open to all**
Lunch starts at 12 noon
Events at 1:00 PM
Nov 9 – Breakfast – 8:00 AM – Willow Street Diner
Dec 3 – Dinner – 6:30 PM – Willow Street Diner
Meeting – 7:00 PM

Mower Auction

The John Deere riding mower will be sold by John Chambers. If it is not sold by Oct 12, it will be auctioned off at the home of Everett Kreider's mother-in-law. Call Everett for details – 717-786-1953

Pavilion News...

I talked to Mike Musser about building a pavilion on our flying field, and he said we can build one as soon as possible. I would like to have a special meeting on **Saturday, September 21, 1:00 PM**. Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, 1:00 PM. We have to discuss location and organize people to help with the installation. Meeting is at the field so bring your planes and spend the afternoon flying. –Ralph Heagy

New to Flying? Need Training?

If you are new to flight, we recommend starting with the Superstar Select ready-to-fly airplane (~\$300) or the RealFlight computer simulator (~\$130). The RealFlight simulator is *great* for entry-level pilots! You can practice round-the-clock, day or night, sunshine or snow. And no worries about losing an expensive airplane when you crash.

After you are done training on the computer simulator, the Superstar Select airplane is an excellent choice for a first plane. It does not require any building skills, just a screwdriver, so you can be flying almost instantly. Call one of the numbers below and we'll gladly help you get it off the ground and looping through the air! ☺

FLYING TIMES THURSDAYS@6PM ('TIL OCT 3) SUNDAYS @ 1 PM

President: Ralph Heagy 717-464-9293

Secretary: ElectricTroy@yahoo.com 410-638-7567

Field Marshall: John Gentile 717-399-3205

V. President: Everett Kreider 717-786-1953

Treasurer: Joe Robinson 717-548-4020

Safety Officer: Rich Gentile 717-806-2911

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Fun Fly News/Meeting Minutes

Jim Langley volunteered to organize the Fun Fly and post flyers at local schools/clubs. If you want to help, contact him at jlangley@worldhost.net or 717-354-2544/717-808-0055. Bring the following items to the field: Yourself, Your Plane, Lawn Chairs, and 10 other friends. ☺

OLD BUSINESS: \$900 in the treasury. Mussers replaced our demolished driveway with a brand-new stoned road. It is located at the main Mussers entrance off PA272. Mussers also installed a new sewer line in the middle of the field, flattened it out, and seeded it with grass. It should not interfere with our flying. Mussers has really, really helped out our club a LOT. Next time you visit, thank them for freely giving away their time and money. Flying Skills Challenge: 7 people showed up that day, and we all enjoyed the free hot dogs! ☺ The proposed idea from last month (using email/phone to say "Let's go flying!") is working extremely well. Let's keep contacting people and inviting them to come join us at the field. Flying is more fun with friends!

NEW BUSINESS: Field Maintenance: Lower the "Buck Club" sign to make it more visible and start mowing the grass shorter for easier takeoffs. **ELECTION NIGHT IS DECEMBER 3.** We need people to volunteer to run for office, so please contact Troy to let him know you want to run. The following offices are open: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshall, Safety Officer.

Think About It

Hi, Guys! I'm writing this month's column from my hotel room in the Dominican Republic, toward the end of a rather long business trip. At this moment, I'm hoping all is going well at the pattern meet and the weather has cooled down in Billings.

Today I spoke with a nice local Dominican college-aged kid who was absolutely enthralled with RC airplanes. He had never seen one, nor ever had the opportunity to even speak with someone who had. He got me curious and I questioned him some more. To make a long story short, I'll summarize what he said. He has a good job as far as jobs in the D/R go. He makes about U.S. \$300 a year. Import taxes, shipping, graft, and all that raises the price of everything here to about triple of what we're used to. In a nutshell, this kid would have to spend about three year's wages to buy a basic trainer setup. And supposing he came into a huge windfall and bought one and built it? Trying to find a place to fly, much less a paved field, along with an instructor is nearly impossible.

I guess the whole point to all of this is that we all, from time to time, tend to take things for granted. I think we all have to remind ourselves how lucky we are to have such a great club, a great field, a car to get to the field, and an inventory of airplanes. Think about it . . .

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