

December 2007



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Read the Field Rules & Fly Safely

Those composite props are really sharp, tip—dull the sharp edge with fine sandpaper.

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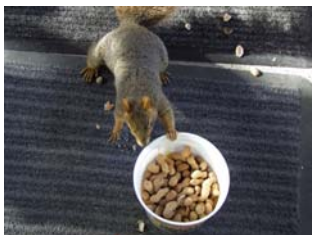
A Board Meeting will be held January 21st at 6:00 PM, the purpose is to plan the 2008 activities. What the Board comes up with will be discussed under new business during the general meeting.

President's Soapbox

I think it was a pretty good year for the

Next Meeting

January 21st, 2007
Kinton Grange 7:00 PM



It was Black Friday, I was up early and guess what, a whole bucket of peanuts just for me. Now, if I can just keep those thieving Scrub Jays out of my stash... See Ya..Sq Earl III

good time.....even those who couldn't seem to figure out how to pop those balloons pinned to the runway. To those with no "pops"...you'll just have to practice your touch & go landings to get them placed in the center of the runway and try again next year. To those that came out to watch but didn't fly....hmmmmmm....we'll try to make sure there's no pressure on you so you can give it a go next year. There are LOTS of left-over balloons! Thanks to Cliff Pemberton and Dave Fox for doing the shopping and being the chefs this year.....the food was yummy.....that translates to "delicious and expertly prepared". Thanks to Hugh Christian for helping in the pits and getting a couple of our new Youth members up on the buddy box and involved in the balloon bust. That was fun!

I think the field is in reasonable shape. It will need some work towards the end of spring. I plan on continuing my personal war on dandelions.....I don't understand how those things keep growing. The drier belt surface probably needs some work on the seams. I haven't figured out exactly how to do it inexpensively, but want to find a way to get the grass runway smoothed out.....so we don't have to watch the Cubs and WWI bipes bounce 3 feet into the air a few times and then nose over as they attempt their grass take off rolls. And of course there will be a ton of leaves and twigs to clean up after a few winter storms have passed through. Special thanks to Cliff Nicholson and Bruce Graham for bringing what others thought was a dead mower back to life...and for just a few \$\$\$ \$.....that saved the club well over a thousand dollars for what could have been the need to buy a new mower. By the way, between the two of them they've been working miracles on that mower for about a decade now.

Let's look forward to a fantastic 2008 flying year. Till then, have a great holiday season. See you at the field!

Scott E

It was Saturday, November 3rd and "no rain", so here's what happened:

By Cliff Pemberton

Dennis had his new Stearman out for the maiden flight today. It's powered by OS 160 twin four stroke. Sounds almost like a radial with the Keleo exhaust.

The plane flew great with minimal trim adjustment, and was very scale with this engine choice. All though a bit "shaky", and who isn't on the maiden flight?, Dennis did an excellent job.

The landing was picture perfect. I have the same type of Stearman and some time next summer we "will" fly in formation.

Cliff "the vacuum man" Nicholson was there with his Kyosho Stearman and it flew great.

Lots of people here and there will be more tomorrow also. Got two prospective members, and one new Youth Member who gave me his dues and application.

Three intro flights with the new prospects and all seem to be teachable. Looking good for next year.

Be sure to ask Hugh about doing a range check (antenna down) while flying the plane halfway to Scholls Ferry..... need I say more. No he didn't crash, but he was sure thinking' quick for a minute. or two...."Learn by the mistakes of others....." I always say.

By the way, the new Youth Member, Grant

Wilson, may have a lead on a new field location, he said he had talked to a person who has some acreage, and she seemed to be interested in finding out more about our activities. I invited all the visitors to the next meeting, how many will show I don't have a clue..... See Ya

Cliff



Looking Forward

by the Secretary

This was a fun year, some of our members participated in sanctioned activities at other clubs in the area, Two of our members made the trip to the Joe Nall with a stop at AMA Headquarters and Graceland.

We had an increase in larger electric powered planes and a trend to larger glow and gas powered planes.

So what's next:

We have a place to fly that is close in and convenient for Beaverton, Hillsboro, Tigard and west Portland. On the other hand we have noise and space restrictions. Our membership is decreasing partially because the "Radio Shack type small electrics" sold everywhere that can be flown in parks and football/soccer field until told to leave by the bureaucrats. Partially because we don't have the flight area required for the full IMAC box and the noise limitations dictate no 3D with Glow or Gas Powered planes.

Our field rules allow any size aircraft if the engine noise is reasonable and the pilot stays within the established flight boundaries.

We can have more unscheduled events among our members. We could have more of our members help in the training of new pilots. We could have some bring your own food barbecues. Step up and organize your own get together, Officers and Board we be happy to assist you.

Don S.

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