

April 2008



## Safety is our most important Product!

The moss is still treacherous, walk the taxi ways with care. We have a group of new pilots in training. If you see they need help don't be afraid to offer you assistance. Be safe and GET READY FOR A GREAT SUMMER.

### 2008 Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday 4/12/08 (rain date 4/19/08)

Time: 9:30 AM - Noon

Come join the fun. Help us do a bit of spring cleaning at the field. This spring's projects are mostly final clean up from the winter wind storms that brought down lots of debris from the trees. Initial mowing, raking, and some sweeping has already been done.

There are 6 broom rakes in the storage shed to handle the debris. The riding mower and one push mower are running well. If we have people to use the gear the work should go fast.

Here's the list.....

1. Rake/sweep storm debris from runway, helicopter pad, & pits.
2. Mow.

3. Edge/trim taxiways and runway.
4. Mend safety fence & re-set posts where needed
5. Clean up under & around benches.
6. Clean up around port-a-potty and storage shed.
7. Straighten & re-nail mats where needed.

The field will be closed to flying during clean-up.

Bring a plane....fly in the afternoon.

*Scott*

### President's Soapbox

We had a fantastic turn out for the March club meeting. I didn't take a head count, but wild guess says there were probably 25+ in attendance. We had 7 benches down from the tables if that gives you an idea. If you missed it, well....come on out in April. And don't forget to log on to the website and read the meeting minutes. As we discussed at the meeting,

**Meeting—April 21, 2008**



Hey everybody, it's Spring, I'm getting a head start on the cleanup by knocking the fleas out from behind my ear. Hey, I want to welcome all the new guys from the PCC class.

See ya next month **Sq Earl III**

that's how you really find out what happened anyway (or what Don says happened). Most guys are too busy socializing to pay attention to what's going on during the meeting until it's time for the raffle and show and tell. Speaking of raffles.... remember that you get 5 free raffle tickets for bringing something (related to RC model aircraft) to show and tell us about.

Fly-A Ways continues to get more new members. When you're at the field please try to take a minute to help orient new members to the pleasures of our hobby. That includes friendly reminders of safety policy and observation of field rules. Actually, all members could use a reminder to refresh themselves on FAW field rules and safety policy. Both are conveniently found on our website and posted in the display case on the shed at the field. Please remember that you need to place your AMA card with a current FAW membership label in the slot at the pin board for your frequency, including 2.4 GHz. As more members turn out with the (improving?) spring weather there will be more need to be courteous with 72 MHz frequency sharing. Besides being a field rule, placing your card in the pin board helps someone else safely share the same frequency with you. It also assures others at the field that you do actually have current AMA and FAW memberships.

Please come out and help FAW get rid of the last of the winter debris and dress up the field in general on Saturday, April 12. The Clean-Up Day announcement is posted in this newsletter. It is now officially spring and flying events are starting to happen. The season kicks off on April 19 with the annual spring float fly sponsored by the Sky Knights and held for the second year in a row at the OMAS pond in Banks. If you

don't have a float plane, so what. It's fun to watch and once you see planes on water you might have to add one on floats to your squadron. Check out the events calendar on the website.

*Scott E.*

### **From The Field And March Meeting**



**Alan Harris—A new P47**



**Scott Enochs—shows off his “Shop Prop”**



**Dennis Laughlin—Hangar 9 Twist 150 With a Saito 180 — Maiden flight Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, perfect.**

## Introduction to Radio Controlled Models

Ken Gullberg put together this class at Portland Community College as an introduction to our hobby. With the able help of Hugh Christian the winter term, 16 January through 5 March, covered an introduction to radio controlled modeling with an emphasis on flying models such as airplanes, helicopters and park flyers. The focus of the class centered on how to avoid common mishaps when getting started in this great hobby. The classes were held each Wednesday from 7:00 Pm to 8:50 PM.

Briefly the eight week course covered:

1. Welcome, an overview and history of modeling.
2. Organizations, Academy of Model Aeronautics and other special interest groups.
3. Safety, liability, engines, motors and batteries.
4. Radios including surface, airplane and helicopter.
5. Models, purchase of the first model, park flyer or larger trainer.
6. Building, Repair and Maintenance, material, Kits, repairing damaged airplanes and getting the most out of your investment.
7. Airplanes and Helicopters, trainers, sport aircraft, scale aircraft, mini and micro electric aircraft.
8. Wrap-up, open discussion, building and flying the Delta Dart.

Scott Enochs made a guest appearance covering scale building details.

Scott Carrigan made a guest appearance covering pilot training and training airplanes.

Craig from Tammie's made a guest appearance, brought some models and discussed getting started requirements.

The entire class was invited to Fly-A-Ways for an introduction to RC flying. The class members observed various airplanes and

helicopters in flight. Buddy box time was afforded all the participants either on the club trainer or on other individuals airplanes.

The current Fly-A-Ways membership welcomes the new members from the first PCC class, George Fisher, Charles Hagen, Dave Hicks, Peter Renwick, Richard Shipley and Al Vawter. Welcome to the Club Gentlemen.

Note: Al also signed up his Grandson Nickolas, we hope to meet Nickolas this summer.

Ken has scheduled the next class at PCC starting April 9th, the Spring Quarter.

If you have friends or neighbors who might be interested let them know about the next class. Ken can be reached at [kgullberg@comcast.net](mailto:kgullberg@comcast.net).



Class members building and flying their Delta Darts on the final day of the first class.

*Don S.*

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