

April 2009



Safety is our most important Product!

Spring might not be here but the field workers are. Do not fly over, around or close to anyone on the farm land overfly area.

President's Soapbox

Spring is here! I know lots of you have been flying, but others, including myself, are just waking up from that long winter's nap and getting excited about the prospects of spending a sunny weekend afternoon at the field. Enjoy your time at the field and be careful out there! Nothing spoils the day like a prop slicing through your finger. Take a few minutes and refresh yourself on the field rules and safety practices. Perform that pre-flight *AUDIBLE* safety check of your aircraft's control surfaces. Spring also brings out the field workers. Please, please, please, *DO NOT FLY* over field workers, either out in the open or in equipment. And pay attention to no-fly zones...a friendly reminder that the no-fly deadline is 50 feet short of the driveway....and if you're flying over the pits....well, curses upon you and you deserve to end up in a tree. Let's have a safe flying year...*NO PERSONAL INJURIES* and no dings and dents on the RV's west of the pilot stations.

Our field is looking pretty darn good, and it will look even better by the end of the year. Between a day of raking back in the fall, Cliff Nicholson running the mower to mulch what was left, and a couple hours of cleanup to get the residual debris around the benches, leaf and twig clean-up is pretty much taken care of. Our annual clean-up day scheduled for Saturday, April 18, will be used for several maintenance tasks, all aimed at making FAW a more pleasant place to spend your time. Take a look at the separate clean-up day announcement in this newsletter.

It's been brought to my attention that non-members might be flying regularly at our field. Actually, Harlan is the one who suspects this...I learned this when I was talking to him at the burn pile on the last leaf raking day. It's easy to identify a FAW member...they have a FAW membership label attached to the back of their AMA card...which is *ALWAYS* posted on the pin board when they fly. Non-members are welcome at FAW as a guest of a member, and that member must be present. The member is responsible for as-

Meeting April 20



Hi Guys, look at my AIG peanut bonus. YaHoooo! Obama said the US Gov is taking over GM Warranties', that can only mean one thing, Engine problem call Ron Wyden, need tires rotated call David Wu, dipstick problems call Jeff Merkley. See yaSq Earl V

suring the guest follows FAW field and safety rules. Generally, our guest policy means one guest per member, not a half dozen. If you're at the field and someone is flying without their AMA/FAW membership card in the pin board, please give them a friendly reminder that it's our club policy. It doesn't need to be adversarial. You can introduce yourself and say you're trying to get to know more club members, and noticed their card wasn't in the pin board. Any club member should have no issue with this. "I forgot my card", is not a valid response... no card...no fly...member or not. If they say they are not a member, again, just a friendly statement that the field is for club members only will suffice. Call me or e-mail me and let me know when you were there and other details. We can get a club officer to follow up on the incident.

It's time for me to get back to my annual battery check. Charge 'em, put 'em on the Peak Electronics capacity tester. If they don't test to full capacity...time for replacement.

Let's fly!

Scott E.

Review the following documents:

[Bylaws](#)

[Field Rules](#)

[Training Manual](#)

[Safety Notices](#)

Here's the list of maintenance items for 4/18 we agreed to at the board meeting:

1. Paint benches.
2. Remove old impound structure. Relocate fire extinguishers to bench legs. Relocate first aid kits and emergency instructions to pin board. Relocate lost and found to display case on shed.
3. Remove old benches, chairs, and table. Replace with new chairs.
4. Repair tail traps.
5. Mow.

Don will have the tail trap parts, paint, rollers and scapers at the field.

I'll check on other hardware we might need to relocate extinguishers, etc, and tools/dynamite to lift impound structure. I'd like to see if it can be lifted intact and then just moved to behind shed. If not... amputate at the ankles and pull the feet out of the ground.

I can take the old chairs and other junk we collect. I need to bring in a drop box at home to get rid of construction debris and FAW junk should fit ok.

I'll get the gas can filled.

All of us could be on the lookout for a good price on plastic chairs...if you find something let me know.

Later,
Scott

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