

July 2009

The
Inside Loop



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President's Soapbox

The dirty work, literally, is done. The dismantling of the field revealed multiple layers of mat in many locations, causing the removal to slow down and two 30 yard drop boxes to be filled. Many, many thanks to the crew of 14 hardy souls who came out on Friday and accomplished the majority of the work – complete runway removal, and the crew of 13 that showed on Saturday morning for the grand finale of ripping up the infield, cleaning the shed, and getting everything stuffed into the drop boxes. The Saturday crew was comprised of a couple of us with “fresh legs” but was mostly Friday volunteers who came out for a second day of physical abuse. Special thanks to Curt Boardman for bringing in a bobcat with front end loader and forks for ripping up mat and loading it into the drop boxes.....without the cat there probably would have been 14 heart attacks on Friday and 13 on Saturday.

Now we can concentrate on the field search. There are two prospects being pursued. One is a bit far out...just south of Canby...but needs to be checked out. This is a property that I found out about from Dick Hansen (Dick Hansen Scale Videos). The other is a farming family that owns multiple large acreages in various locations north of Cornelius and along Hwy 47 between Forest Grove and Banks. I had made about 6 calls to them, and Kelly Martin

followed up with another 4 calls before they called back asking for basic details of what our club was looking for...they called Kelly while he was pulling up nail strips on Friday. They will be provided with some pictures of RC fields and discussions will continue. We still have a substantial list of property owners that Dave Hicks tracked down and that still need to be contacted. A “Wanted” poster has been posted in a few farm stores like Wilco and Coastal and will be in more by the end of the 4th of July weekend. By the way, volunteers are still very welcome for the field search. What is needed most is someone who would be comfortable making first contact with landowners. I have contacted many landowners, and Kelly has taken over the leadership for this role. We could use additional support. If you have experience in sales or public relations please submit your resume ☺.

The club is going idle, but not going away. Until we site a new field we'll change to a club meeting schedule of every other month. Next meeting will be Monday August 17, time and location to be announced as we get a bit closer to the date. Probable meeting site will be a local pizza parlor.....we need to kick back and have some fun!

Keep your engines running!

Scott E.

Hey guys, loss of Bob Jenne Field is a bummer. Well there are places to fly. The summer events are just starting. Scale Masters at Molalla, IMAC at Dusters, Warbirds at Cottage Grove, lots of things to do. Fly at the Air Museum on a daily rate. Hold on there I just got to have another peanut.

See ya Sq Earl VI

Next Meeting To Be

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Goodbye Bob Jeanne Field.....

Friday 26 June 2009, that was the day the Fly-A-Ways field became a memory. 9 A.M. The first of the crew of 14 showed up and began the dismantling of the site. Previously the set up tables and the safety fencing had been removed, leaving the tear up and removing of the dryer belt runway. Two 30 cubic yard drop boxes to put in 450 X 50 feet of dryer belt, which in some places was two or three layers thick.

A concrete saw was rented to cut the belt into manageable sizes and worked pretty good until it decided it didn't like the task and just stopped working. Out came the utility knives..... surprising what you can cut with one of those things.

If it hadn't been for the Bobcat provided by Curt Boardman, who also ran it, we would never have been able to get one fourth of the work done that we did. Cutting, yanking, pulling (Kelly Martin's Land cruiser made a good stand in for a tractor), and rolling, the mat came up and was loaded into the boxes.

After 8 hours of seriously hard work the majority of the work was done. Sat morning the task continued, 3 more hours of dirty hard work, pulling up the taxi ways and pit area, cleaning out the shed and hoping we would be able to get everything into the drop boxes.

By noon the job was done and Ken Gullberg made the final flight.....Fly-A-Ways is temporarily with out a home. The search for a suitable available site is ongoing and with luck something will show up, cheers, see ya around.

CLP



Saturday the 27th all done

More photos of the disappearing field





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