

## FLY-A-WAYS Club History: 2009-2011 Re-Locate to North Plains

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and neighboring counties before they found the right combination of flying site and owner. They now fly over 80 plus acres of farmland owned and operated by the same family. The site is easily accessed from a major highway. A lease was signed in September 2010, Oregon land use permits approved in December 2010, and the runways opened in mid-April 2011.

Fly-A-Ways' site development was funded by the club's field acquisition fund, raffles, generous donations by many members, and an AMA field development grant. The club now has two parallel runways, one grass and one surfaced with geotex. Each runway is 34' wide X 550' long. The runways are oriented east-west and pilots face north so sun is never a problem for pilot vision. Pilot stations are set back from the runway consistent with AMA field layout and safety guidelines. The pit area has eight 4 X 8 set up tables, four safety start-up benches, and in-ground tail traps for larger models. The pit area is also surfaced with geotex.

Grand opening ceremonies were held on July 23, 2011. Many regional area flyers attended to enjoy a day of open flying and flight demos for the general public. The day was sunny and warm with a light wind. Noon time activities included a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially declare the opening of the field, a 3D heli demo, a parachute drop with kids allowed to pick up and take home a chute, and a full scale fly over with an RV-4 and sailplane. Rides in the RV-4 and sailplane were just two of the raffles held during the day.

**Fly-A-Ways** RC Club recently celebrated the grand opening of their new flying site in North Plains, Oregon. Fly-A-Ways lost their prior site to development approximately two years ago. The old site had been the club's home for over 17 years. The club had been proactive. They knew their old site was in jeopardy and started looking for a new place to fly before they ever received notice that their old site was gone. Still, it took three years of intensive search and talking with landowners all over Washington County

The club extends thanks to all those who helped them find and develop their new home. They look forward to flying at this site for many years to come.



**Fly-A-Ways is back! Oooops....sign still needs a couple of planes in the logo.**



**The ribbon is cut. The field is open! Check out the scissors.**



**A large pit area covered with geotex.**

