

Florence RC Flyer

Florence Area RC Aircraft Association, An Oregon Non-profit Corporation, AMA Charter # 4634



From The Left Seat By Russ Petersen

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Progress so far in getting our new club off the ground has been mostly administrative and promotional. Here is a list of the accomplishments so far:

1. We Adopted a by-laws and a constitution.
2. We filled our organization as an Oregon Non-profit corporation. This should help us if the unthinkable happens and at some point someone does not like us enough to file a law suit against the club.
3. We have obtained an AMA Charter.
4. We have Obtained site-owner insurance for the city to protect for the use of Miller Park. We now provide a current policy to protect the city up to \$2,500,000 should a suite develop.
5. We were able to arrange coverage in the Florence Newspaper of some of the club activities. We hope more to come on this score.
6. Rob Quandt (with support from Russ Petersen and Mike Vaughan) made a super pres-



Todd Rickman's Great P-51

entation to the Florence City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee about the club and its hope for a new permanent flying site.

7. We have published our first newsletter. We hope to have these out at the beginning, middle and end of each flying season. They should be out around May 1, July 15 and October 1 of each year, we hope.
8. We have an Oregon Pacific no-cost checking account and a Federal ID number.

Officers:

Russ Petersen	President
Rob Quandt	Vice President
Todd Rickman	Secretary/ Treasurer
Mike Spinner	Safety
Jean Wendling	News/web
Tim Myers	Board Member #3
John English	Board Member #2
Dana Winter	Board Member #1

Safety Discussion, Ideas From Russ Petersen And Mike Spinner

Here are some possible recommendations about flying at Miller Park that might improve the safety of our activities: Let us know what you think about these ideas:

1. We should not block the sidewalks
2. We should fly a racetrack pattern oriented north and south
3. We should never over-fly people at any time.
4. We should limit the number of aircraft in the air at a time to no more than two.
5. Helicopters should be carried at least 50' from the flight preparation area before the rotors are turned up.
6. Frequency flags should be on each transmitter
7. The preferred flying position should be along the east side of the field (back of a line indicated by an extension of the two small trees).
8. Each combustion engine should be equipped with a muffler that limits sound emission to note more than 95db at 9' on grass.

Minutes Of The July 10, 2005 Meeting Submitted by Russ Petersen and Todd Rickford

The group interested in forming an RC aircraft club in Florence met at 10:00am on July 10, 2005 in Miller Park. Those in attendance were: John Allen, Don Coffi, John English, Gene Haynes, Gary Israel, Tim Myers, Russ Petersen, Rob Quandt, Todd Rickford, Mike Spinner, Mike Vaughan, and Jean Wendling.

Russ Petersen conducted a discussion of the following propositions:

The proposed Bylaws and Constitution as distributed on the web and in paper form.

The slate of officers to serve from July 10 to October 31, 2005. This slate was Russ Petersen, President, Rob Quandt Vice President, Todd Rickford Secretary/treasurer, Mike Spinner Safety, Jean Wendling Newsletter/web site, Dana Winter Board Position #1, John English Board Position #2 and Tim Myers Board Position #3.

Proposed dues of \$15 per year based on an estimate of chartering costs, insurance premiums for Miller Park, Oregon incorporation fees and other miscellaneous expenses.

It was moved and seconded that the three propositions be accepted and the adoption was unanimous with no negative votes registered.

As provided in the bylaws, the next club meeting will be October 3, 2005 at 10:00am.



Financial Report Submitted by Russ Petersen and Todd Rickford

Receipts and disbursements from 10 July, 2005 to August 20, 2005:

Receipts from dues	\$ 255
Disbursements	
AMA Charter Fee	\$ 30
Corporation Fee	55
Insurance Fee - Miller	<u>60</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>145</u>
Balance 8-20-2005	\$ <u>110</u>



The Club On The Web

When the club adopted its new by-laws, they specifically provided for a web-based method for distributing information to most members. Some members may elect to receive the news letter or other documents via paper copy, but most will receive their copies from the club web site. Accordingly some effort has been expended to get a web site started which provides current copies of club documents, a schedule of club activities, some helpful links for those looking for new goodies, the current list of frequencies in use by club members and other helpful information. The url for the club web site is:

[Http://members.ispwest.com/russpetersen/farca/index.htm](http://members.ispwest.com/russpetersen/farca/index.htm)

Have some fun and look this web site over. It has some useful and interesting information and will be the primary way that the board and officers will communicate with members of the club. Enjoy and let the web master know if there are improvements needed.



Flying The Slope by Jean Wendling

Slopers:

Slope flying been a bit slow of late due to high winds out of the north. Rock creek is flyable with north wind but can be some what of a hand full when the speed gets above 20mph. As fall comes on we should see a shift in the wind pattern allowing flights at South View which is awesome. If you want to join in on the slope flying, shoot me your E-mail address to (coaster65@charter.net) and I'll let you when the wind is good for slope flying.

Note: The location of the club flying sites including the three popular slope flying sites is on the club web site under a button entitled "maps". The slope flying sites are called Rock Creek, South View and South Jetty. The slope flying requires a decent sailplane and some flying skill, but can be great fun. While we do not have a regular flying site home for the club, one thing for sure is that we have great slope flying as well as great float flying pretty much available when you would like to go. Slope flying is best with some wind, and float flying generally works best in light wind conditions so we do that in the morning.

Either Todd Rickford or Jean Wendling can be contacted about conditions and locations.



Flying At Woahink Lake by Jean Wendling

Floater:

Float flying started off with a bang. The first week Jean Wendling started having control problems with aileron control, only to find out later that the plug was not fully inserted into the receiver. The following float fly had 5 birds out and was interesting also. Mike Vaughan was doing one last flight when he began suddenly to start having control problems on the other side of the lake. He was able to wrestle it on to the lake putting it into a tree next to where he was standing. This killed the engine and stopped the plane with no damage. Upon checking the receiver battery, it said "CHARGE ME",. way to go Mike! If you don't have a floater, come on out and support the splashier and dasher's....see ya on lake.

Note: Regular float flyers have included Dana Winter, Russ Petersen, Todd Rickford, Mike Vaughan and Jean Wendling. Come and join in the fun!



Status Of The Field Search by Russ Petersen

We have nothing new or optimistic to report about locating a field. We have discussed using the Florence City water-well area as a location, but Russ toured the area and met with the water manager. After some thought this location was thought to be best placed on the back burner. Several serious difficulties seemed to exist, including Florence City polices/Oregon regulations which seemed to prevent any tree removal or driving on the property. We would have to unload and take quite a walk just to get to a reasonable place to fly. We also discussed flying on the Florence airport with the Airport Manager, Rennie Kirk but quickly concluded that he feels strongly that general aviation safety would be seriously compromised by having us flying anywhere on the airport property. Rennie did agree to introduce us to the new owner of Waite Farm, however. This person, John Watkins, is also interested in aviation, has a military aviation background and also currently flies from his home in San Diego to Florence in his own private plane. He at least will have some understanding of our interest in aviation, and he certainly has the capacity to help. At the minimum it is hoped that he will be an important friend in our search for a site. Mike Vaughan is also contacting the Three Rivers Casino to see if they can help.



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If you aren't flying you aren't trying

