

# Florence RC Flyer

Scheduled Meetings/Activities:

**June 14, 2009** Airport Wings and Wheels Day static display

**July 7, 2009** - Mid Summer Meeting - Mon Ami

**August 8, 2009** - Static Display at Florence Events Center

**September 1, 2009** - Mid Summer Meeting

**October 4, 2009** - Annual Fall Club meeting.

**Special points of interest:**

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**Officers:**

Gene Wobbe      President

Todd Rickford      Vice President

Gary Israel      Secretary/  
Treasurer

Mike Vaughan      Safety

Russ Petersen      News/web

John Allen      Board Member #3  
Mike Spinner      Board Member #2  
Russ Petersen      Board Member #1

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## From The Left Seat By Gene Wobbe

Another flying season is upon us. I use that term loosely as we are fortunate to live in fairly temperate climate and some of our members fly year round. (So what if there is a little frost on the grass.) We have already had our first float fly and the snowbirds are back. Flying is in full swing at the airport. We have added two additional regular flying days to our schedule, Wednesday and Friday.

Although we are a small club, the amount of work that has been accomplished in the last year and a half is unbelievable. We have gone from flying at Miller Park to a great grass strip at the airport. Think about it. The negotiations with the City, grading and seeding the strip, a parking area, mats for the staging area, the setup benches, the radio system, a storage shed, a mower and recently a heli pad.

Tremendous effort has been expended by our members to develop and maintain our new flying site. I am grateful to be a part of such a dedicated group of flyers.



The AMA has a membership drive underway through September 14, 2009. There has been discussion in the past as to how to introduce our hobby/sport to others. Our participation in the AMA drive would benefit our club as well. The AMA has envelope stuffers and a great looking poster available. We will try to have those at the coming Airport Day and Hobby show events as handouts.

Blue Skies, Gene

## Community Outreach Activities

The club has three new community events which have come its way this year. First, Florence Rotary has asked that someone provide a lunch presentation on the hobby and club. Gene and Russ are coordinating to get that taken care of. Next, the City of Florence/Airport will have its annual airport day on Sunday, June 14. This year the club is given the opportunity for a static display. We will be in the same hangar location as last year but will share the space with the new Aviation Heritage Museum. We will set up along one of the hangar walls, and we hope to provide a working simulator to allow guests to experience a

little of flying RC. Doug Devereaux and Russ Petersen are coordinating this event for the club. Third, we have asked to participate in the annual Florence Hobby show. Gene Haynes is coordinating this for the club. This event is scheduled in the Events Center and will occur on Saturday, August 8, 2009. Again we will provide a simulator as well as a number of working RC aircraft for the guests to enjoy. We will have plenty of the club's Information Brochure available to hand out as well. We will need club members to bring aircraft and some members to stay on the scene for at least part of the day.

## Safety Discussion by Mike Vaughan

Some thoughts on using CA:

What do we all do? Glue our fingers to the wing, the fuse, the work bench and/or anything else handy! What great fun!! Since we all use the new glues that are available, it is a good idea to remember the potential problems with inhaling the fumes of CA glue as well as its mechanical properties when accidentally attaching parts of your body to your project. First, if you get light-headed or get a rash when working with CA, you may be allergic to it. There are some people that can not use the CA products. There are reports of people using the glue and don't know that the symptoms they are experiencing are a direct result of the glue. It is very important to be cautious of the fumes generated when using acceleration products, they can, as you know, create noxious fumes. They can also cause a fire if used without ventilation inside a fuselage or wing. Second, you should also always have a bottle or fresh debonder handy in case the unthinkable happens and you need to detach your fingers from your project. Use this glue with care. Until next time, fly safely. Mike

## Minutes and Treasurer's Reports by Gary Israel

### Minutes and treasurer's report of the May 18, 2009 meeting:

President Gene Wobbe opened the meeting with 12 members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the fall 2008 meeting were read and approved. The club's financial status was reviewed as follows:

Field fund	\$ 469.92
Operating fund	\$1,118.69
Total as of 5/18	\$1,588.61

Mike Vaughan gave a safety talk. He emphasized that members should not get lax around propellers, do radio checks, and for those flying Futaba 2.4 systems, check for information on Futaba 2.4 receiver overheating problems.

Russ Petersen reviewed the status of the web site.

### Old Business:

A addition was made to membership categories in the bylaws. The club approved a Park Flyer membership category to align with the AMA Park Flyer membership. New Park Flyers will pay the \$50 field fee plus 50% of the regular membership dues but not less than \$15. This would mean that current year Park Flyer dues would be \$20. The changes in the field procedures was reviewed.

### New business:

Gene Wobbe reported and commented on the following items:

- He gave recognition and thanked those who have contributed to the club (money and time),
- Gene will continue to schedule bimonthly meetings. The next will be the 1st Tuesday in July.
- Gene will write a letter of appreciation to Airport Manager Gary Rose and have it signed by the members.
- The use of the field log book has been discontinued.
- New Club flying days will be Wednesdays (Russ and John) and Fridays, (Doug and Gene H.).
- We will have a static display at the airport "Wings and Wheels Day" on June 14.
- Gene Haynes was authorized to spend \$60 to reserve 3 tables at the Florence Events Center Hobby Show on to be held on August 8.
- The float fly schedule was discussed and is posted on the club web site.

**The meeting was adjourned.**



Early Flite Line



Electric SE5



Gene Haynes' Sig Bipe



Improved Flite Line



Inverted, kit-bashed Stick

## Flying at Woahink

The first weekly flying period at Woahink lake has come and gone. The club flew on May 18, with Gene Wobbe, Don Coffee, Todd Rickford, Mike Vaughan, and Russ Petersen enjoying a cloudy morning at the lake. The rest of the schedule for 2009 is on the first page of the club web page ([www.farcaa.org](http://www.farcaa.org)) and is repeated here for those who do not have access to the internet: May 31, June 15, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, September 13, September 27, October 12 and October 26. The Platt I event is scheduled for June 18–21 on the AMA calendar. The best guess about the annual Douglas County RC group that flies at Woahink in the fall is October 3 and 4. On club float fly days at Woahink we will start as soon as the park opens and stay at it until the last interested flyer is gone. A boat will be provided. This is one of the really nice aspects of the RC hobby in Florence. Get something that floats and join in! Also, six members are currently building the Polaris, a neat little foam flying wing based on the Northstar. Todd Richford has one flying currently and it looks like a very nice ship. I know that others are working on finishing their Polaris, so that might be another way to participate at the lake if you like. The contact information for the Polaris is (<http://www.modelaero.com/>) or 419-966-2230. This is a foam kit that takes around 15 hours to assemble but it seems to fly great.

## Field Improvements and Changes

If you haven't been to the field lately you should take the time and drive out. First, we have a changed procedure for entering the secure area. The procedure is explained on a new rules handout and is available from a club officer or may be downloaded from the club web site. Essentially, the old FARCAA sign which we hung on the utility building next to the airport office has been eliminated, as well as the sign-in log. New "Restricted Area/RC Aircraft Club Flying" signs have been provided and are located on top of the code box stands. If you are going to be at the RC field, just rotate these signs (lift and turn) such that the "RC Aircraft Club Flying" side is facing inward (toward you). Then use the monthly code (obtained from Gene Wobbe each month) to enter the restricted area. The radio and speaker system is in the shed in the ammo can. All else remains the same including the requirement that we have a designated observer on hand when flying. Second, we have a great new shed in which to house our equipment, including the field mower. Members are still working on finishing painting the shed, but it is now in use. Obtain the combination for the shed lock from a club officer or member because you can not fly if you do not have the radio turned on properly, with the volume up and the speaker in use. Improvements are also planned for the inside of the shed including shelving for our equipment and racks for the club trainer and radio equipment. A lot of work has been done to get the club this far and thanks are due to all who helped!

## Expanded Weekly Club-Fly Schedule

The club has decided to add to the current Sunday - Monday weekly flying schedule by adding Wednesday and Friday. Russ Petersen and John English have agreed to be at the field at 9:00am on Wednesdays and Doug Devereaux and Gene Haynes have agreed to be at the field on Friday at 9:00am to be available as observers for whoever wants to fly on those days. The observers will not be obligated to go to the field if the wind is in excess of 15mph and/or rain is falling. If in doubt you should call the appropriate person prior to going to the field. Generally, both observers will be at the field on each day, but if one has a schedule conflict the other will go alone. If no one shows the observers plan to do whatever field maintenance seems to be indicated for 30 minutes to an hour, then they are free to leave. If you are in doubt about whether an observer is at the field you can always check the "Restricted Area/RC Club Flying" sign on one of the code posts before driving back to the field. These additions make Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday regular flying days from May 15 through October 1. Then the club will revert to the two day schedule.



Todd's Polaris



WWI Fighter



Todd's Creation



Todd Rickford



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Mail To:

**If you aren't flying you aren't trying**

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