

Florence RC Flyer

Scheduled Meetings/Activities:
August 8, 2009 - Static Display at Florence Events Center
August 9, 23 - Club float flying
September 13, 27. - Club float flying
October 4, 2009 - Annual Fall Club meeting.
October 12, 26. - Club float flying

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Photos: Gene Haynes and Russ Petersen.

Officers:

Gene Wobbe	President
Todd Rickford	Vice President
Gary Israel	Secretary/ Treasurer
Mike Vaughan	Safety
Russ Petersen	News/web
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Mike Spinner	Board Position #2
Russ Petersen	Board Position #1

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From The Left Seat By Gene Wobbe

This month has been really busy for me, with not a lot of time for flying. The flying field work parties took place as planned. The planned tasks were accomplished and the field looks great.

THANK YOU to all who participated!

I am one member who has used the field a lot this year (until recently), and I appreciate the time and effort of all who have worked on projects and keeping everything in good shape.

This time of year the winds can be a little brisk (to put it mildly) so show up early before the wind comes up. A couple of us have (in my case "had") been showing up at 7:30 a.m. to beat the wind on Sunday and Monday mornings.

The Fall (October) meeting will be an election meeting. I am a big fan of competitive races for office. Just maybe we could have one this year, they are lots of fun and the best positions I have held in past situations are when they were competitive...Win or lose, with a good friendly attitude, (all others can stay away) and the club goes through a

good, memorable, fun election time. Please think this over when it is time for nominations.

Speaking of which, we need a nominating committee. Nominations for club officers need to be presented to the membership at least one month before the annual October meeting. That means we have about a month to get this done, so any one interested in serving on the committee, please contact me as soon as possible.

Also a word of caution. Along with the local bears we now have a plane eating tree. As I understand, it is particularly fond of foam, especially the depron variety. Please do not encourage this type of behavior from the local flora and fauna.

DO NOT FEED THE TREES!

And remember, "A plane in the hand is worth two planes in the tree".

Gene

Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum—Editor

A group, chaired by Sam Spayd has begun an effort to establish a military heritage museum on the airport property. The vision for the museum is:

- **Honor** the service and sacrifice made by our veterans.
- **Educate** other generations about our men and women in the Armed Forces from all periods.
- **Create** a permanent memorial to recognize the contributions of our families, friends and neighbors.
- **Tell** the story of our proud heritage.

The initial planning for this effort began in June 2008. Since then a number of major milestones have been met including organizing under the umbrella of the Western Lane Community Foundation which provides 501C3 status facilitating tax deductibility of contributions to the Museum. Articles of incorporation have been filed and initial fund raising efforts under the general theme of the "Kilroy Corps are underway. Membership in the Kilroy Corps will directly help this important effort.

I have included a copy of the membership application for the Kilroy Corp with this newsletter and I urge club members to join and support this effort to bring an important new asset to the community.

Safety Discussion by Mike Vaughan

This news-letter column is being devoted to club rules that apply when flying at the Florence Airport.

Issue #1

The first item we need to be aware of is where we are standing at the field and flying. It has been observed that individuals are standing too close to the model field runway. This is an extremely dangerous situation that could result in a run-away plane hitting someone.

We need to stand at least ten feet back of the east edge of the model field runway. There will soon be flight boxes that will define the barrier, but until then, monitor where you are standing. I will approach anyone who is not standing back.

Issue #2

The next item is one that neither I, nor anyone else should have to discuss with anyone at this club.

Our club by-laws and our agreement with the city outlines that we **WILL** have an observer whenever a model plane is in the air. This is **NOT** up for arbitration or personal interruption of this requirement.

Our club has taken the position of a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy on this issue. Breaking this requirement jeopardizes all of the flyers in our club and will result in sanctions against any member who decides this does not apply to them.

When you fly, make sure that you know who the designated observer is for your flight. An observer is not someone flying beside you. The observer must be a responsible individual and must be devoted to the observer task only, while model aircraft are in the air. For solo qualified flyers an observer may be any responsible person. For non-solo qualified flyers the observer must be a qualified club flyer.

Observers, you are responsible for calling out the full-scale airplanes in the air, returning from a flight after landing and entering/departing the landing pattern. An observer cannot be talking back at the flight line and do a responsible job. You, as an observer, may stand close to the pilot, like Doug D. does, or back away from the flight line. However, you must be able to clearly hear the Unicom radio, and have a good view of the full scale runway and taxi areas and immediately communicate with the RC pilots in the event of a developing traffic situation

Full scale planes on the taxiway, the run-up area, the runway, or in the air **HAVE** the right of way. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Lets all do our part to insure our flight privileges at the airport and most important, everyone's safety.

Until next time, keep your fingers clear and air under the wings.

Model Field Projects

A number of small projects have been undertaken at the field. Doug Devereaux has finished staking down most of the mat area. John English, Russ Petersen and Gene Haynes are working on improving the frequency control board with the hope that this will improve member's use of the system. John and Russ have painted the shed and other fixtures at the field giving things a nicer appearance and protecting our investment from the elements. The lawn mower engine has been changed out and reportedly is running great. Russ, Doug and John Farkas have mowed. Don Coffi has found some new (used) plastic chairs for all to enjoy. The place is coming along!



Gene Haynes



Airport Day aircraft



Airport Day Planes



Airport Day, Gary R., guest, Gene and kids using simulator



Airport Day—Guest

New Airport Management

The top two pictures on this page are of Gary and Joyce Rose who have recently undertaken management of the Florence Airport. Gary brings a rich background in commercial aviation and experience including an FAA commercial pilot rating, an aircraft and power plants rating, lots of hours in both airplanes and helicopters and extensive experience in airport management. Joyce spends most of her airport service in the office, keeping things organized, answering questions and generally being helpful. We are fortunate to have these two experienced persons added to the airport community. Under their leadership new construction is planned at the airport including a lot of current efforts to upgrade the appearance and general convenience of airport facilities.

From the model club perspective it is important to note that Gary is responsible for safety at the airport and he has taken a real interest in the model club and its operations. All members should be sure that they recognize Gary and are responsive to anything that he would like to happen at the model field. Gary also has a background in model aviation and has a good understanding of our club policies and also of good safety practices for model flying generally. He has been a friend to the club and we want to operate in a manner that will insure that his support continues.

Gary and Joyce operate under the business rubric of **Oregon Coast Aviation**. For those interested in learning more about their business operations they should refer to the following URL: <http://www.oregoncoastaviation.com/>



Gary Rose



Joyce Rose

Meeting minutes and treasurer's report—Gary Israel

FARCAA Meeting, July 7, 2009—Called to order at 7:00pm

The minutes and treasurer's report of the spring meeting were approved by the members.

Financial Report as of July 7, 2009:

Field Fund	\$	343.92
Operating Fund		<u>881.62</u>
Total	\$	<u>1,225.54</u>

Mike Vaughan (safety) discussed the potential problem of over-flying the hangar area to the south of the flying area. A diagram of the authorized flying area will be posted at the field. Be careful to stay inbounds.

Mike Vaughan will coordinate the display at the FEC Hobby show on August 8.

President Gene expressed thanks to all of the members who have worked at the field to paint the shed, improve the frequency board, build shelves, repair the mower and dig in mats.

Russ Petersen, Gene Haynes and John English will look into having a club social get together in the fall (with partners).

Doug Devereaux will get the club trainer ready to use and bring it to the field for storage. A charging arrangement for the trainer radio equipment was discussed. No action was agreed upon.

A field maintenance day is needed. No date could be agreed upon.

The members authorized the expenditure of up to \$75 to acquire a banner to use at the hobby show and other events.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Israel Secretary/treasurer.



Polaris



Mike Vaughan



John Farkas

Airport Wings and Wheels Day

There are several pictures on page 2 of the newsletter that were provided by Gene Haynes of the 2009 Wings and Wheels Day (Airport Day) that happened on 14 June, 2009. A number of club members participated in providing air-planes and helicopters for the event. Several members remained at the display during the day to answer questions about the club and hobby. The club handed out 50 information brochures to guests who stopped by the display. Probably the most popular feature of the display this year was a computer running a Great Planes G3.5 simulator. The simulator was running all day for anyone interested in trying their hands at flying an RC aircraft. The most interested seemed to be younger people, who had lots of experience with computer games and seemed to grasp the notion of the simulator rather easily. All of this helps promote our hobby/sport and hopefully days like this build stronger relationships with the community.

The club also was a financial sponsor of the event. This year we were able to pay the rent on the portable bathrooms to help out with the cost. There is no registration or parking fee for this event so the event organizers have relied on community organizations to help defray the cost. The club was proud this year to have an opportunity to participate in support of this Florence community activity.

Thanks to all who provided planes, helped with the set up and break down and who manned the display to answer questions.



F. “Sam” Spayd, President, Board of Directors, Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum