

Florence RC Flyer



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Pictures in this newsletter provided by Don Hildebrand and Gene Haynes. Thanks!

From The Left Seat By Gene Wobbe

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| Gene Wobbe | President |
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| Gary Israel | Secretary/ Treasurer |
| Doug Devereaux | Safety |
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| Don Coffi | Board Member #3 |
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As we begin another flying season it is a good time to do a serious inspection of your equipment and airplanes. Some members fly virtually year around. Others hang it up for the winter. Either way, an annual check is a good idea to supplement your regular pre-flight checks. You may have flown that transmitter and receiver 100 times last year, but it may be time for a ground check. Hinge glue can become separated from drying wood. Screws can vibrate loose or strip out within the wood. Servos won't last forever nor receiver batteries. Airframes can develop cracks. The seeming transition to electric powered aircraft brings new potential problems. Those mini servos seem to be more susceptible to gear breakage. There are more wires and connectors to contend with. I recently had a nasty experience with black wire rot on a battery lead. Even though the electric motors should have little or no vibration, I have experienced as many or more loose screws (no comments here please) on electric setups as nitro. Stop and think of any problem that you have had or seen happen and check for it.

Another thing that we all need to take time to do is review the revised Field Flying Rules and put them into practice. Our continued use of the airport dictates strict adherence to these



rules. Stop and think about it. If we were to loose the use of the airport, where would we go? The club spent many fruitless hours searching for a flying site before we received permission to fly at the airport and I doubt that we could find another site.

An RC blessing for all of you:
May the ground not rise to meet you. May the sun shine warm upon your back. May the wind be always calm, the rains not fall upon your flying field and may you not hold your fingers in the palm of your hand.

Blue skies,

Gene

Woahink Float Flying

This year the following dates are scheduled: May 17 & 31, June 14 & 27, July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22, September 5 and 20, October 4 and 18. We start on Monday and then when school is out we shift to Sunday flying to allow those who are working to participate. The schedule is always on the first page of the club web page. Cancellations will be posted on the web site, usually on a day before the scheduled event to be sure about the weather. The boat will be on hand at 8:00am and will stay until everyone is done flying.

Safety Notes by Doug Devereaux

As we welcome the approach of our flying season here, we should think about our approach....to safety, other than **don't crash!** But guess what....**Don't Crash** is safety in action. The results actually. So, since its that easy then all we have to do is identify the parts that make up the track to **"no crashes"**. In the next edition of this discussion we will begin with looking at all of the components of the #1 cause of safety compromise, pilot error. Pilot error can start anytime after we open the box of a new aircraft. Remember *safety is a choice*.

Meet Don Hildebrand

Born/raised: Florence, Oregon

Years in hobby: 35 years minus 12 year lay-off

Member since: November 2009

How I became interested: Purchased plastic Cox PT-19 control-line as a child, graduated to Sterling Ringmaster with Fox .35, then to RC in 6th grade. Became acquainted with FARCAA at the Florence Hobby Fair.

Planes/ helis owned: Goldberg Sr. Falcon, Goldberg Gentle Lady, Dynam Focus 400, various scratch built foamies.

Favorite plane/ heli: Nutball

Favorite size of plane/heli to fly: All

Worst crash: Broken rubber bands in flight on Sr. Falcon.

Best advice I have received: On final approach, adjust angle of decent with throttle and speed with elevator. (RCModeler Magazine)

Something you may not know about me: I can play classical guitar, electric bass and saxophone.



Hildebrand's Vintage Airplane



Todd's Evans Creation



Christian Eagle

Meet Ed Gunderson

Born/raised: Hood River, Oregon for 50 years, moved to Florence 2 years ago

Married/Children: Divorced after 25 years, two daughters in college

Occupation: Disability Retirement from the U S Fish & Wildlife, raising Fall Chinook Salmon

Years in hobby: 4 months

How I became interested: Always wanted to take it up and finally have the time

Planes/ helis owned: Very abused Super Cub LP, Parkzone Spitfire & Corsair

Favorite plane/ heli: The very abused Super Cub

Favorite size of plane/heli to fly: I haven't tried much, but the three foot wing-span seems about right to me.

Worst crash: Nothing major (yet). My planes seem to be magnetically attracted to trees.

Something you may not know about me: I have not been flying lately, I've become obsessed with a project which I hope will amuse other members of the club, even if it isn't an airplane.



Ready for another mission



Don Coffi puzzling?

Treasurer's and Secretaries report by Gary Israel

Minutes and financial report of the May 2, 2010 meeting of the Club, President Gene Wobbe presiding. 9 members were present.

Financial report: Field Fund \$543.92, Operating Fund \$1,139.51, Total \$ 1,683.43

The minutes of the fall 2009 meeting were read and approved.

Safety: Doug Devereaux (Safety Officer) reviewed our observer requirements. After much discussion a motion was passed, the details of which are in the Safety Issues section of the newsletter.

Webmaster: Russ Petersen reported the club web page is up to date. He urges members to check for information and club activities.

Old Business: A motion to purchase two club trainers that was held over from the fall meeting was presented. The motion failed.

A motion to drop having a club trainer failed for lack of a 2nd.

New Business: A list of bylaw changes was discussed. A motion to accept the final list as modified was approved. The updated bylaws are available on the club web site and in the club shed.

Summer flying days will be Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. John English and Russ Petersen will observe on Wednesday, Gene Haynes and Doug Devereaux will observe on Fridays. A club logo was presented, discussed and adopted. The logo is presented elsewhere in this newsletter.

Field maintenance day will be May 15 at 9:00am. Doug Devereaux will coordinate.

Club group trips to other club sites was discussed. These will be left to interested individuals to coordinate.

The meeting was adjourned.

A Special Modeling Project by Ed Gunderson

Hello, My name is Ed although I joined FARCAA a couple months ago, I actually haven't quite made it to the field to fly, and here's why:

I've been building ship models for a few years, especially after retiring and could devote more time to it. It's a pleasant way to pass a winters day on the Coast. In December of last year I stumbled on a company in Palo Alto (Steel, Chapman & Hutchinson Ltd) that offers 1/24th scale tall ship models (a brig, a frigate and a schooner). These kits are offered either fully or in stages. The complete kits are very well thought out and quite complete. They are radio controlled with servos operating the sails on each mast and one servo for the rudder.

Being a Patrick O'Brian fan, I chose the replica of the "Surprise" from the movie "Master and Commander". I received the kit in early March and I'm a little past the half way point. The deck length is six feet and the total length will be 110" and weigh 137 lbs, with 19 square feet of sails.

I confess that I've become obsessed with the ship and haven't been flying much lately - although the weather hasn't been helping either. I hope to finish sometime in June and look forward to sailing in the local lakes and hopefully in the Siuslaw. If you'd like more information the web site is: <http://www.modelingsailingships.com/index.htm>



Todd doing his thing



Russ's Control Tower



Club adopts new logo

Kathleen Petersen Jones, Russ Petersen's daughter is a professional graphics designer and accomplished artist. At Russ's request and for no fee, she designed a number of possible logos for the club that were intended to capture the Florence environment and the model flying activities of the club. The designs were presented to the membership at the May 2, 2010 meeting. The design below was adopted by the group for the official club logo:



Russ and Doug Devereaux are looking into the cost of producing patches, hats and shirts using the logo. They will be back to the membership soon with a proposal. In the meantime, we will begin to use the logo for the masthead on this newsletter, for member cards (2011 and subsequent) and in other public relations publications promoting the club.

Todd's Pretty Bipe

