

Florence RC Flyer

Picture Credits:

Gene Wobbe and Gene Haynes provided the great pictures for this newsletter. Be sure to thank them for the extra effort!

Current dues expire 10-31-2010. Send your club dues of \$40 to PO Box 1028, Florence, OR 97439 if you want to receive the new gate code!

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From The Left Seat By Gene Wobbe

I would like to thank each of our 2009/10 Officers for a job well done. Thank you all for your commitment and participation in the operation of our club. Thanks to all of those who participated in club maintenance and building projects.



It’s nice to see new members coming into the club after brief visits to the field and speaking with our members. Let’s make them feel welcome and show them the ropes so to speak. If anyone asks; the rules and a lot of other good information is on our club website. Let the more seasoned members help the new ones with kind nudging into good safety habits where violations are noticed.

We have established a good reputation in keeping even small injuries to a minimum and keeping that stream running is a good thing. We do need to work on stopping our incursions into off limits airspace.

We can still have fun and operate a safe flying field. Here are some things we can all do to improve flying habits:

Officers:

Gene Wobbe	President
Russ Petersen	Vice President
Ed Gunderson	Secretary/ Treasurer
Gene Haynes	Safety
Russ Petersen	News/web
Don Coffi	Board Member #3
John English	Board Member #2
Gary Israel	Board Member #1

- 1) Respect the field rules and expect others to do the same.
- 2) Be proactive helping the less experienced pilots, don't sit by and watch them make mistakes and not say anything that could help.
- 3) Don't be embarrassed to ask for assistance, even the most experienced pilot can benefit from help holding a large aircraft.
- 4) Be considerate and use common sense.
- 5) If you are a new member, take time to learn the rules for flying at the airport. We are flying from an active airport in the proximity of full scale aircraft. Many of the requirements and rules are unique to our field and some are the result of lessons learned. If you have not been through a full field orientation, contact me and I will make arrangements for you to do so.
- 6) Take time to range check your radio system. Have another member inspect your aircraft for problems that you may have missed.

Blue Skies,

Gene

Safety Issues—Gene Haynes

As your Safety Officer for 2011, I look forward to serving every member of our Organization. I hope for a wonderful year of safe flying of the many variety of airplanes and helicopters of all sizes. If a safety issue arises, please do not hesitate to express your concerns to me personally. Once again, here's to a safe and fun 2011.

October 3, 2010 Minutes and Treasure's Report—Ed Gunderson

15 members attending

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes from the Spring meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS:

Treasurers:

Last Spring there was \$1419, with expenditures of \$114 - leaving as of the beginning of the meeting (prior to dues and raffle proceeds): \$611.86 in operating funds and \$693.92 in field funds for a total of \$1305.00.

Safety:

After numerous pilot errors and equipment malfunctions in the recent past, a greater awareness of safety procedures and flight boundaries is required, as well as careful monitoring while out at the field to catch problems before they become mistakes if at all possible. Discussion was raised as to procuring or building a "Lifeguard" style chair for the observer. Gene and Mike have agreed to look into the matter. Discussion was brought up regarding using First Person View equipment at the field. Proper documents need to be on hand in case they are required. Discussion was brought up regarding the placement and permanence of the pilot barriers. It was determined that placement will be postponed for the winter season. It was also brought up that the observer may be identified by use of one of the barriers. Discussion was brought up that the first pilot of the day should check to make certain the radio is indeed turned on.

Jerry Ferree was thanked by the club for building the pilots barriers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gene Haynes offered to be involved in New member orientation.

The updated flying rules were read and are posted on the web site and at the field.

Discussion was brought up regarding moving the staging area further North, toward the old heli area. Discussion was brought up regarding a designated overrun, "X", or displaced threshold on the south end of the runway to assist in avoiding the southern no fly boundary. Ariel photographs were handed out to show the relationship of the runway and the flight pattern.

NEW 2010/2011 OFFICERS ELECTION:

Voted and approved: President Gene Wobbe, Vice President Russ Petersen, Sec/Treasurer Ed Gunderson, Board Members Don Coffi (P-3, Exp. 2011), John English (P-1, Exp. 2013) and Gary Israel (P-2, Exp. 2012)), News Editor/Web Page Russ Petersen.

OTHER BUSINESS:

We have been asked by the Airport Manager to maintain the grounds between the Airport entrance and the gravel parking lot.

There is a possibility that the gate security will change from a pass code to a pass card system.

We have been asked to make sure that vehicles do not pass through to security gate directly behind club members entering the secured area.

Questions regarding this procedure will be taken up with the airport manager.

Thanks went out to Gary Israel for being the secretary/treasurer for the past three years.

Thanks went out to Doug Devereaux & Ron Hokenson. for maintaining the field runway.

Thanks went out to Trumps Hobbies, Gene Haynes, Ed Gunderson, Irvin Harvel and everyone else that contributed prizes for the raffle (netting \$200!) and Thanks to all that bought tickets.

Submitted Oct 3 by Ed Gunderson

Member Introduction—John Farkas

Born/raised: 7/2/1936 in Budapest, Hungary

Married/Children: married, no kids

Occupation: retired

Years in hobby: started in 1965. After a 15 yr. hiatus restarted 2001

FARCAA Member since: 2008



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How I became interested: in '65 as a graduation present I received a Cox .049 plastic P 51 Mustang UC. Crashed it right away but got challenged and started building kits; first several UC and then R/C. In R/C I "graduated" via reeds, escapement, Galloping Ghost, Orbit and Kraft radios. After the 15 yr. hiatus, encouraged by electricians, I started up again. As for helis, I had one of the earliest fixed pitch Du Bro helis with the chain saw engine –never got it off the ground. I hoped that I could learn to fly helis with the new sophisticated mechanisms. After 7 yrs I am still just hoping.

Planes/ helis owned: Helis: 2 Raptor 50s, 3 T-Rex 450s, a Lepton with Heli Command autopilot and a Hirobo Llama coax, Planes: 11.

Favorite plane/ heli: Plane: TWIST 40; Heli: Lepton

Favorite size of plane/heli to fly: Plane: 48" nitro, 38" electric. Heli: can not fly any of them, Lepton with autopilot gets the most use.

Worst crash: 1971 – Taurus with Kraft-Hayes retracts; inverted low pass over asphalt runway. Was trying to impress girlfriend but made wrong move with the elevator stick.

Best advice I have received: Don't buy junk; get the best equipment/parts you can afford.

Something you may not know about me: I run R/C cars, mostly rock climbers. Have a Santa Barbara 12meter class R/C sailboat.

I had the privilege of knowing two pioneers of R/C. My first club was DCRC in Washington, DC. Maynard Hill and Dr. Walt Good were members and we saw many of their early experiments with electronics and design. Maynard Hill's altitude record setter's radio was a marvel – the Tx was a huge tube affair with car batteries and a 12' antenna.

I have been in about eight RC clubs. Of all of them FARCAA stands out as by far the most welcoming and friendliest.

Airport Day—Ed Gunderson

The 2nd annual "Wheels and Wings" was very wet and rainy. In fact it wrapped up four hours early due to the rain. Be that as it may, the FARRCA display of airplanes and helicopters was a major attraction, due in part to it being a somewhere to get out of the rain and thanks go out to everyone that brought their airplanes and helis out for display. FARRCA members assisted in prepping the airport grounds and volunteering to help push airplanes (which never appeared) into parking spaces.

Hopefully it will be drier next year.



Fall Meeting Raffle Prizes



Mike with heli fuse



Club Officers at work



Airport Day Display



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Hobby Show—Ed Gunderson

The 2010 Florence Hobby Fair was held on a very soggy day this year. FARCAA was well represented and staffed and thanks go out to those who brought their airplanes for display and stayed around to answer questions and chat with people. Two RC simulators were available and were in use. They provided an immediate hands-on demonstration and were quite popular. The FARCAA booth was a popular attraction, at least when the belly dancers weren't doing demonstrations.



Ed Gunderson's 'Surprise



Gene and Mike



Jerry Ferree



Mike and Giant Bird



Cockpit Detail



Jim Green with Cub

