

Florence RC Flyer

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From The Left Seat By Gene Wobbe

I'm going to bounce around this time folks, sorry I'm not organized. I have been gone a lot and have had a lot going on.

We had a good turnout at the (Late) Spring meeting. Thanks to all who took time to attend. Support your local hobby shops that support us. Trump's Hobbies and Sky High Rc contributed to our raffle along with several generous members resulting in some great raffle items. I want us all to remember those fellow members that have made a difference in this club. We have accomplished a lot at the airport in the last three years, but there are still things to do. When volunteers are needed, don't be shy.

In addition to the AMA safety code there are FARCAA flying site rules posted at the field. The posted rules govern how, where and when we can or can not do certain things. Take time to review the rules so they are fresh in your mind.

Always put your Club card into the clip and



take a frequency pin even if only a couple people are there. Sooner or later, someone is bound to show up. Be sure that it is the last one out (or last ones out) who turn the gate signs. I know that it seems helpful to turn the signs when you think that everyone else is leaving, but you never know when someone may decide to make one last flight.

If you brought it, take it home (we have no garbage service at the field).

Blue Skies,
Gene

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New Mower

The mower committee (Russ, Ed and Ron) reviewed consumer's reports and selected a Sears riding mower for the club. With sales and discounts the cost of the new mower came very close to the amount authorized by the membership at the spring meeting. The mower has a 42" blade, with a 19.5 HP motor. It has an automatic transmission with a fairly decent seat, which should make mowing a little easier on the back. The mower will be delivered on Wednesday, June 22 at 10:00 by the Sears representative. Anyone interested in learning about the mower and

its features should plan to join in the discussion at that time. Sears recommended strongly that we only use regular gas that contains no ethanol, so we need to be sure that we do so. There will be a five gallon fuel container in the shed purchased for this purpose. Club officers will try to keep track of the fuel supply so that the wrong fuel does not end up in the can. One good place in Florence that usually has the best price on ethanol-free gas is the Texaco station on 22nd street.

Safety—Gene Haynes

"SAFETY FIRST!"

The above statement has become a multi-discipline factor in the life of a Florence R.C. club flyer....One should stop and pre-flight yourself at home as well as your equipment before leaving for the flying field. **Check List:** 1. Your health/clothing/water/snack as required. 2. Transmitter fully charged. 3. Airplane/receiver/balance/charged. 4. Two/4 stroke power. 5. Electric power. 6. Batteries of all kinds needed. 7. Propellers. 8. TOOL-BOX! etc. etc. etc. Also, note that the club has provided a short pre-takeoff checklist on the back of your frequency pin. This can be used just before you add throttle for take off to be sure you and your aircraft are ready to fly.

Also, if you are performing observer duties, you should be sure the airport radio's are working properly and in particular be sure that the squelch is not turned up so far that it eliminates any radio signal from aircraft in the pattern. You should concentrate on watching the airport traffic on the field as well as flying in the pattern, and you should not concentrate on the RC aircraft flying. The flyer will take care of that. (Ed)



New Member Introduction

Meet new member Kyle Beach:

Born: January 26, 1998

Years in hobby: 7

Member since: January-February (Kyle is taking instruction from Todd Rickford and has soloed the club trainer.)



How I became interested: I became interested when I was little and flying those "Air Hogs" and soon enough my passion grew larger.

Planes/ helis owned: 5

Favorite plane/ heli: A4 Sky hawk and customized Slow Stick

Favorite size of plane/heli to fly: Medium scale models

Worst crash: My A4 Sky hawk got blown off of the work table and landed nose down, unfortunately the cockpit broke completely off.

Best advice I have received: Stay calm, stay alert, and practice.

Something you may not know about me: I have been interested in aviation ever since I can remember. I plan on going to the USAF academy after I finish high school to become an air force pilot. After about 15 years in the air force, I then hope to retire and become a private pilot giving lessons, tours, and I will still be flying RC planes.



Secretary/treasurer's Report - Ed Gunderson

FARCAA 2011 Spring Meeting minutes, June 5th

15 members present

Old Business:

Someone is needed to head up moving the heli pad to the new location. M. Spinner agreed to take on the job.

New Business:

Financial report: balance at Fall meeting (+1263.74), plus donations, dues and raffle (+1272.29), minus bills (-688.38) leaving a balance of \$1847.65.

Safety report:

Things have been going smoothly. Club members are using the safety gates and there have been no incidents reported since the last meeting. Thanks to Jerry for re soldering the loud speaker for the field radio. Special note regarding the field radios: The radio with the belt clip is for the observer. The radio without the belt clip is for the loud speaker system. Ed: A reminder of the heli by-law that helis can be used in the new area unobserved at a maximum of 10 feet.

Observers for the Summer season.

Mondays – Gene H & Ed G, Wednesdays – Ed G

Fridays – Russ P & John E

Float flies:

Float flies will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month through August

Re-orienting the field:

Gene discussed re-orienting the runway more to parallel the full scale runway and smoothing the South West corner of the field. The work will commence late Summer. Gene W, Russ P, Palmer, Doug D and Ed G volunteered to work on the project. Also, the set-up tables and spools need to be moved and the mat removed and the area smoothed out and the mat re stretched. Thanks to Mike S for stretching the mat and making safe for the time being. In order to comply with 2011 AMA Safety codes flight stations will be moved 10 feet into the runway narrowing the existing runway and establishing a new flight line. There was a discussion of setting up a mat runway to be used for light plane take offs. It was thought this might be done when the run way is realigned later this Summer

Mower:

It was suggested that it's time to replace the mower, and a motion was carried to look into finding a mower for \$1000.00 or less. Russ P, Ron H and Ed G agreed to form a search committee.

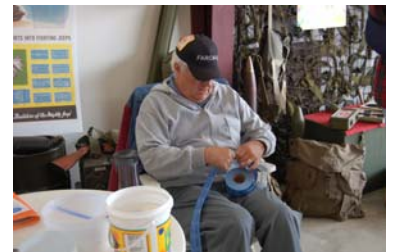
Field maintenance:

The doors on the shed need to be replaced, the fascia need repair and some painting is needed. Russ P and John E agreed to take care of it.

Patch/hat order:

The subject of ordering more club patches and hats was brought up. It was decided to order 25 patches and 10 hats.

Big Thanks to Trumps Hobbies, Sky High RC, Jerry, Russ, Mike, John, Doug and everyone else who donated prizes for the raffle. We netted \$215 this meeting in ticket sales and also to Sam Spayd for the use of his hangar for the meeting.



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If you aren't flying you aren't trying



Scale electric DeHaviland DH2 built by Ed Gunderson.
