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The Clark Flyer September 2010



The September meeting featured a *great* auction with some fantastic buys. Thanks John!

Well, as our season winds down, a last

fun fly for Haiti will be coming up. Watch for the flyer!

It has been an awesome season which featured several great events. A big thank you to all who participated and to those who did the set up and worked the events.

Since we are getting more requests for training, we need to set up a formal training system with designated trainers to take on the task. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the next meeting.

On a more serious note, field safety is everyone's responsibility: to uphold the rules of the club and

the field. If you are out there you are responsible. If you see something wrong let someone know or if you can, correct it right then. If you see someone you don't know as a club member, ask them if they are. It is for your benefit as well as theirs. They might become your new best friend or flying buddy.

Just a reminder:

During the October meeting, nominations will be accepted for next year's club officers. Be ready with nominations.

Keep safe, have fun and spread the joy of our hobby

Mike



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Meeting Minutes September 8, 2010

Called to order at 7:30 by President Mike.

Guests at the meeting were Tom Rourke, Mark Haskins, Josh Traffic and Bill Romine.

Minutes from last meeting approved as posted on web site.

Steve reported via email that we have \$2,490.98 in the checking account and the savings account balance is \$4,010.55.

Safety Tom talked the accident at the flying field two weeks ago. A young child was hit in the head by an airplane. Tom reported that he had filed an incident report with the AMA. He also has been in communication with the child's father. Tom made a motion that was passed to install a chain link style fence around the covered canopy. Tom also discussed the clubs pilot certification needs. A task force has been formed with Tom O'Neal, Frank Williams, Ralph Sutter, Ted Atmore, Dave Agar and Greg Agar as members. They will report back to the club at the next meeting. A discussion was also held about non-club members flying at the field. We all need to police this issue and make sure only club members are using the field. Also, if you are flying, your membership card needs to be on the board.

Frank Williams spoke about the need for spotters when too many planes are in the air at one time

Randy Boardman is having a Fun Fly September 11. First flight will be at 9 am.

Dick Dower, our newsletter editor, asked that when a club member attends another club's model aviation event, to bring back a brief report with pictures, for inclusion in this newsletter.

Sandy Strader, Carter's mom, is going to Haiti along with a complete medical team to help the children of Haiti recover from the earthquake. Dave Agar read an e-mail that he had received from her about this trip. She asked if the club members would be willing to donate items to help build little goodie bags to give to the kids after they have seen the medical team. Frank Williams suggested having a fun fly with the proceeds going to the effort. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 with a rain date of Sunday, October 17. Dave Agar and Carter Strader will CD the event.

John Shirron won the Broken Prop award for the demise of his Mentor.

Suggested Gifts for Kids in Haiti

- Flip flops (small sizes)
- Crayons
- Color books
- Individual pouches of raisins, nuts and fruit chews
- Matchbox cars
- Small stuffed animals (used are fine, they just need to be clean)
- Hair pretties (barrettes, bows, etc.)

The criers raffle was won by member #15. We need to check with Steve Piper to identify that person just as soon as he gets back from hunting. Jim Taylor reported that there is an additional \$27.00 to add to the pot.

The raffle was won by Safety Tom. The Mystery raffle was won by Tom Koon.

John Shirron had a silent auction for a large lot of RC planes and equipment from an estate sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Mike Agar



**September's Raffle:
Sig Mfg Astro Hog Biplane RTF
Won by Tom O'Neal**

Safety Awareness

By Tom O'Neal, CCRCS Safety Coordinator



Tom O'Neal and Josh Traffie, left, began the safety screen project about 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 11 with a trip to Wilco in Battle Ground to pick up the materials. With the help of a few club members including Tim Flynn and Dave Yargas, the work was completed by 2:30. Special thanks goes to Josh for providing the expertise and much of the muscle to get the job completed. The total cost of materials was \$127.00.

Lack of safety awareness is like running with a fork in your mouth, everything is fine until you trip and fall.

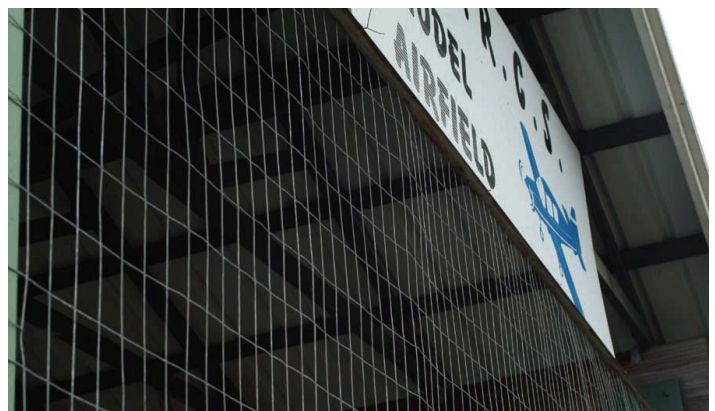
Dictionary.com defines safety as the quality of averting injury, danger, or loss. Others would simply define it as not doing anything stupid. Safety is all about minimizing risk, it's about choosing the path that is least likely to do harm. As a club, our membership is very diverse. We come from all walks of life, but we all share one common trait, a passion for model aerobatics. We also share an obligation to act on our passion without harming or risking others. I don't believe that anyone comes to our field with the intention of doing harm so how is it that accidents still happen?

Accidents are almost always the result of a chain of events that in hindsight always seem obvious. No one is immune to an accident, but statistically certain behaviors are known to increase the risk of an accident just as other behaviors are known to reduce the risk of an accident. Nowhere is this more evident than in the auto insurance industry, we all know that if you get

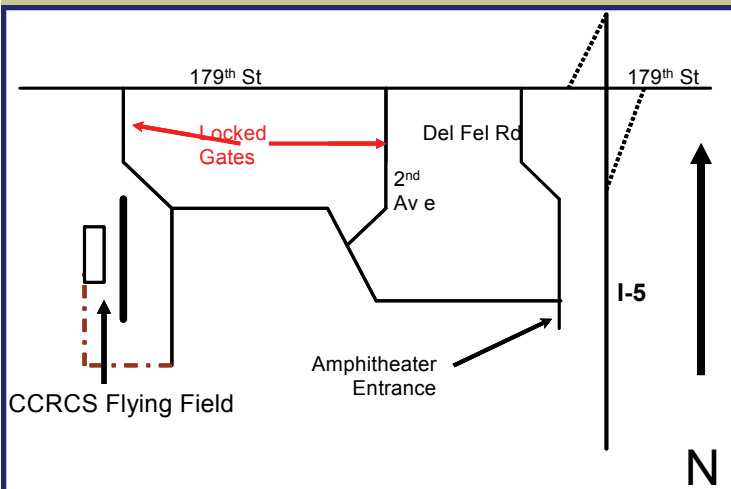
caught speeding your insurance rates go up because your chances of having an accident are statistically higher. There is a reason that many auto insurance companies offer safe driver discounts, safe drivers are lower risk. To operate our field responsibly and foster safely we must promote behavior that reduces risk (safe drivers) and prevent behavior that increases risk (reckless drivers). It is important to note that safe drivers can still have accidents; safe drivers are just statistically less likely to have an accident.

Contrary to what some believe, safety and fun do not have to be mutually exclusive. We can still have fun and operate a safe flying field. Here are some things we can all do to improve safety awareness:

- 1) Respect the field rules and expect others to do the same.
- 2) Don't be afraid to ask someone intending to fly if they are a member, if not, inform them they cannot fly (except as a guest of a member)
- 3) Be proactive helping the less experienced pilots, don't sit by and watch them make mistakes and not say anything that could help
- 4) Don't be embarrassed to ask for assistance, even the most experience pilot can benefit from a spotter or help holding a large aircraft
- 5) Be considerate and use common sense.



This newly installed screen will protect those watching from being hit by an out of control airplane.



Directions:

Exit 9 from I-5 (Battle Ground Fairground exit) Head west to 2nd Ave. There are two ways to get to the field. Spectators and club members can use the Amphitheater entrance (open from 8 AM. until 9 PM. most days).

If locked club members can use the club entrance off of 2nd Ave. You must be a member and know the combination of the lock!



September's Raffle

Low wing Float Plane

Radio Required: Receiver Installed

Battery: Installed

Engine Installed: OS 46

All Servos: Installed

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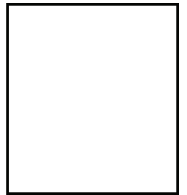
UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 13 Monthly club meeting at Pythian Retirement Center, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m
October 16 CCRCS "Helicopter Fun Fly"



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