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May 2011

Annual Spring Clean-up

Many hands make light work

by Rick Heinrichs

photos by Mike Fevola

Wiskow Field has a new ‘fresh’ look for the 2011 flying season, thanks to many energetic and spirited club members. Several members showed up bright and early Sunday, April 10th, armed with shovels, rakes, paint brushes, etc.

The entire fence line was painted with a fresh coat of brilliant white paint and the front fence line was straightened and aligned.

The gray trailer was swept and organized.

Picnic supplies were inventoried and reorganized. This will eliminate the purchasing of future goods that won't be needed.



New black tarp was installed in the Heli-fly area and the size of the landing area was increased.

The flagpole support was moved to a safer area which reduced the chance of any individual tripping over its mount.

The gravel driveway was graded and smoothed.

All loose stone and gravel was removed from the area around the ‘assembly benches’ which will provide smoother and safer footing for our flyers. New topsoil will be added to level the assembly area.

The front gate was straightened and the gate hinges repositioned so the gate will swing correctly.



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Mr. Bob portable toilet was leveled so our patrons will have a safer and more stable lavatory experience.

All 'butt' cans were cleaned and painted red.

The entire field and pit area was policed for trash and, our biggest litter problem, cigarette butts.

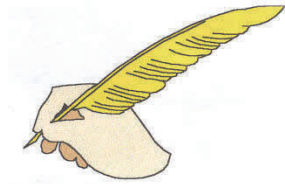
AMA safety rules were posted on the rear of the frequency board, which will be visible to all flyers.

It was great to see so many members show up for the spring clean-up. The work was accomplished in under two hours. It was great to see everyone working together to make Wiskow Field a fun place to be.



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Minutes of OCM Meeting on April 27, 2011



The meeting was opened by OCM Club President Steve DeSanto at 6:58pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 34 members present.

Rick Heinrichs read the treasurer's report. Ralph Ferrara made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Ed Nosek. A vote was taken by a show of hands and was passed unanimously.

FIELD REPORT:

Steve thanked all the members that came out to the field and helped with our annual spring clean-up.

The frequency pins have been replaced. The field has been mowed several times. The Zoysia grass was put down. Steve has spoken with Jack Wilson about rolling the field. The roller is busy on a job, but may be available in the next few weeks.

SAFETY REPORT:

Safety Officer Harry Jenkin proposed an idea to mark a centerline on the field to aid pilots in lining up their landings. Harry reminded pilots to keep their take-offs and landings at least 25 feet in front of the flight line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sal Pui talked about the upcoming Pattern Contest on May 14th. He is expecting 25 contestants. Volunteers are needed to help run the contest, including registration, scoring, food, etc. Please contact Sal if interested in helping.

Corresponding Secretary, Jam Rabbi announced that the OCM/AMA Club charter and insurance have been renewed.

Upcoming event: West Jersey RC Annual Swap Meet and the Jumbo Jamboree.

A tentative date for the annual OCM club Picnic and Fun Fly has been set for Saturday, August 20th with a rain date of Sunday, August 21st.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Danny Ditursi recommended Spyridon Baroulakis as a beginner pilot instructor.

MODEL OF THE MONTH:

Lou Spataro showed three Blue Foamie electric models; A B-2, a combat plane and an Arrow Delta wing.

Jack Brady showed his Hobby Zone Super Cub with anti-crash technology.

DOOR PRIZES:

Jack Brady won the door prize, an Applebee's gift certificate.

Ron Syanovitz won the 50/50 and donated the winnings back to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Submitted by Scott Smith, Recording Secretary

Addendum to minutes of March 23, 2011

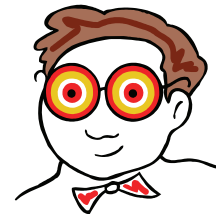
A vote was taken and passed naming Harry Jenkin to fill the vacant position of Safety Officer for the remainder of the year.



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President's Corner

by Steve DeSanto

It should come as no surprise to all of the OCM members, that this month's President's corner addresses safety.

Several safety violations that were addressed last season have shown up again early in the season. Safety has to be our number one priority at all times. We all must remember that we are tenants at Wiskow field. If there is one sure fire way to lose our field forever it's to have an incident involving a serious injury!

Non-qualified pilots will fly only with a willing instructor until such time as they can demonstrate proper procedures as outlined in our AMA student training guide. Then, after receiving a check-flight and passing required aircraft control procedures, can they fly on their own.

Members wishing to instruct non-qualified pilots can do so as long as they are willing and understand the legal responsibilities that come along with instructing non-qualified student pilots.

Instructors registered with OCM and the AMA, either as an 'intro-pilot' instructor or just an instructor will follow all AMA procedures. Instructors bear the responsibility to properly determine the extent of the non-qualified pilot's abilities prior to flying.

All non-qualified pilots will have an OCM training guide with them each time they fly. All instructors will review this guide prior to flying with a student, unless the student is known to be a qualified solo pilot. Instructors will make a determination when a student can proceed to the next level of training!

This will also apply to new members joining from another club. Instructors will use some latitude with pilots that are fully qualified and are joining from other clubs. Most of the time this will only require a flight-check prior to receiving the status of 'soloed pilot'. A student OCM training guide will be filled out completely on the day of the qualification. This guide will be turned in to the recording secretary at the next meeting. This documentation is crucial and required by the AMA.

I have appointed an executive committee to meet and research and report at the May meeting all guidelines pertaining to training and insurance regulations as they relate to the instructor and student.

I recommend that anyone who is unfamiliar with regulations set forth by the AMA concerning the obligations about student pilot training and its consequences that will be absorbed by the instructor and student in the event of bodily injury or property damage visit the AMA website and closely review its regulations.

Armed Forces Day War Bird Fun Fly

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Airplanes of the Month



Lou Spataro shows his three partially completed foam planes called 'Stealth B2', 'Combat Foamie' and 'Arrow Delta'. He is looking forward to finishing them so he can fly them.

If you have a tip or trick that you think others would be interested in, send it to the editor, Sue Fevola, at OCMRC@yahoo.com



Jack Brady shows his foam electric Super Cub by Hobby Zone. It features anti-crash technology to make landings easier.



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new members*

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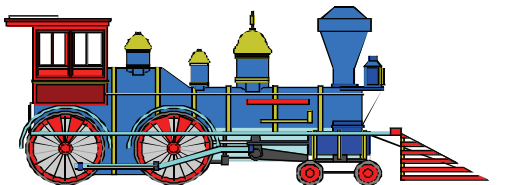
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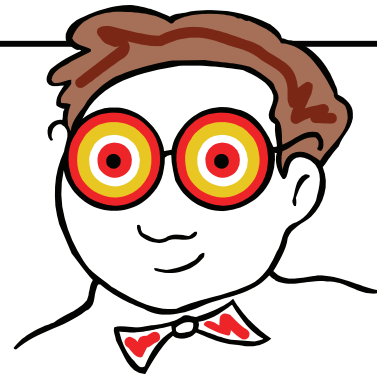
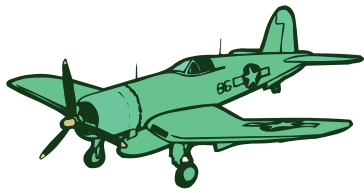


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May 25th
7:00 PM
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