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Keys to success for new pilots

Fifth in our series for successful flying

submitted by Mike Fevola

Preflight Check--Before every flight it is the pilot's responsibility to confirm that the plane, the controls and the conditions are correct and acceptable for flight.

Plane

Batteries at proper power
Surfaces properly aligned
No damage or breakage on the plane
Everything secure

Radio

Frequency control has been met before you turn on the radio
A full range check before the first flight of the day
All trims and switches in the proper position for this plane
Battery condition is good
Antenna fully extended
For computer radios—proper model is displayed
All surfaces move in the proper direction

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OCM WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.OCMRC.US](http://www.ocmrc.us)

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Conditions

No one on the field or in any way at risk from your flight
 You are launching into the wind
 Wind strength is acceptable [see Wind in May 2007 issue]
 Sunglasses and a hat to protect your eyes
 All other area conditions are acceptable.

Then and only then can you consider yourself, your plane, radio and the conditions right for flight. Based on your plane, your radio and local conditions you may need to add or change something here, but this is the bare minimum. It only takes a couple of minutes at the beginning of the flying day and only a few seconds to perform before each flight.

If this all seems like too much to remember, do what professional pilots do, take along a preflight check list. Before every flight they go down the check list, perform the tests, in sequence, and confirm that all is right. If you want your flying experience to be a positive one, you should do the same.

After a short time, it all becomes automatic and just a natural part of a fun and rewarding day. *[Reprinted from Hobby-Lobby RC Groups.com, aeajr's blog. More in the next issue.]*

Tips & Tricks

Measuring washout

Washout, the downward twist in wingtips that improves low-speed flight, is sometimes used in airplanes with flat-bottom wings. A good way to make sure each wingtip has the same amount of washout (or any at all) is to get two straight dowels or carbon rods. Tape each to the bottom of the wing near the tips.

Set the wing on something so you can see both rods, and sight down the wing so you can see each rod in relation to the other. The rods magnify any angle that might be present in the wing.

Correct the wing twist until you have the angle you want. This doesn't work too well with wings that are rounded on the bottom, but is an excellent way of making sure the flat-bottom wings are true. *[AMA Insider, March 2007]*

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Minutes of OCM Meeting on August 22nd, 2007

Bob Miceli opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30pm. There were 23 members in attendance. The treasurer's report was read by Stephen DeSanto. Motion to accept, motion passed. The minutes of July's meeting were read. Motion to accept, motion passed.

Bob thanked all that helped to make the Fun Fly and family picnic a success on Sunday. Thanks to donations for the food, the club defrayed some of the expenses.

Al Larsen gave out the latest club roster with the latest corrections and additions.

OLD BUSINESS: A discussion of projected costs for reproducing the club's newsletter was held with various input ideas on how to cut down the costs. These costs may impact the membership yearly dues. As soon as there is a quorum in future meetings there will be some suggestions voted on. Again, due to poor turnout, this club could not proceed on business decisions.

Sal Piu has uploaded all of this year's newsletters on our club's web site <www.ocmrc.us>. Our members and other interested parties with computers can access the current and old editions of the newsletter and it is in color!

Sal also informed the club that Danny Ditursi is now the Chief Flight Instructor for our club.

Stephen DeSanto reported on field conditions and reminded everyone that September 8th is a work morning from 7am to 10am. No flying and he needs HELP. Please show up that morning with your work clothes and give him a HAND! He also noted that Jersey Modelers (Dean Kraus) donated some trash bags. These are to be used for your trash BUT please take it home with you!

Sal Piu reminded everyone that the PATTERN CONTEST will be held on September 15th & 16th. Sal also requires some help with food cooking and other duties. Please contact him at 732-323-7705 if you can lend a hand with these chores. He emphasized that this event is a money maker for our club.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion of a FLEA MARKET date was held and it was established that the event will be held on October 13th with the rain date to be October 14th at Wiskow Field. Eric Heitmann will be coordinating this event and AGAIN VOLUNTEERS are needed for traffic control, food cooking, 50/50, club table, etc. Please contact him with your services at 732-730-3766.

There will be NO FLYING between 8am and 12noon. Tables are \$10 (bring your own table). Spectators and buyers will be \$2.00 a carload. Food and refreshments will be available for a modest donation. This event is open to one and all interested in model aviation; members, vendors, other club members, etc.

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Airplanes of the Month



Hob Davis shows his foam acrobatic indoor flyer.



Carmine Bianco shows this E MAX 4-wheel drive off-road electric car.



Carl Parducci with his Great Planes ARF.

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MODEL OF THE MONTH:

Carmine Bianco showed off an E MAX 4wheel drive off the road electric car powered by twin motors and 4/6cell batteries. He uses a 2.4ghz radio but so far its yet to fly off the ground. (no wings)

Carl Parducci showed off a Great Planes ARF S.E.5a bi-plane powered by a Rim Fire 22M-1000 brushless motor and a 3 cell 1250ma poly battery.

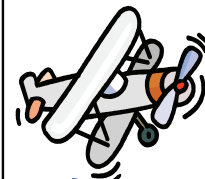
Hob Davis showed off a foam acrobatic indoor flyer powered by an E-Flight electric motor. The model has speed brakes which causes the plane to fly very slow and do maneuvers that no real plane can accomplish.

50/50 big winner: Joe Dibella who donated winnings back to club. Thanks Joe!

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. Submitted by Carl Parducci, Recording Secretary.



Bucky Garner of the Big Spring Aircraft Association [Texas] fuels his radio-controlled airplane before takeoff during the Don McKinney Float and Fly Saturday morning. The event concluded Sunday at Comanche Trail Lake (HERALD photo/ Steve Reagan) [ed. note: Bucky is a long-time friend of Mike Fevola.]



*Welcome to our
New Members*

**Robert Kasper Jr
Robert Kasper Sr
Charles R. Skowronski**

Newsletter deadline:

1st of the month

Send info to

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Items listed for sale may be submitted to the newsletter editor and/or the website administrator.

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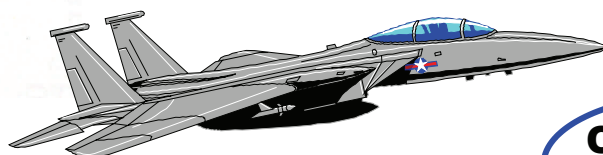


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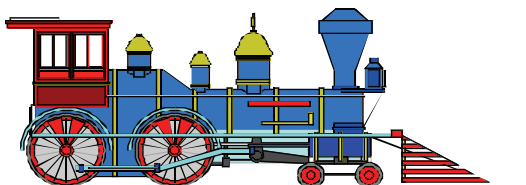
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Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed



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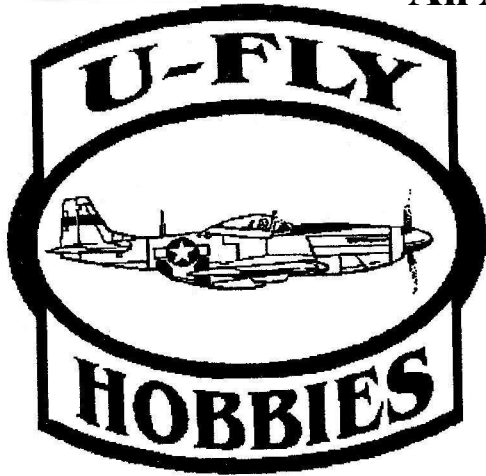
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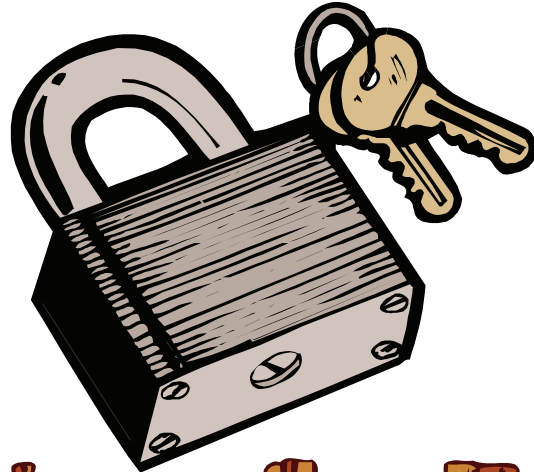
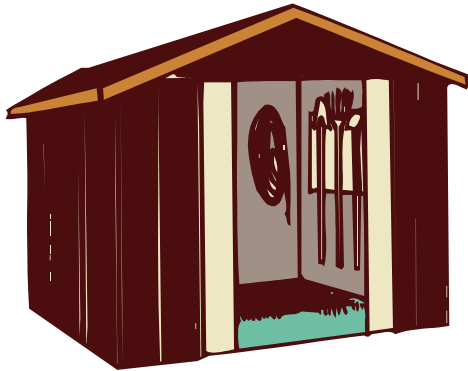


Club Member
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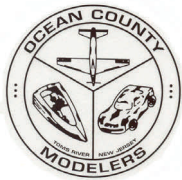


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**Next OCM meeting
Wednesday
September 26th
7:30 PM
Manchester Municipal
Building**