



Skyhawk Report

April 2011

Next meeting Monday, April 18th at Perkins Restaurant, 1455 Woodruff Road
Dinner at 6:30 Meeting Begins at 7:30

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Quotes of the Month

“If a man is walking deep in a forest, totally alone, talking to himself, and there isn’t a woman within 10 miles, is he *still* wrong?”

- Musings of an Old RC'er

“I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom.”

- General George S. Patton

“If one is clumsy, he should avoid cutting himself while slicing away with his Exacto Knife by getting someone else to hold the balsa as he does so.”

- Musings of an Old RC'er (Heh, heh)

“I have gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!”

- Anonymous

New Members

Two more intrepid gentlemen were admitted to the club at the March meeting. They are Ron Lorimore, returning Novice, and Lewis Cheek, also a Novice. Stick with it Ron! And, we're glad to have you aboard, guys!

Communications

- Just a note to heartily thank the 20 or so of you who showed up at the field on March 12th to help rake the new gravel and cut down some more trees! Job well done!

- And on the subject of March 12th, Pat Hartness showed up with that giant Komatsu thingy of his and did a marvelous job of clearing away much of the debris left by the paper guys who cleared all the trees. Pat drove that thing all day long, barely stopping for lunch, and now we've got landing approaches all over the place! Thank you, Pat. Thank you!
- As you may recall, the club has decided to use the WCRC October Fly-In as an opportunity to raise funds for a deserving local charity. At the March meeting it was suggested that a vote will be held in April to select one of the following charitable organizations that WCRC will support: Children's Shelter of the Upstate; Alexander Elementary School; Southeastern Children's Home; and the YMCA After School Program. Please attend the club meeting on April 18th to help us decide which one will receive the club's donation.
- Finally, don't forget the WCRC Fly-In scheduled for April 30th. For those of you who have not been to the field since the finishing touches were completed in March, you're gonna like it!

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Upcoming Events

WOW! I don't remember there being this many events in a single month in South Carolina in the last eight years! This is terrific!

4/9/2011 -- Leesville, SC (C) LARKS SPRING FUN FLY. Site: Club Field. Steve Livingston CD PH: 803-315-6975 Email: silver@sc.rr.com. Visit: www.larksrc.com. Fly what you bring, 600' grass runway, separate heli area, electricity, covered areas. \$15 landing fee includes pilots' lunch. A portion of pilots fee donated to Breast Cancer Research. Sponsor: LARKS

4/9/2011 -- Piedmont, SC (C) FIRETOWER FLYERS ANY SIZE WARBIRD. Site: Club Field. Joseph Vaughn CD PH: 864-494-1686 Email: jovaunr@aol.com. Visit: www.firetowerflyers.com. Any size warbirds to be flown. Flying starts around 9AM w/pilots briefing. Flying ends around 5PM. Pilots registration is \$10. Lunch and concessions will be available. We will have a raffle and door prizes. Nice restrooms and shelter w/electrical outlets. Camping allowed, no hook ups. Gate opens at 7:30PM. Come join us for a great day of flying, food, and fellowship. Early arrivals contact CD. No channel 20. Sponsor: FIRETOWER FLYERS

4/16/2011 -- Gaston, SC (C) CONGAREE FLYERS ANNUAL SPRING FLY IN. Site: Club Field. John Morgan CD PH: 803-445-2323 Email: rcavi8or@gmail.com. Visit: www.congareeflyer.com. Fly what you bring. Swap and shop ok. 60x600' grass runway. Food available. Come join us for a day of fellowship, fun, and food. Oh yeah - great flying. No awards, no pressure, no stress! AMA required. Landing fee \$12, \$10 of which goes to Harvest Hope Food Bank. No channel 20. Sponsor: CONGAREE FLYERS

4/16/2011 -- Green Sea, SC (AA) 15TH ANNUAL GRAND STRAND PATTERN CONTEST. Site: Green Sea Airport. Forrest Miller CD PH: 843-236-2991 Email: fmiller2@sc.rr.com. Visit: www.coastalaeromodelers.org. Events 401-406(JSO). All classes, trophies to first three places. RV welcomed, no hook ups. Concessions available for lunch. Entry fee \$25 per contestant. Sportsman class and family member with adult contestant \$10. Any AMA legal plane allowed in Sportsman class. Sponsor: COASTAL AERO MODELERS

4/22/2011 - 4/23/2011 -- Camden, SC (C) SOD BUSTERS WARBIRD INVASION. Site: Club Field. Forest Morris CD PH: 770-375-5102 Email: scalenut@bellsouth.net. Visit: www.giantwarbirds.org. On the way to Top Gun? Join us for a Giant Scale Warbird event co-hosted by the Giant Scale Warbird Assn. Beautiful 1200-acre sod farm with manicured Bermuda sod and miles of open airspace. 80" mono and 60" multi wingspan minimums apply. \$25 landing fee. Military or civilian paint ok. Camping encouraged, no hook ups. Come Thursday and stay until Sunday if you like, event is Friday and Saturday. No pets per owner's request. Sponsor: CAROLINA SOD BUSTERS

4/23/2011 -- Pendleton, SC (C) FLAT BOTTOM WING FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Richard Russell CD PH: 864-847-4203 Email: drussell1024@gmail.com. Visit: www.bsrrcc.com. Flat bottom airfoil wing airplanes only. No jets, helis, or aerobatics. 300' paved and 600' grass runways. Electric for charging, restrooms. Food available. Field located at 802 Lockaby Rd. Landing fee \$10. Enjoy a relaxed day of flying. Sponsor: BLACK SHEEP RADIO CONTROL INC

4/23/2011 -- York, SC (C) ANNUAL SPRING FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Jim Carroll CD PH: 704-588-1984 Email: airfoiled@gmail.com. Visit: www.yorkcountyflyers.com. Join us for our annual spring fly in. Gas/nitro, electric, e-sailplanes and helicopters welcome (no turbines). Contact CD or visit website for more information and directions to field. Sponsor: YORK COUNTY FLYERS INC

4/30/2011 -- Florence, SC (C) GOONEYBIRDS ANNUAL FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Robert Gainey CD PH: 843-615-8114 Email: ruddercable@yahoo.com. Visit: www.gooney-birds.com. Come join the Gooney-Birds in a fun filled day of flying and fellowship. We have moved this event from June to escape the hot weather. Large grass field with plenty of overfly space. Landing fee \$15. Sponsor: GOONEY BIRDS

4/30/2011 -- Reidville, SC (C) WCRC SPRING FLY IN. Site: Club Field. Mark Sumner CD PH: 864-249-3289 Email: marksumner@charter.net. Visit: www.wcrcskyhawks.com. Fly what you bring, \$15 landing fee includes lunch for pilots. Food for sale to spectators. Two 450x50' grass runways. Pilots meeting at 9:30AM, fly till you are tired. Sponsor: WESTERN CAROLINA RADIO CONTROL

Huh?

Well, here's a "cutie" for ya. I was flying my little Yak 54 a couple of weeks ago. And it was windy. I mean, windy! I took three or four flights and all was good. On the fourth flight, the wind caught my little guy on landing and I ended up in the weeds (at a very slow speed) with a "somersault", meaning the prop caught the weeds and the plane tumbled end over teakettle. "Harrumph", I says to myself. So I trudged over to my plane, picked it up, checked it all over, and decided there was no damage so, I was ready to go again. I refueled, checked all the batteries, cranked the engine, held the plane vertical (just to insure the weather hadn't discombobulated my needle settings), put her down and taxied out to the runway. I announced, "Takeoff!", and hit the gas. And, that was perhaps the best flight of the day! I did all kinds of neat stuff on that one: "The Wall", Knife-edge, Lomchevak, pretty good inverted flat spin, Cuban Eight, low invert over the runway, and an almost good torque roll. Then my 10X transmitter alerted me to, "You ain't gonna run *this* battery much longer" and so I landed ... right on the mains, rolled out, cut the engine, picked up my plane and returned to the bench. Having had a good day, I decided to pack it up and split the scene.

As I was draining the tank of its fuel I noticed the first of two things that had gone awry: the tank didn't drain completely. And, I immediately concluded that one of the clunks (obviously the fill line clunk) must have stuck in the "forward" position during that end-over-teakettle thingy when I had that little tumbleweed rollover. So, I ran the engine to rid the tank of its fuel and that took a long time. I mean, a long time, at full throttle even. As I was watching that, I noticed that the prop spinner seemed to be wobbling a little bit. So I held onto the fuse and watched the spinner again and it didn't seem to be moving, at least as much, therefore I continued to let the engine drain the tank ... for quite a while. But something way back in the recesses of my brain told me, "You might want to check out that little wobble some more". So, that's what I did, I checked out the little wobble. I grabbed the prop by the ears and attempted to move it back-and-forth. Nothing. So, I grabbed the prop by the ears again and attempted to move it up-and-down. And got ... something. Just a bit of something, but it was there ... the prop towed the engine up-and-down, although just a bit up and down. However, that was enough for me.

So. I took the cowl off when I got home and noticed (you know, grabbing those ears again) that on the right side of the firewall some of the glue had allowed that side to break loose, just a bit, but enough of a bit that I knew I could have been in big trouble if that whole joint had decided to let go during one of my maneuvers. Then, I noticed a bit of a ragged edge in the cowling right where the engine's head pokes through. And ... I *knew*, without equivocation, that I had been lucky! Ergo, as always, be sure to check out *everything* after a flight. Because even the slightest thing may lead to an important thing, which could result in a disastrous thing if one doesn't pay attention to *everything*.

This Month's Special

Now, with all those trees gone, there's just one thing you need to pay heed to ... All those "little" wires off to the left!



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