



Skyhawk Report

February 2005

Next meeting is Monday, February 21st at Perkins Restaurant, 1455 Woodruff Road

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Quotes of the Month

Anonymous:

A recent AMA study found out which days RC enthusiasts prefer to fly. It was found that, for unknown reasons, these folks like to take 'em up on days beginning with the letter "T". To wit:

Tuesday
Thursday
Thanksgiving
Today
Tomorrow
Thaturday
Thunday

Dave Barry (Syndicated Columnist):

"There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness"

New Members

Three new members were voted into the club at the last club meeting:

Chris Taylor, a very nice young man just starting out.

Cubby Culbertson, returning club member who was taught to fly by Edgar Goodgame back around 1975!

Daniel Watson, long time pilot whose father taught him to fly.

Welcome, guys!

Upcoming Events

Club shirts will be ordered in March. These are golf style shirts showing the WCRC logo and your name. They are extremely comfortable and come in Blue, Gray, Yellow, Tan, Burgundy or Light Blue. Price is \$17.00 including sales tax. Steve Dunann will be ordering the shirts in early March so he will need your request by then. Steve will need your (1) money, (2) shirt size, (3) color and (4) correct spelling of your name by March 1st. Steve can be reached at sdunan@charter.net.

At the February 21st meeting Bob Jackson will provide training on the subject of RC transmitter frequencies. So, for those of you who thought that “frequency” only referred to how often Jack Daniels should be dispensed, it might be a good idea to attend this one!

In March (at the meeting on the 21st) Tom Holmes will share some of his secrets on the use of home made tools. This one will be truly special since Tom’s mentioned he has used the same epoxy mixing stick for the past *twenty years!*

It was decided at the January 17th meeting that WCRC will hold a Fly-In on May 7th and Tom Holmes will be the CD.

Also, a Fly-In was scheduled for October 8th and Jim Giannico will be the CD.

There are loads of Fly-Ins in California, Texas, Arizona and Florida in February (Oh sure! How come they get all the good weather?). If anyone wants more information, let me know and I’ll be happy to provide details. The only events coming up in February anywhere near home seem to be in Kennesaw, Georgia on February 19th (Indoor contest), and a combat contest, “The Saint Valentines Day Massacre”, at Loganville, Georgia, also on the 19th (AMA/RCCA Rules)

Communications

A suggestion was made at the January meeting that the club rules be published herein to remind that idiot who taxies into his tool box about safety procedures. Sounded like a good idea, so here they are:

WESTERN CAROLINA RADIO CONTROL CLUB RULES

PERSONAL SAFETY

1. All Pilots must be certified by one (1) Instructor before flying solo. Only Instructors may teach Novices.
2. Do not taxi all the way back to the pit area, stop after clearing runway ramps.
3. Do not fly over the pit area, parking lot, or across Hwy. 417.
4. Do not fly under the influence of alcohol and/or any form of drugs.
5. No illegal drugs are allowed on the premises. No alcohol is allowed on the premises.

RADIO SAFETY

6. Transmitters must be placed in the impound box and must not be turned on unless the proper frequency number has been covered by your AMA or WCRC card.
7. Transmitters must display the proper frequency numbers and red streamer.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COURTESY

7. Pilots must belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics. AMA card must be shown upon request by any club member, and/or before flying.
8. Guest pilots may use the field six (6) times during the year, or must join WCRC within one (1) month of their first visit as a pilot. Guest pilots may fly only when a WCRC member is present.
10. Pilots should stand in the area of the flight stations.
11. No engine running before 12 Noon Sunday or 8 AM Monday through Saturday, except for scheduled events (see ANONYMOUS above...).
12. Open exhaust will not be allowed on any 2-stroke engine over .10 cubic inches, except a pilot may finish the day if a muffler is lost or broken.
13. Only AMA members are allowed past the wire fence and warning signs, unless accompanied by an Instructor.*
14. Runway right-of-way is as follows:
 - 1st - Dead stick landings
 - 2nd - Normal landings
 - 3rd - Hand launch take-offs
 - 4th - Normal take-offs
15. Courtesy:
 - a. Call out for low passes, take-offs, landings, emergencies, or if walking on the runway.
 - b. Direct your exhaust away from spectators and other pilot's equipment.
 - c. Move to the left end of the pit area for extended engine running.
 - d. Pick up your trash, including used rubber bands, and keep the field neat.
 - e. Report any broken field equipment to the Secretary.
 - f. Watch your language around spectators, women, and children.

For reasons of safety, and just plain common sense, it is strongly recommended that no one fly alone at the WCRC field.

This Month's Special

“Oops!”



'SAM DIDN'T READ THE INSTRUCTIONS'

Mea Culpa

About that idiot who hits his toolbox in the pit area...I just HATE when that happens!

And, I must admit, I have used some very bad words every time those #@\$#!&*%! trees reach up and grab one of my planes. I'll try to do better...

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