



Skyhawk Report

June 2011

Next meeting Monday, June 20th at Perkins Restaurant, 1455 Woodruff Road
Dinner at 6:30 Meeting Begins at 7:30

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Quotes of the Month

“She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still!”

- Puns for the Educated Mind

“I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.”

- Ditto

“Winning takes talent, to repeat takes character.”

- John Wooden

“There are only two types of navel vessels: Submarines and ... targets!”

- Steve Dunann

New Members

At the May 16th club meeting WCRC admitted two new members. They are Sid and Andrew Farmer (a father and son team), and while both are novices at the moment we'll see if we can't get them upgraded real soon. Welcome fellas!

Communications

- Don't forget. Now that we've set the clocks forward, Training Night starts at 5:00pm every Tuesday at the field.

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Upcoming Events

Well, we've got a couple of events in June. I sure hope the weather's better than it was during May!

6/18/2011 -- Piedmont, South Carolina. *FIRE TOWER FLYERS ANY SIZE FLY IN.* Site: Club Field. Timothy Murrell is the Contest Director. Phone: (864) 313-4957, Email: tractornut@charter.net. Visit: www.firetowerflyers.com. Any size, so fly what you bring. Flying starts around 9AM with pilots' briefing and will end around 5PM. Pilot registration is \$10. Lunch and concession will be available. We will have a raffle and door prizes. Nice, clean restrooms and shelter with electrical outlets. Camping allowed, but no hook ups. Gate opens at 7:30AM. Join us for a great day of fun, food and fellowship. Early arrivals contact CD. No channel 20. Sponsor: FIRETOWER FLYERS.

6/18/2011 - 6/19/2011 -- York, South Carolina. *YORK COUNTY FLYERS DLG FESTIVAL.* Site: York County Co-Op Field. Jeffrey Carr, Contest Director. Phone: (704) 975-5108. Email: goonav8n@gmail.com. Visit: www.yorkcountyflyers.com. Event 441(JSO). USA F3K tour. BBQ included with entry fee. Two days of DLF. Good friends and DLG. It doesn't get better than this. Check for updates. Sponsor: YORK COUNTY FLYERS INC.

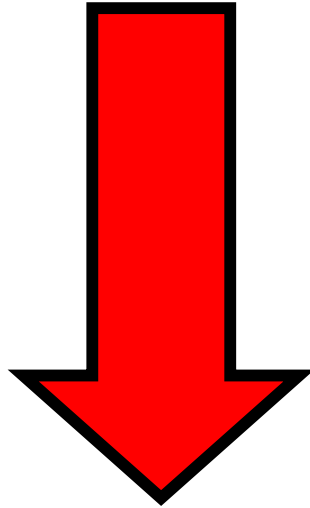
Huh?

Well, not much to report this month. Except that Aeroworks' little Yak 54 of mine doesn't like landing on the edge of what's left of that old berm off to the right of the flight line. It seems the landing gear took some umbrage at that one. Oh, and I shouldn't try to slow roll low over the runway with a good-sized Somenzini Pitts Python sporting a DA100 anymore, particularly during one of WCRC's Fly-Ins.

Other than that, there's nothing very significant to talk about. Well, that's not quite accurate. I did learn something (again!), thanks to Bob Johnson. I was flying that little Yak 54 after rebuild and noticed it took a lot of aileron trim on its first flight, which was a bit odd, I thought, because the planes I build these days typically don't require much trim at all. I had programmed the ailerons to operate on two separate channels and had verified that they deflected in the right directions, and that the throws were correct. When I landed and checked the trim with my transmitter I noticed only the left aileron was taking the message. The right aileron didn't move at all. That's why it took so many "clicks" of trim to straighten the plane out ... only one aileron was moving when I used the trim switch. I discovered, thanks to Bob's long memory, that in my radio at least, once the ailerons have been programmed together, there is a second "page" in the transmitter that has a label called "Trim" which can either be "inhibited" or "activated". Guess which one I had programmed? So, I learned not only to check travel and direction of control surfaces, but also whether or not they trim properly ... before the first flight! I *know* Eric Meyers told me that before, so I must have had a momentary brain f__t!

This Month's Special

Thank goodness now that the trees are gone we won't have to worry much about this sort of thing anymore!



An' that's a good thing!

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