



HANGAR NEWS

President's Message Nov 2015

Upcoming Fun-Fly

Our Fun-Fly for October was a non-starter. My guess is that it was due largely in part to the forecast for heat and wind coupled with the subsequent TFRs for the "VIP" visit. We'll try again on November 15th. Please see the included flyer.

Events will include a taxi course, most loops/rolls in a given time period, the Jelly Bean Haul, and 7-11 Craps (a timed event based on a roll of the dice).

Ron Smith Memorial

We have the sheet metal identified with a vendor selected. We have a CAD drawing, and we're ready to start cutting metal. I'd like to provide each of you the opportunity to see the design before the first cut (included here). The placard will be cut from 1/8" stainless steel and mounted to a square-tube powder coated frame. If all goes well, the unveiling may occur at our Annual Banquet, 1 year after Ron's passing.



Swap

Meet - Date Change, Donation Area

Originally planned for Nov 7th, we've moved our next swap meet out one week to Saturday November 14th. This is to deconflict with the Miramar Radio Control Flyers' annual Veteran's Day event on the 7th.

Our VP Jeff Coskey will be setting up an area specifically dedicated to receive your donations of any kind that will be sold to raise club funds. Please take an hour or so to rummage through your shop, garage or storage shed and bring out any items that you simply don't need anymore.

The rules of engagement are: 1) Jeff will arrange to monitor the donated items until they're sold and 2), if it doesn't sell, please stop by on your way out to take it back home with you. The intent is to raise club funds, not to be a place to discard your unwanted stuff.

Grumbings

Yes, some activities and projects within the club take time and seem to get stretched out. Our runway surfacing has been on the table for over a year, and Ron Smith's memorial placard still isn't hanging. Our wind sock is now merely a hole on a pole, and we still have that stupid fence in our way. I normally don't get on a soap box but.... Here are my rules for club tasks and projects:

1. If you have a great (or even mediocre) idea, I highly encourage you bring it up at the field or at a meeting. But don't bring it up to the club unless you've got options for a solution and are willing to participate to some level to accomplish the task.
2. If you're unhappy with the progress being made or the quality of the outcome, step up to make it faster or better. And lastly,
3. Keep in mind that every bench, fence, piece of pavement, special event (and so-on) are the fruits of some poor sap who volunteers their time, effort, resources and often cash to help better the club. Be one of those saps, or simply be quiet and enjoy what we have.

Boundaries, Choppers, Quads and Micro-RC

I had an opportunity to talk to a couple of our helicopter guys and reminded them that flying south of the red and white safety line is prohibited. What we don't often remember is that, once a helicopter leaves the ground, guess what? It's flying. I'm here to ask all of you rotor-heads (quads and copters alike) to walk your craft out just beyond that line and take off from there. Yeah, it's hard to do. But we need to maintain the established distance between people and flight in all cases. This also includes all those super tiny 3 oz micro planes. The rules don't have built-in if/then statements or what-if clauses. It's simple. Don't fly south of the safety line. Period. Thanks!

Officer Nominations and Elections

Now that I have your blood pressure up a little, we'll be voting for club office seats at the November 3rd meeting. All four of the current club officers have agreed to run for an additional term, but if we receive any nominations for candidates between now and the meeting, then an election we shall have!

The current nominees, as of this writing, are:

President	Keith Miller
Vice President	Jeff Coskey
Secretary	Bruce Allen
Treasurer	Scott Graupmann

See you at the field!

Keith