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**Good geotextile runway is perfect for warbirds R/C planes.
Takeoffs and landings on grass are also available.**



Message from John Ashely – Club President

Springing Ahead!

“The days crawl, but the years fly.”

I try not to look back.... I'd rather look forward. Occasionally, as I am researching photos for one reason or another, I pause and reflect on where we have been in the short time I've been with the Club.

It seems like a long time ago I was the new guy in the back of the room, when we were at the Summit County Fairgrounds. But the years go by and I've helped move the club not once but twice! Now I hope we have found a home for a long time into the future.

What WE have built is better than anything we had in the past. We may be smaller in numbers than at the Fairgrounds... BUT we do not lack in one of the finest facilities of any Club in the area.

And it's all thanks to YOU. Everyone, from past to present, had a part to play in getting us here. I am proud of everyone!

We are at our best when we help each other become better pilots, builders, teachers and friends to all.

Most important is for us to enjoy ourselves and FLY as much as possible. That's what I intend to do!

Come fly with me!



Safety Officer's Report – Donald Gregg

It is that time of year again. Spring is upon us and soon we'll be enjoying warm temperatures with light winds; perfect for flying. Now is a great time to review a few safety considerations. I know we already know all of this but it never hurts to be reminded when it comes to safety.

Many of our planes have been hibernating through the Winter, along with our LiPo batteries. Keep a watchful eye on your batteries when charging them for the first time this season. Charge them in an open, non-combustible area, ideally in a LiPo bag or fire-proof charging station. It is possible that a cell may have gone bad. Did you know that LiPo batteries burn at several thousand degrees and do not need oxygen to burn?

Now is also a good time to review your AMA and FAA registrations. Your FAA registration is good for two years. You don't want to find out that your registration expired on the weekend that you want to go flying.

The beginning of the flying season is a great time to thoroughly inspect your aircraft for damage and needed repairs. Look for loose control horns and retainers, hinges and loose or missing screws. Maybe you had some hard landings last season? Look for broken glue joints on the airframe. Now is also a good time to replace old fuel lines.



Please review the field diagram included in this newsletter for the no-fly zones. Remember that you should not fly within 25 feet of any person except when taking off or landing. We need to be mindful about keeping other fliers informed of our intentions. Be sure to call out 'Landing', 'Taking Off', 'Dead Stick', and when retrieving a plane, 'On The Field". When we see our buddy with an awesome new plane this Spring, the impulse is to walk out to the flightline to check it out; We all need to be mindful of staying behind the flight line unless we are actively flying.



Finally, there is a First Aid kit in the shed, just inside the door. It is good to keep this in mind if you or another member is the unfortunate victim of a prop strike or other injury.

Let's have a safe flying season this year.

Airfield Manager Report – Brett McKay

Five new aircraft field stands have been completed. They are currently underneath the shelter and will be rolled out to the field in April. I will coordinate with Mike Ryan, Thunderbird President, to decide which of the 10 current stands will be replaced by the new ones.



The 4 new pilot safety barriers have been completed and will also be put up at each of the flying stations in April. Tim Hartong has approved leaving them up through the summer. They are easily removable for lawn mowing. There are red plugs in each of the holes that hold the fence posts. Please leave those in when the fences are not installed. They are currently stored on racks behind the lawn mower shed.



Lawn mowing for the season will begin in the next few weeks. We are currently purchasing all the maintenance items for the mowers to get them ready for this season. As we have in the past, the plan is to mow on Tuesdays in preparation for training nights and again on Friday's for the weekends. Weather permitting, we usually plan to mow on those days from 8:00 – 10:30AM. These times and days may sometimes change based on the weather.

Finally, the lock on the gate has been lubricated and is much easier to use. Remember to lock up if you are the last one leaving the field.

Float fly days,

May 25th: Springfield Lake
June 15th: Nimisilla Lake
June 29th: Springfield Lake
July 14th: Nimisilla Lake
Aug. 24th: Nimisilla Lake
Sep. 14th: Nimisilla Lake



Thunderbird's night fly days,

April 27th, May 25th, June 29th, July 27th, August 31st, September 28th
Last Saturday of the month starting in April through September.
All Corsair Club members are invited to participate.
Starts at 6 pm at the Jetway field.



To our EAA students that will learn to fly this year:

Don't worry about the cartoon below.

Our experienced trainer **Hugh Polack** will teach you to fly RC model planes in no time.... even if you don't have a simulator.

However, there are two requirements:

1. Your determination combined with willingness to learn and not to get discouraged when the RC plane does not do what you wish
2. To attend as many training sessions as possible.



FAA / AMA Requirements:

1. TRUST. Members should take "The Recreational UAS Safety Test" available on the AMA website. UAS is the acronym for Unmanned Aircraft Systems commonly known as drones.
2. Register with the FAA (\$5 for 3 years) and display the FAA number on all drones. Registration can be done through the AMA website.



Virgil Craiu
Club Secretary

Please send me any upcoming events, photos or any other information you would like to see in the Quarterly Newsletter. Thank you.