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September Meeting
Wed. 9/17 at 7:30 PM
At R/C Hobbies

June Meeting Notes

Old Business

June meeting was called to order and a quorum was met. Mark Montella read the treasures report and this was seconded and approved. Bill Killen read the May minutes and they were seconded and approved.

New Business

Mark briefed the members on the upcoming air show. An air show meeting was set for July 16th at RC hobbies.

Bill read a letter from Jason Zimmer of the DFW praising us for the good job on the road repair. Good going to all of you.

It was asked if we could have any chance to expand the pit area for safety reasons I told the membership I would look into this. (see thoughts from the President in this letter)

The meeting was adjourned.

The October club meeting will be on Oct. 15, 2008 at 730 pm at RC Hobbies.

Field News

Field is in great shape and the Road is holding up so life is good.

This just in our club will hold a fun fly on the 20th and our cookout on the 21st of September. This should be fun so make plans to attend. Our friends at Discover Flying club are welcome so please plan to attend.

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No Fly Dates
Sept 6,7 MGSP*
Sept 13,14 VCCNE*
Oct. 4,5
Upland game season starts on Oct 18th flying only on Sundays

Tips & Tricks

Keep Your Parts in Place

Ever had the prop nut, washer, and propeller fly off while airborne? Ever heard that sickening “crack!” when you touch the starter to the engine and then spend the next hour looking for the prop nut in the tall weeds? Well, try this solution: Put an o-ring on the end of the engine crank shaft after you get everything secured. It may keep the prop nut from spinning all the way off next time your engine decides to be cantankerous. By the way, I hope you have been around long enough to know that propellers, especially the wooden kind, compress after being subjected to tightening down of the prop nut. That’s why you see so many coming loose early Saturday morning at the field. What was tight for the last flight on Sunday ain’t tight a week later. Check ‘em!

—*From the Beachmasters R/C Club, Ocean Park, West Virginia*

Electric Screwdriver Drill Bits

I’m sure by now everyone

has an electric screwdriver in his or her tool box, but did you know that you could also use these handy little devils as a drill? Sears, and I am sure other hardware stores, handle this item. What they are are different size drill bits welded to hex shanks ends. You simply slip the hex shaft into any electric screwdriver and drill away. These are great for drilling in tight places or through delicate material. They are slow enough so you won’t drill too far and powerful enough to drill through most materials.

Small Spring Clamps

Another item I found at Sears was small spring-loaded clamps. Besides clamping stuff, I use these and a couple strips of wood to center rudders and elevators. Simply place two strips of wood across the elevator and stabilizer: one on top and the other on the bottom. Clamp them in place. Center your servo arm and connect the control rod from the elevator to the servo arm. Tada! The elevator is now centered with the servo. Repeat on the elevator.

—*Both from the Prop Masters R/C Club, Downers Grove, Illinois*

Engine Oil Removal

Another way to clean baked-on oil from an engine is to boil the stripped parts in a pan of water with a handful of clothes washing powder. It does a great job, but smells horrible!

—*From the Endless Mountains R/C Flying Club, South Montrose, Pennsylvania*

When a Little Makeup Will Help

A lot of us weigh and grade our balsa when we bring it home. Like a lot of modelers, I’ll use a pen or magic marker and write the weight of the sheet in grams, and the density in pounds per cubic foot on one end of a 3 x 36 sheet of balsa. Every now and then I won’t notice the black mark on the back side of the strip of balsa or on a former or rib until it’s glued into place. My experience is that those marks are tough to sand out.

Reader Mike Moskow in Maryland builds beautiful rubber scale models. He has a solution for those black marks in the wrong places. He suggests that you go to an art supply store and get a tube of titanium oxide white artist’s paint. It will cover all

Thoughts From The President

other colors and when dry, is a near match for balsa. He says that you can use it to cover laser burns as well. Using it for that purpose may save you a lot of time expended in either bleaching or sanding the laser burn off kit parts. But you'll still need to sand the laser burn off the joint areas because glue doesn't stick as well to the laser-burned material as it does to bare wood. Using the titanium oxide should speed construction on laser-cut kits.

—*From the Southern California Ignition Flyers, Glendale, California*



As the summer comes to an end this is a signal that our annual meeting is upon us. September is the time for us to make changes to by laws and elect club officers. If any of would like to run or know of someone that is interested please make it known.

Our air show The Otis Giants, this summer was a success and all of the hard work of Mark Montella and all of the club volunteers made it a super event. Thank you to all that came out to help.

I am pleased to announce that you now have a new license agreement with the Div. of Fisheries and Wildlife for continued use of the field for two more years. The biggest change is that we can expand our pit area in the area between the two taxi ways by about twelve feet this will enhance safety on those busy days.

With some of the best flying of the year to come we will see you at the field.

Bill Killen

Newsletter Input

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