



The Field Box

By Jim Wilson



WTRCF April News Letter

Hi Guys ! Well, April has come and gone and a lot has transpired over the last 30 days. I will try to bring everyone up to date on the happenings at the field and the status of our upcoming Fly-In.

At The Field

At the time of the last newsletter, all of the mowers were being de-winterized (or pre-summerized, depending on if the glass is half full or half empty). The YardMan and John Deere riding mowers were cleaned, touch up painted, and the blades sharpened around the first of April. The repairs on the Jacobsen mower were nearly completed when it was discovered that the engine required a complete overhaul. Tim Treneff, Alex Treneff, Jeff Layman, and Jeff Cowan have all put in many long nights as of late to get the engine and mower back in first class condition. As of Saturday April 30th, the only items left were to finish lapping in the reels and then re-install them on the mower. Because the Jacobsen was down for repairs, the two riding mowers have been pressed into some serious grass cutting duty. So have some of our club members. You guys know who you are and a hearty thanks goes to all that have served. With the help of Jerry Tate, Gerald Johnson, and Harry Wood, I was able to get one application of herbicide applied in the middle of April. It's really working too! The weeds appear to be dying off and the grass is greening up. If we can get some warmer temperatures, the field is going to look great just in time for the Fly-In. As of May 9th, Harry and Jerry have been back in action at the field during the week. They are currently mowing on Tuesdays and Fridays. Jerry has also repaired the outhouse with a fiberglass and resin patch. They have also applied Roundup around the fences and posts. Alex Treneff has been cutting sod and using it to fill in mud holes and to fill the trench in the sun shelter.

NEW MEMBERS

Charlie Turner and his Son Trey (past members) have rejoined and I believe Lynn Smith has rejoined. Welcome back Charlie, Trey, and Lynn !!

THE FLY-IN

Speaking of the Fly-In, by the time this newsletter is delivered, our Second Annual Fly-In will be about two weeks away. With the unexpected costs for repairs on the Jacobsen, we all need to pull together to make this event not only enjoyable for those who attend but a real revenue and member generator for the club. I have sent out 156 personal invitations to all clubs in Tennessee and all clubs in the surrounding states. The responses I have gotten back have ranged from "I'll let our members know" to "Thanks for the invite, I'll bring some of our members along"! I have also invited our District AMA Vice President and all of the District Associate Vice Presidents to attend. Having said all of that, I am saying this, The Gauntlet has been thrown down! With the number of potential visiting pilots, we want to make sure that our Club Field and Club Fly-In are the best in West Tennessee. In order to make that happen, we all are going to have contribute to the cause.

THE MAY MEETING

WEST TENN R/C FLYERS



Jackson, Tennessee



The next schedule meeting will be held on Saturday May 14th at 2:00 PM at the Club Field. The topic of discussion at the meeting will be the Fly-In scheduled for the following week. This meeting will probably be the most important one of the summer as we will be finalizing plans and delegating tasks associated with the Fly-In. Please show your support for the club by attending.

SAFETY FORUM (By Harry Wood, Club Safety Officer)

(Thanks Harry for these safety reminders and the building tips. I tried the acetone trick and it works like a charm ! (Ed.))

Safety at the WTRCF field

- (1) As long as we will not be adding a new flight station to the north end of the flying field, for safety sake, I think we need to remember at all times to start our models and taxi it to the east through the fence opening and then south keeping your model on the east side of the fence while you are on the west side of the fence. In this way, the fence will be between the model and the pit area.
- (2) Please try and keep your models pointed east while starting them in the pit area and try to avoid the dreaded flotsam and jetsam (debris) that seem to appear in the direction of other modelers.

Harry's Building tips

- (1) Have you ever been gluing a part with your CA glue only to find out the tip is clogged and you have to stop and unclog the tip with a pin (if not, you're not a modeler:)? The reason they get clogged is because the pin scratches the inside of the tip. Suggestion: soak the tips in some acetone and they will be like new--so don't throw those old CA tips away, reuse them
- (2) When building a gusset using epoxy, add a drop or two of paint to the epoxy to make it the same color as your model. Clean up with alcohol.

That's pretty much it for this month. See ya all at the field on Saturday and remember take offs are optional, landings are mandatory.

Jim