



# The Field Box

All the news that fits (And other tall tails)



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## What's Happening This Month

The March monthly meeting was held at Shoney's on March 14th. Jim Wilson read the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved as read. Danny Wheeler gave the treasures report and at this time of the year the club is in pretty good shape financially. The treasures report was approved as read.

The main topic of old business is the upcoming May 20th Fly-In. We are still looking for support in the form of paid advertisement like we did last year. We also talked about field care and mower maintenance. The John Deere was repaired and ready to run and Black riding mower just needed to have the blades sharpened and it would be ready. The preventative maintenance on the Jacobsen is just about complete. Thanks go to Scott Hubbel for repairing all of the rollers. About half of the reels were left to be sharpened and the fuel shutoff valve needs to be replaced. Tim mentioned that the reels were extremely dull and most of the damage appeared to come from debris inadvertently left on the field after a cash. If your craft is involved in a crash on the field, please remember to be diligent in picking up all of the pieces. Reel maintenance is time consuming and we all would rather see Tim and Alex down at the flight line instead of up in the shed.

Danny Wheeler presented the cost of has procuring a new Porta Pottie. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase a used porta pottie for \$150.00 delivered.

Other Old business included discussion of the club charter renewal. Jim Wilson has received the information from AMA and will have it processed by the end of March. We will be registering 4 Intro pilots this year. They will be Harry Wood, Jim Wilson, David Huff, and Jimmy Gibson.

## What's Happening Next Month and beyond

The April meeting will be held at the field on Saturday March 8th starting at 12:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come early and have hot dogs or a hamburger or two. Bring your own drinks and condiments. On April 15th Dave Huff will be running a club fun fly.

There will be two levels of competition, Beginner and advance. The field will be closed to open flying during the fun fly events. June 24th the club will be sponsoring the Mid America Combat Championship. All members are welcome to come do battle. All members are encouraged to help with the event.

Halls Club Fly In - October  
Magic Valley Air Force Fly-In - April 29th  
Dyersburg Club Fly In - June 3rd  
Mid America Combat Championship - June 24th  
Magic Valley Air Force Fly-In - July 22nd  
Jackson Air Show - October 7th - 8th

## From The Editor



Well I have decided this month to drift away from RC flight for this issue. While on vacation in Florida this month, Courtland and I took a little side trip down to 3951 Merlin Drive, Kissimmee Florida to visit the Stallion 51 Corporation. I had made an appointment to stop by their offices to get some of those scale detail photographs to make a future project complete. What a great organization. Upon arriving at their hangars/office, we were welcomed into their break room to talk to their Merlin mechanics and to get some pictures of six Rolls Royce Merlin V-12's. We were then given complete access to the two Stallion 51 hangars. to get up close and look at all of the details that you never see at an air show.

The amazing thing to me was that we looked for finger prints on the wings and grab handles, and found none ! About that time the two "company" Mustangs returned from a customer orientation flight. The high speed fly-by and break to the down wind leg will give every aviation enthusiast cold chills. As for the picture, no that is not me in the back seat, but I would sure jump at the opportunity. If you are ever in the Kissimmee area, I would highly recommend a trip down to Merlin Drive to visit the



folks at Stallion 51. If you are interested in seeing old fashioned warbird iron in immaculate condition taking to the air, this is the premiere place to visit, because it happens every day. Until next month, Keep the canopy side up !

**Jim Wil-**