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NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

The January club meeting had high attendance by its membership. It seems that the 2007 LCRC club is off to a great start for the new year. The more membership support we can get at the meetings will only make our club the best and the strongest in the area. Please set aside a couple of hours a month on the first Sunday and show your support by attending the meetings. Rich Pandey has instituted a raffle to attract attendance at the meetings. We are going to "Play Poker". Every member that comes to a meeting will be issued a playing card by Rich. At the end of the season the best five card hand wins. The more meetings you attend, the better chance you will have at a winning hand at the end of the year! It's simple.

Thank you Pete Spencer and John Amoczky for taking on the duties of lawn maintenance at our field for 2007 . Both of you had the field looking the BEST as it ever has last year. The club appreciates your efforts!

The "PREZ SEZ":

I think we had enough rain for now and it can quit anytime now. Just a few short sentences for the newsletter. First of all, I was happy with Jan meeting turnout. I hope this continues through the year. It is important for these meetings to keep everyone informed on what is going on with the club. I would like to thank Bill Riley for accepting the responsibility as club auditor. Hopefully this meeting won't be as long as the last one, but we covered a lot of ground in that amount of time. There are still a couple of issues to be discussed at the Feb meeting. Also a reminder to pay your dues at this meeting to avoid a late charge. Well with this lull we are in until the weather breaks so we can get to the field and fly. I hope hands are busy building new planes, or repairing planes that had some mishaps. I am working on my third new one to fly in the spring. Also if anyone has something to sell bring it to the meeting and put it on the cart and let me know your name and items you brought so they will be mentioned at this meeting. Well enough for now, remember this is your club and you do make a difference. See you at the meeting.

John

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SAFETY OFFICER

January, the start of a new year, and a good time to think safety. While you are working on your new project think of the old ones. The ones that might have got neglected last summer. Now is the time to go over them. Winter is a good time to go over every nut, bolt, screw, pushrod, clevis, control surface, engine mounts, fuel lines, ETC...

I heard a story about a member who brought an older plane to the field fueled it and took off. Almost immediately, the plane was out of control. When the plane landed the engine was hanging by the fuel lines. Preflight check and routine maintenance would have prevented this. Luckily no damage was done to MY PLANE.

Looking forward to an exciting and safe new year.

Sincerely,

Bob Jackson

PS—If you have any input or suggestions please feel free to contact me at robjack11@windstream.net

NEXT MEETING—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH—THE NORDSON DEPOT 1:30 P.M.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES:

- ◇ The meeting was called to order by President John Halfhill at 1:38 p.m. on January 7, 2006
- ◇ John Halfhill thanked John Fischer for his past two years of duty and also thanked John Schutic for doing a great job with the holiday party.
- ◇ Bill Ritchie read the minutes from the last meeting and club treasurer Tony Oravec read the financial report.
- ◇ **Membership:** Club members are sending in dues and we have over 80 of previous years membership already signed up. \$1,587.00 was turned in by Bill Tracy for membership dues.
- ◇ **Field Maintenance:** Peat Spencer & John Amosky will cut the grass for the 2007 flying season. John Halfhill stated the tractor has been winterized for the season.
- ◇ **Safety Report:** Bob Jackson mentioned he would like to see everyone use safety restraints on their aircraft. He will try to provide stakes at the field for people who forget them. Chris Bonner mentioned he has had problems with two people disrespecting club and AMA rules at the field. Something must be done with people who won't follow the rules. He suggested we suspend people from flying at the field for a period of time where it is evident they continue to break the rules.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◇ John Halfhill and the present membership agreed that the fifth flight line barrier be installed at the south end of the field to provide protection for people currently flying there now.
- ◇ There will be no transitioning from the helipad to the flying field. You must land and walk your Helicopter over.
- ◇ Fire extinguisher will be installed in the new frequency board for safety reasons.
- ◇ It was discussed that people running their engines for a prolonged time to tune them should move their aircraft along side of the shed in back. Also, always face your secured aircraft to the east when starting or warming engines up. Bill Tracy mentioned it would be a good idea to have rings and ropes attached to the spools to hold the aircraft.
- ◇ The frequency board needs to be finished. Bill Ritchie suggested we install a frequency control board made by PSP Manufacturing. The only drawback with this is that you don't actually take a "frequency pin" with you. You slide your club card in a frequency slot and it indicates the channel is in use. Tom Jordan feels it is necessary to take a frequency pin to indicate you are on the channel. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.
- ◇ Chirs Bonner brought up the new "Spectrum Technology" radio systems and how frequency control will be a thing of the past. John Halfhill would like to see everyone place a membership card on the board even though they are using the new Spectrum technology.
- ◇ Rich Pandy mentioned the field can only improve if we have it treated for weeds. Rich motioned to have the field treated two time next year costing a total of \$301.08. Ralf Technow seconded and the motion passed.
- ◇ April meeting will most probably be held on March 25, 2007 because of the holidays and the Toledo R/C show.
- ◇ The date for Model Maina was discussed and is now tentatively scheduled for August 19th.
- ◇ Rich Pandy brought up the idea of an end of the year raffle to boost monthly meeting attendance. We are going to play poker. Every meeting you attend you will receive a playing card. At the end of the year the best hand wins. Bill Ritchie motioned to move forward with the idea. Mark Sisley seconded and the motion passed.
- ◇ John Halfhill wants anyone who has a concern about the club to come to the meetings and participate in a segment now called "What's Your Beef". You are also welcome to voice your opinion to any officer.

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