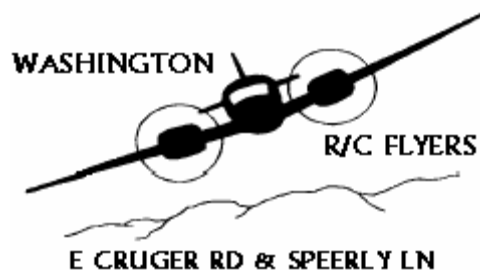


Washington R/C Flyers Newsletter



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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at the New Washington R/C Field at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 9, 2005. If it's raining, please go to the Navy Marine Club.



Mow Schedule



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| Aug 1/4/6 | Imhoff and Berry |
| 8/11/13 | Kapraun |
| 15/18/20 | Klise and Grob |
| 22/25/27 | Larson |
| 29 | |
| Sept 1/3 | Russell and Wann |
| 5/8/10 | Allen |
| 12/15/17 | Martin and Ausili |
| 19/22/24 | McGowan |
| 26/29 | |

Safety Tip of the Month

A new point of discussion pertaining to getting used to the new field is needed. Several members have been observed flying on the west (wrong) side of the Safety (flight) line. This is very easy to do because we are all still getting our bearings at the new field. Even competent pilots have

been observed on the wrong side of the line.

Tom Clark has done a great job of putting up 3 orientation posts and painting them red and white to make them very visible. The two posts on the west edge of the field make up the Safety line. The third post on the east edge of the field marks the halfway point between the north and south boundary of the field.

Please be conscious of the Safety line and make every effort to stay well east of it in order to comply with the Club rules.

From The Presidents Hangar

It never ceases to amaze me the amount of talent there is in a group of 40 + people. There is not a subject that comes up at the field but that someone has the answer for the problem. I have found this to be true in all of my 38 years at Caterpillar but also, or more so, in my 15 years of retirement. The Club has a penchant for attracting good people to it, and it is because of the dedication of the membership that this attraction is creating an ever growing membership.

Today, Saturday July 23, 2005, I phoned Terry Coppenbarger, (Cal Speerly's daughter), and told her the street sign was up on East

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| President | Vern Mall |
| Vice President | Wally Walwer |
| Sec./Treasurer | Jim Martin |
| Newsletter Editor | Steve Grob |
| Safety & Rules Committee | Bryan Miller |
| Maint. & Grounds Committee | John Bremenkamp |
| Events Committee | Jim Allen Paul Wann |
| Social & Education Committee | Kayton Heavrin |
| Site Committee | Paul Cobb |

Cruger Road and the sign reads Speerly Lane. She was so grateful that the Club would do this to honor her father. She said that she had read the article in the Washington Courier and was aware that the lane was named after him but she didn't dream there would be a street sign. She told me of the many times that the Speerly family would go on a trip so Cal could compete in some airplane contest. We both agreed that Cal is watching our new field and that the Club has his blessing. Vern Mall

The American Flag

If sometime in the near future you go to the field and see the Stars and Stripes flying on a new flagpole at our field, you can thank Marv Prather. Since Marv was not able to contribute to the work parties, he felt he would make his contribution in another way

Open House

The Open House is on Saturday, Sept 10 from 2 to 4 PM and on Sunday, Sept 11 from 4 to 7 PM. Refreshments will be provided by the Club. Please bring lawn chairs. Special invitations will be sent to our neighbors, Washington City Officials and staff, Tazwell County Zoning Board, Tazwell County Health Dept, RP Lumber, Leman Precast Concrete, Washington Township Road Commission, and Maxco. There will also be an ad or article in the Washington Courier announcing the Open House. Any questions e-mail or phone Vern Mall.

Site Team Report

Work at the field is nearly complete with the final siding installation on the "Skunk Works" in progress. Rumor has it that the moon has risen over the skunk works door. Painting of the shed doors is nearly complete. We are running close to budget for a variety of reasons and will have a more complete report as soon as the July bills come in. Vern has done a great job of organizing the work parties and the membership has responded well to our need for help. The field is starting to turn green, but we still need more rain. Paul Cobb



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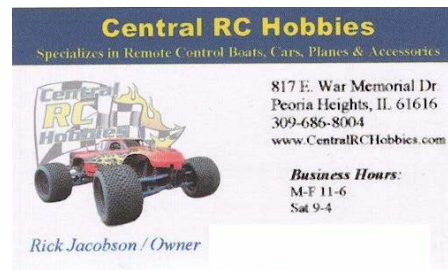
Learning to Fly

Bryan Miller received a phone call from a retiree who has an old

trainer to donate to a young flyer who wants to learn to fly.

Wally Walwer had an offer from a gentleman to donate an airplane and radio in exchange for being taught to fly.

The WRCF Intro Pilot Program is being discussed and pilots have been named. Wally Walwer, Bryan Miller and John Bremenkamp are the Intro Pilots for 2005.



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Lions Club

The Morton Lions Club showed a little interest in our Club activities in a conversation with Wally Walwer recently. They wanted someone to come out and speak during a dinner meeting. Wally and Vern thought that would be an excellent opportunity for TJ Klise to put on his marketing hat and motivate the Lions Club membership to come out to the field and see what it is all about. TJ found the sweet spot when he asked how many of the members had flown stick and tissue models in their younger years, The questions started flowing after that and there was significant interest. If you see any unfamiliar faces out at the field, make sure you make them feel welcome whether they are Lions Club or not. As always we would welcome new membership opportunities.

Quote

A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours.

WRCF Aerial View

During the work party on Saturday July 30, Kayton and Wally were working hard at building the door for the skunkworks, Steve, Dick and Matt were hard at hanging siding and Vern was busy overseeing the entire operation when everyone stopped working and looked skyward. There was a Cessna 172 circling the field at a rather low altitude. Vern looked at his watch and said "That's Don Pyles!" We were all relieved that the 172 was not planning on landing on the WRCF runway. I knew for sure that when I got home that evening there would be an email in my in-basket with some good aerial photos of the new field.



The view above is from the north looking south.



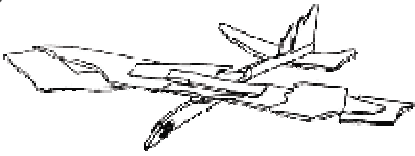
The view above is from the southeast looking northwest. You can see the field and Speerly Lane. Thanks for the spectacular photos Don!

Speerly Lane

Your help is needed to keep Speerly Lane looking great. A significant weed crop has developed down the middle and along the sides of the lane. Ruts are beginning to develop where the tires of our vehicles pass. You can help control the weeds and the ruts by doing one very simple and easy thing. When driving on the lane, please stay to the right as much as possible and still keep your passenger side tires on the road. Stay to the right when you are driving to and from the field. If enough of us remember to do this the weeds along both edges and down the middle of the lane will die and the ruts will be minimized. Not only will this help keep our lane looking great but it will also eliminate the job of pulling weeds (who wants that job?) and the expense of grading the lane.

My Favorite Airplane

by Howie Kelem



That's right! Go ahead and laugh. Everybody does when they first see this crazy looking airplane. I admit that it really is an odd-looking airplane. But there's a story behind it all. This was built by one of my students when I was a teacher, a long, long, time ago. When it came to grading their airplanes, this is what young McKinley brought to my desk. McKinley was a very nice looking, shy, 15-year-old black student. Most everybody in the class started to laugh and make all kinds of remarks, like "what a stupid

looking airplane." Well, McKinley was a little slow and I just had to defend him.

"Look at that wing, it's made up of pieces," someone yelled.

"Well maybe he's trying to design a new kind of airfoil," I said back.

"Oh yeah, it's got two rudders," someone else said.

"Well, there are lots of airplanes with two rudders," I said.

"The body is bent in the middle," another explained.

"That's not so unusual," I replied.

"Lots of airplanes have different shapes.

"But look at the back wing, it looks like half of it is missing."

"Well," I said, "airplanes do get shot up during war and are still capable of flying home.

"Maybe he's testing a new design."

They kept pointing out all the abnormal things about the airplane and I kept making up all kinds of answers until one student called out, "I bet it can't fly!" He had me there and I had no answer. I knew it couldn't fly. So I said that if I tried flying it now, it would probably fall apart because the glue is still wet. Let it dry overnight and tomorrow, and then we'll check it out. That satisfied the class and they all settled down. All except McKinley. I must have frightened the living daylights out of him because the next day he did not come to school. When the class left, I tested the airplane and just as I suspected, it couldn't fly. So, I sat down and studied it. I added a piece here, a piece there. I made some pieces larger and some smaller. I added some weights. I did my very best, yet keeping the same configuration. The next day, when my class came in, they were they were on pins and needles. I held them in suspense for almost

the entire period. Then came the crucial moment; I launched the airplane into the air and it glided so majestically and gracefully across the room and almost flew out the window. The class went wild screaming and yelling. McKinley was a hero. When he came to school the next day, everyone told him how great his airplane flew. He couldn't believe it. Prior to this, he was a quiet little kid with not many friends. He was more of a loner. But now, a whole new world opened up to him. Everybody spoke to him. He made a load of new friends. Everybody liked him. He and his airplane became so famous in the school that it was put on display in the Entrance Hall Showcase and I had to draw plans for his model called SCRAPPY, so that other students could build it. He later became involved with RC airplanes and won first place in a city-wide contest on Lincoln Memorial Day. He was invited on the Joe Franklin television show, which resulted with an invitation to the White House to meet President Carter with me as chaperon. Today he manages a six-building complex, 24 stories high in Rockaway, New York. He has a gorgeous wife and two beautiful children. He is like family to me and my wife. He still flies and designs RC models and is a member of the PARCS RC Club in Brooklyn, New York. I honestly believe that this odd, stupid, crazy-looking airplane changed his life and made him what he is today. From the Gold Coast Radio Controllers Club, Boca Raton FL

Agenda

Washington R/C Flyers

August 9, 2005

"The will of the members will propel our Club forward!"

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| Welcome | Vern Mall | |
| Roll Call | Jim Martin | |
| Quorum | Jim Martin | |
| Financial Report, Dues & Bonds | Jim Martin | |
| Guests | 1 st time? | 2 nd time? |

From this point on: Please stand to be acknowledged, and when addressing the membership.

Officers Comments Wally Walwer - Steve Grob

Safety Update Bryan Miller

Old Business

Item

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| 1 | Site Committee Update | Paul Cobb & committee members |
| 2 | Logo shirts, hats & jackets | Jim Martin |
| 3 | US Flag | Vern Mall |
| 4 | Speaking engagement | TJ Klise |
| 5 | Open House Sept 10 & 11 | Vern Mall |
| 4 | Other old business | ???? |

New Business

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| 1 | Other new business | ?????? |
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Entertain motion to adjourn

Show & Tell or Program