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The Summit Valley News

March 2004

Next Meeting



Our next meeting will be at the Navy Marine Club 1310 E Sieberling Ave in Peoria Heights at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. This will be a very important meeting with agenda items that every member will want to hear. Please plan to attend!

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Mow Schedule



The 2004 Mow Schedule is being created.

Safety Tip Of The Month

Flying in the dead of winter with skis is a lot of fun but there are new considerations to be aware of with this equipment. When the snow gets crusty there is very little drag to slow the airplane down. Some skis do not have runners on the bottom and therefore the airplane will not turn as sharp as when there is positive contact between the tire and the ground. Take care when landing and taxiing to give yourself plenty of room to slow down and make turns.

DUES



This is the last note on 2004 Dues. If you don't have them paid up by now shame on you. We'll soon be making up our club Roster and if you haven't paid up your name will not be on it.

Safety Committee



Vern has appointed the new Safety Committee for 2004. Butch Wyman and Bryan Miller will be assisting Vern during the year to maintain our high level of Safety awareness and adherence to the rules and regulations of the AMA and the Summit Valley R/C Flyers. All members need to give 100% support and cooperation to Vern, Butch and Bryan when it comes to safety. This is a topic that none of us can afford to take lightly. Butch and Bryan started flying with the club last summer and have spent a lot of time down at the field, even during cold weather with snow on the ground. Thank you Vern, Butch and Bryan for your contribution to our club.

Intro Pilot Rules

As the season approaches we need to all be reminded that there are

President	Bob Heuermann
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Sergeant at Arms	Tim Berg
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Equipment Maint	Brian Taylor
Safety Committee	Bryan Miller Butch Wyman

only two Intro Pilots in our club. They are Glen Howard and Tom Imhoff. This means that if someone comes to the field and wants to learn to fly and has no AMA card, Glen or Tom can take them up once. This does not mean once per day. It means one time only.

If someone comes to the field and wants to learn to fly and they have a current AMA card, then any member in good standing with a current AMA card can take them up as many times as they please as long as all adhere to the safety rules of the AMA and Summit Valley R/C Flyers.

Bulk Fuel Purchase



Did you order fuel from Central R/C in early February? The fuel has arrived and you can pick it up now.

Prairie Air Show

Jim Martin will be putting together our static display again this year for the Prairie Air show scheduled for July 24 and 25. Anyone volunteering to help would be appreciated. Last year helpers got free tickets to the air show. This year the Blue angels will perform. Check it out here:
<http://www.prairieair.com/>

FREE DUES???

Yup! If you purchase the Nextstar Trainer system from HobbyTown in the Shops at Grand Prairie they will pay your 2004 Summit Valley R/C Flyers Club dues. For details see Walt Meaks at HobbyTown.

Golden Divot Award



This month's winner proved a bit of a challenge to ferret out as the evidence had been well hidden and tracks were covered. However, bits and pieces of airplane were found under the snow cover and through material and color examination the winner was revealed. Tom Hunt finally owned up to losing his trainer due to a multitude of simultaneous events, which caused his trainer to go out of control and crash. Among those events were a hole in his glove that got caught on the stick, sun in his eyes and glare off the snow. He described it best as 'Digital Failure' and said that the pilot in the airplane was really pissed after that wild ride. The wing survived with minimal damage and will most likely live to fly again when a lone fuselage surfaces. Congratulations Tom!

'Round the world in 80 Hours

Steve Fossett is currently sailing around Antarctica in pursuit of a Round The World sailing record and he has approximately 40 days ahead of him until seeing dry land. Keep monitoring the website for news on the Round The World Solo flying experience. As he draws closer to finishing the sailing race we expect to see more news on flight preparations.
www.virginatlanticglobalflyer.com/

The Ultimate in R/C

Spirit and Opportunity, the twin Mars Rovers are driving around the surface making their scientific observations and collecting data as planned. Spirit drove up to a big rock named Humphrey and began its analysis work. Meanwhile, on the opposite side of the planet, Opportunity took samples from a rock called Guadeloupe. Check out this website for some fantastic photos of what's going on with the Mars Rover mission.
<http://marsprogram.jpl.nasa.gov/index.html>

Winter Flying



Here's a shot of Glen Howard flying his snow ski equipped airplane at the field on 2/21/04. Another Don Pyles photo.

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From The Editors Desk



This month I would like to once again illustrate the efforts your Club Officers have been making to change the way things are done around the Club so they fall in line with what the membership wants. On February 8th the Officers met for the annual planning meeting. A schedule was discussed and set up for the 2004 season while keeping in mind the results of the Zoomerang survey that was taken last fall. You will see the schedule on the following pages and I think you will see the fruits of the Survey in every event. Keep this in mind as you read through and look at the dates, time of day and frequency of events.

Happy Landings,
Steve

Summit Valley RC Event Planning For 2004 Flying Season

1. Club Lunch / Fly-In
April 25th, 1:30pm,
Designed to kickoff the
flying season! Replaces
the breakfasts... Brats,
dogs and chips very
informal, again
encourages
participation, Sunday
event. Theme Food and
Fun!
2. Big Bird Fly-In
Sunday May 16th, Noon
for registration, Pilots
Meeting 12:30, Fly till
they drop! Discussion
around having food,
what types, whom to do
the cooking? To be
settled as we get closer
in to the event date.
Theme - Fun!
3. Club Picnic
June 19th, Flying all
afternoon but event
begins at 3pm with the
meal being served at
5:30. Club provides the
meat and soda & ice
tea; club members each
bring a covered dish.
Having this event in
this timeframe meets
members request for
June and later
afternoon for eating.

To be decided; whom to
help with logistics and
cooking? Theme Food
and Fun!

4. Fly What U Have!
August 8th, 1pm, Jim
Martin CD. Basic IMAC
sequences or knockoffs
designed to meet the
needs of some club
members desire to gain
aerobatic sequence
experience. Theme -
Fun!
5. Fun Fly
September 19th, 2pm.
Jim Allen CD??
Continue on with last
years Novice fun fly
theme. Combine semi
skilled events and luck
type of events. Make it
slightly more involved
to cater to the novice
with flair towards more
advanced, meets both
crowds' needs. Theme -
Fun!
6. Club Banquet Dinner
and Awards
Proposed January 14th
or 15th, 7pm?? Club
officers to reevaluate
location options based
on discussion of
Alexander's being a
little pricey.
Possibilities are In Play
room, Uncle Al's (new
place) in Wash. and
another location

(Bernardies?) in Wash.
under consideration.
Also reevaluate
opportunity to do this
on a Friday or Sat.
evening getting away
from the Tuesday
tradition. There will be
a January club meeting
followed by the banquet
on the weekend.

Our thought was to plan all
Sunday events to gain the
support of the working
guys who are engaged on
Saturdays. Most of the
events fell into that
category.

July is a month off for
club activities due to
vacation season, NATS,
etc. and usually pretty
warm so this will avoid
conflicts of many types.



Summit Valley Circa 1999
courtesy of Bob Heuermann

