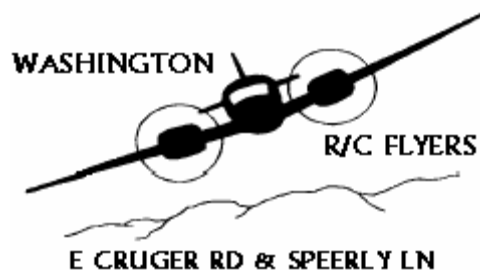


Washington R/C Flyers Newsletter



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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at the New Washington R/C Field at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2005. If it's raining, please go to the Navy Marine Club.



Mow Schedule



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

If you were at the field and had to call 911 for an emergency, would you now the address of the field? 1774 E. Cruger Rd. Washington, IL

Do you know where the fire extinguisher and first aid kit are kept? In Walter Mitty's Hangar. If you are flying alone (not recommended) use extreme caution. One member went after his downed airplane across the railroad tracks and fell into a

ravine. This could have been disastrous but luckily he was not hurt and was able to get out ok. If you are hunting for your downed airplane in the cornfield, carry the pole (kept in Walter Mitty's Hangar) with you and hold it up above the corn so other members can steer you towards the model.

From The Presidents Hangar

What constitutes a good club member? A person who steps up and says "I can do that." or "My physical condition won't allow me to do that but I can do this". Club membership is about 50 % work, 40% fellowship and 10% flying. What is the most important?

Fellowship! Without fellowship the club would cease to exist. Ever try flying alone? Not much fun is it? This is what Webster has to say on the word fellowship:

2 a : community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience
b : the state of being a [fellow](#) or associate
3 : a company of equals or friends
 : [ASSOCIATION](#)
4 : the quality or state of being comradely

Please read what Webster has to say again, have a good day and I will see you **fellows** at the field.
Vern

President	Vern Mall
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Maint. & Grounds Committee	John Bremenkamp
Events Committee	Jim Allen Paul Wann
Social & Education Committee	Kayton Heavrin
Site Committee	Paul Cobb

New WRCF Member

Dave Skinner made the August meeting his second membership meeting and was voted in as the newest member. Welcome to WRCF Dave!

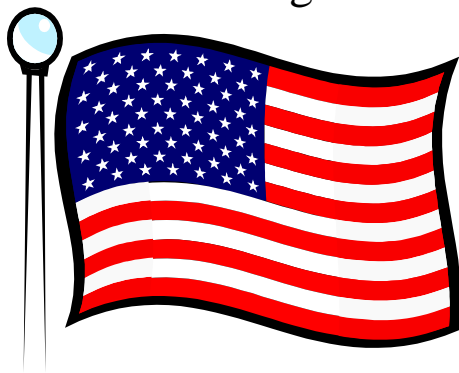
WRCF Open House

Open House will be held at the field Saturday September 10 from 2pm to 4pm and Sunday September 11 from 4pm to 7pm. We encourage all members to contribute. Here's how: Bring an airplane and fly. We'd like to have as much flying going on as possible so that the guests have a good demonstration of our hobby. Bring an airplane even if you don't fly it. We'd like to have as many airplanes on display as we can. Our hosts will be Jim Martin and Jim Allen. There will be a tent with refreshments and literature for the guests. (see next page)

Open House continued

Be as friendly as you can, try to answer questions and show your airplane and related equipment to the guests. Invitations have been mailed out to the Washington city fathers and many of the people who helped WRCF get started. Please show up and help us express our appreciation to all who contributed. Let's demonstrate what a great club we really are and make them feel good about contributing to this wonderful organization. Don't forget to pick up your name tag at the tent and display it so everyone will recognize you as a member. Arrive early so we don't have a traffic jam when the guests start to arrive. PS. Bring your lawn chairs!

Honor Our Flag



The next time you visit the field, you can't help noticing our new flag pole and the beautiful US flag that flies at the top of it. Of course we must honor our flag so we have a new rule to take care of it. The last person to leave the field should take the flag down, fold it properly and put it away in Walter Mitty's Hangar no matter what time it is. This rule is to eliminate the possibility of the flag flying at night, in the rain or getting stolen.

No Fly Zone

Do not fly north of the part of Speerly Lane that borders the north end of our field. We want to be very considerate of our neighbor who lives to the north of the trees and **NOT FLY OVER HIS PROPERTY**. He has made comments that airplanes have flown over his garden in the past. Please keep your pattern tight at the north end of the field. There is **PLENTY OF ROOM** at the south end of the field to fly. Members have demonstrated in the past that the tendency is to use the north half of the field more than the south half. Please make your pattern centered on the center post that has been erected at the east edge of the field. If you have to fly a pattern that is not centered on the field, please do it to the South and not to the North. We need to do everything we can to preserve an excellent relationship with our neighbors! This is especially important during the Open House. We don't want to be flying over Speerly Lane while guests are coming and going for obvious reasons.

Weed Eater

Herb Larson has generously donated a Stihl weedeater to the club for use at the field. He even brought the User Guide book so we would know how to use it! Many thanks Herb!

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Work Party

There have been several work parties lately to put the final touches on our new field and prepare it for the Open House. The most important activity was the raising of the Old Summit Valley sign which was painstakingly converted to the new Washington R/C Flyers sign by John Bremenkamp, Paul Cobb and Vern Mall.



Quote

Improve yourself! Most people want to change the world to improve their own lives. What a wasted effort. If they would only improve themselves, they would be better off and so would the world.

Club Relations with Community Could Help Save Flying Site

by Jay Mealy

As the population and land value rise, all AMA chartered clubs are faced with the possibility of losing the use of their current flying site. Regardless of the type of use arrangement the club may have with the landowner, and even if the club owns the site, there is no guarantee that the site will not disappear.

In some instances, no matter what the club may attempt in order to save its site it ends in disappointment. Usually attempts to salvage a site occur after the fact, and fall into the “too little, too late” category. That is why it is important for a club to begin working diligently at keeping its site from its very beginning—or as soon as possible.

There are many suggestions I share with clubs to accomplish such a challenging task. I will share them in future editions of the AMA INSIDER, but the one concept that has proven to be worthwhile in saving flying sites is community involvement in a non-modeling activity.

You may be asking “Why?” Well, to be blunt, not everyone perceives model airplanes and their operation as the greatest thing since sliced bread, to use an old cliché. I have been involved in site situations where a non-modeling neighbor has a complaint about a club’s presence. He/She then takes that complaint to non-modeling city

officials, other neighbors, zoning commissions, etc. When that person succeeds in his or her attempts to shut down the clubs’ operations, the club is left wondering what happened.

Almost every club I have contact with describes its community involvement as presenting the benefits of model aviation to senior groups, scouting organizations, having an annual open house, etc.—all aviation activities. We all agree that these events only attract those who have some level of interest in aviation to begin with. This is not to say that those are not good activities, but if that is all the club is doing, it is missing a larger portion of their community’s citizens. This is the portion that could pose potential threat to the club’s existence. These are the people who have to be shown the benefits the club offers its community in non-modeling ways.

The truth is that it is easier to do away with a club that is just a group of people flying their model airplanes. It is much more difficult to evict a club that has the reputation of supporting its community in other ways.

Here are some ideas about how to support your whole community:

- Find the community’s favorite charity and contribute to it annually either financially or through volunteer efforts.
- Whatever the contribution ends up being, make sure the local newspaper has photos, captions, and stories. This is often done best by the club and then presented to the paper. If you do the reporters’

work for them they will usually run the story. The importance of this activity is not based on how much you are giving but that you are giving.

- Adopt a section of highway to maintain as part of the nation’s Adopt-A-Highway program. This is a good way to get your name posted and in front of a large number of your neighbors who will tend to associate your club with that program.
- Become involved at some level with organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, Meals on Wheels, hospital volunteer opportunities, etc. Again, make sure, through the club’s public relations director, the local media knows about these activities.

The few ideas shared here have been proven successful and I am hopeful that you are already thinking of ways you might accomplish this in your own community. It only takes a little effort on the club’s part and they can go a long way in preserving your flying privileges

Agenda

Washington R/C Flyers

September 13, 2005

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

Welcome	Vern Mall
Roll Call	Jim Martin
Quorum	Jim Martin
Financial Report, Dues & Bonds	Jim Martin
Guests	1 st time ?
	2 nd time? Doug Jaegle, Kevin Duncan, Larry
Speerly	

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

1	Site Committee Update	Paul Cobb & committee members
2	Logo shirts, hats & jackets	Jim Martin
3	Open House Report	Jim Martin and Jim Allen
4	Other old business	????

New Business

Item

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

Show & Tell or Program