

# Washington R/C Flyers Newsletter

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### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on July 8, 2008 at WRCF airport.

### WRCF Flight Deck Mowing

Two names are scheduled for the same week starting with Sunday dates. One will take Tuesday and the other will take Friday. Please coordinate this with your partner.

July 6 Wesner, Berry  
July 13 Hunt (Gary), Allen  
July 20 Pyles, Cole  
July 27 Hunt (Tom), Degenhart  
Aug 3 Lee, Ponto  
Aug 10 Clark (Todd), Prather

As a reminder, the team of the so called "Rough Riders" is providing the gasoline in three new gas containers that Tom Clark purchased. When it is your turn to mow, just show up either on a Tuesday or Friday and run the mower. **This has been great. No one this year has hesitated to mow.**

### WRCF Perimeter Mowing

July 13 Tom Clark  
July 27 Paul Cobb  
Aug 15 Doug Norman



### President's Corner

Would you believe we are into July already! Besides humidity and hot afternoons, that means its fun fly time! If you haven't already, make sure your favorite plane is ready to go because the name definitely fits this event. Four-Star racing is exciting and even intense for those competing, but a fun fly is what I would consider a little laid-back, "friendly" competition all in the name of fun. Even if you are a beginner you can (and should) take part in the fun fly coming up on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Events like taxiing your plane between balloons or landing your plane within a specified area are just a couple typical "challenges" pilots must complete during a fun fly. Keep this in mind while you fly as the fun fly approaches because now is your chance to practice your precision flying in the air and maneuvering on the ground. Doing so will help you improve your performance during the event!

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Maint. & Grounds Committee	John Bremerkamp
Events Committee	TJ Klise
Social & Education Committee	Kayton Heavrin
Site Committee	Paul Cobb

Going back to the Four Star race, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the WRCF volunteers that helped put on the race. Besides helping our club put on a "first class" event, those volunteers also deserve credit for being part of our club taking first and second place in the final standings. While TJ Klise and I were the ones steering the planes around the race course, that event ran so smooth we were both able to trade off the role of starter while having enough time to focus on the heats we competed in with minimal distractions. I think TJ would agree with me when I say the final results would have been very different without the group of volunteers and the great job everyone did that day. Thanks guys! Now TJ and I don't have any excuse not to do equally as well at the Peoria race on July 19<sup>th</sup>. No pressure! Our other WRCF team pilots are also on track for a good showing at the Peoria race. Paul Cobb has been improving with every race with a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish in Bloomington and improved with an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish at our race. Bernie Meegan raced for the first time at our

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race and had a great showing that was hampered by engine troubles in two of his heats. Bernie finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place but with the blistering pace he set in his three good heats his final standing would undoubtedly have been much higher if not for the engine trouble. The last WRCF team member was John Bremenkamp who went out early with an unfortunate crash. Despite the rough start John says he learned a lot from the experience and is ready to go for the Peoria race. As a pilot you walk away from each race having learned something. Taking this information and applying it to your plane setup and strategy for the next race is how you improve your results. I'm looking forward to see how all our team members place in Peoria. Following the fun fly, there are three events remaining on the club calendar to finish out this flying season which means there are still plenty of opportunities to help out at an event if you haven't done so already. Don't forget, just like mowing the field, taking your turn at helping put on an event means each member has to do less work overall. Not to mention volunteering is also a great opportunity to build friendships with a few fellow club members who you may not see when you show up at the field to fly.

As this flying season winds down, be thinking about the events we have had so far this year and what you would like to see done the same or differently next year. We did have to swap a couple dates in this year's event schedule due to the air show taking place so early so that may change next year but the rest of the

schedule is really up for reinterpretation. Should we have fewer or more events? Is there a different type of event you would like to see the club try out next year? Consider these questions and share your thoughts and ideas with your fellow club members. Remember, a flying club isn't just a flying facility, some bylaws, events and a monthly meeting. It's the members and what they contribute that give a club its real identity. Take part, share and contribute by becoming an officer... You can make WRCF even better. Happy landings!

### Pylon Racing at WRCF

T.J. Klise and Bryan Miller provided excellent ownership of the pylon race held at the WRCF field. Both were officials for nineteen race participants. The standing after two meets is:

Bloomington	- 154
Washington	- 90
Peoria	- 79
Pekin	- 45



Check out all of the action on the web site at this address and click on the PYLON ACTION button:

<http://www.washingtonrcflyers.com/bulletin.html>

Use the below link to access the official Four Star web site and check out the current listings.

<http://fourstarracingseries.com>

**Dues & Fees** Any new members joining the club please send your dues payment to Tom Clark, 1030 Hillcrest Drive, Washington, IL. If you have not paid \$10 toward a mowing tax, please send a check to Tom Clark or catch him at the field.

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## First five safety tips

By Steve Grob presented at the meeting.



1. All AMA rules apply
2. Flight times are Monday thru Saturday from 9am to sunset. On Sunday from 12 noon to sunset.
3. All spectators should remain behind the stationary fence.
4. No running or horse-play in the pit area.
5. All radios must comply with the AMA frequencies.

## Protecting WRCF Assets

By Steve Grob

It never ceases to amaze me how much our club does with the limited funds we have to work with. Every time I drive down the lane and see the field, the buildings, the fence and all the signs and how everything is well maintained and neat as a pin, it makes me think that we have the best looking field in the Peoria area. We do this on a very reasonable budget because we do not spend anything on labor. This is because the members donate their time. Some donate more time than others but all in all we get the job done. So, our club assets include not only the equipment, buildings, fences, signs, and the lane

but also the members who donate their time.

There are two assets I would like to raise awareness of this month. All of our assets are important to us but I feel these two are the most important because of their monetary value. The two assets are Speerly Lane and our members who donate their time and energy.

This year I took over the maintenance of Speerly Lane and I also help maintain the mower. Last year, these tasks were done by Wally Walwer and Vern Mall. Since we lost our good flying buddy Vern last winter, I volunteered to help Wally this year and I can tell you that I have new found respect for these guys after finding out what these tasks involve. The annual mower maintenance is no small task and throughout the year it must be closely monitored to ensure good performance and avoid breakdowns. Lane maintenance includes dragging the lane about once a month. This is a hot, dirty, time consuming and monotonous job. Until this year, Wally took care of the lane but few were aware of it because he just did what was necessary and never complained.

Speerly Lane was built under Wally's supervision in 2005 by Wissel Trucking who applied asphalt millings from the second crossing up to and including the parking lot. The City of Washington graciously applied the millings from Cruger Road to the second crossing. In 2005, WRCF spent \$3,353.84 on millings and in 2008, we spent another \$1,600 for additional millings. The \$5,000 we have

invested in Speerly Lane makes it our biggest asset monetarily. You can help protect this asset by keeping your speed at the posted 10mph speed limit. This will minimize the washboarding and eventual potholes that occur when people drive too fast. Staying to the right also protects this asset by keeping the surface even and avoiding the two tire track valleys that most lanes have.

To summarize, I ask that each member make it a personal goal to help protect our two most valuable assets. You can help protect Speerly Lane by keeping your speed down and staying to the right when you enter and exit the field. You can donate time and energy and be a part of another valuable asset by doing your part to maintain our beautiful field, buildings, fences, signs and everything else we have. Be like Wally – just do it and do it well so you can be proud of what you do. Getting involved and doing your part makes you feel like part of the club instead of just someone who flies there.

Happy Landings - Steve

## Meeting of June 10 highlights

Meeting took place at WRCF.

Tom the treasurer, reported that five members have not paid the \$10 gas tax. Also that May costs were \$1644. Balance is \$2634.

Tom Clark presented a photo album to our farmer neighbor, Ron Hastings. A letter was sent to three visitors who overstayed club rules by the club officers.

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July 19	Peoria 4Star Race
Aug 9	Pekin 4Star Race
Aug 16	WRCF Picnic
Sept 14	WRCF Open House
Oct 4	WRCF Wiener Roast



### July 4 WRCF Flying

Another nice day perfect for flying again. John Bremenkamp, Paul Cobb and Larry Roberts were present and accounted for to fly.



### Community participation

John Bremenkamp and Wally Walwer helped Jim Martin host a day of "summer camp" for fifth-graders building and flying AMA Darts. This is our third year of doing this for the Dunlap school's summer programs.



### JULY 12 FUN FLY

*A Fun Fly is scheduled for July 12, Saturday at the WRCF flying field. Paul Cobb, Marshall Logue and John Bremenkamp are your hosts. Participation in the flying events is only for the WRCF members, but family, relatives and friends are welcome.*

*The WRCF Fun Fly is designed to encourage club members to participate in a friendly social flying experience with fellow club members. It's main purpose is to provide a venue for us get to know each other better and to help newer members overcome their fears of flying. The events will be structured so that flying skills are only part of the winning formula---being just plain lucky will also be a key factor.*

*Competition starts at 2pm and is expected to last 2-3 hours with four or five events scheduled, then open flying the rest of the day. The club will provide water, drinks and snacks for attendees.*

*Prizes for first, second, and third places will be awarded*



Dart building was set up in the schools center cafeteria area and flying took place in the gym down the hall.



