

Model-Builders Workshop

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WGRC Flies Weekends at Hunt Air Field on Dale Co 18, S of Highway 231 S of Ozark

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**REMINDER 2009 MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL DUES WERE DUE PRIOR TO JAN 31,
2009 - PAY BRIAN ARSENAULT**

OR

**This NEWSLETTER is your last Copy
And
Ft. Rucker Regulations prohibit you from flying
at stagefields**

ALABAMA AEROSPACE WEEK

For the past several years, in recognition of Alabama Aero-Space Week, Landmark Park has treated school kids to some high flying adventure and out of this world fun. Students participate in hands-on flight activities in the auditorium, they see a planetarium program focusing on the current night sky and in the back field, they watch a rocket blast-off and a radio-controlled flight demonstration.

I would like to take this time to invite you to participate in this exciting and educational event taking place the last week of February, the 24th through the 27th. The RC flight session will begin at 9:00 with 3 to 4 demonstrations on the hour ending at 1:00.

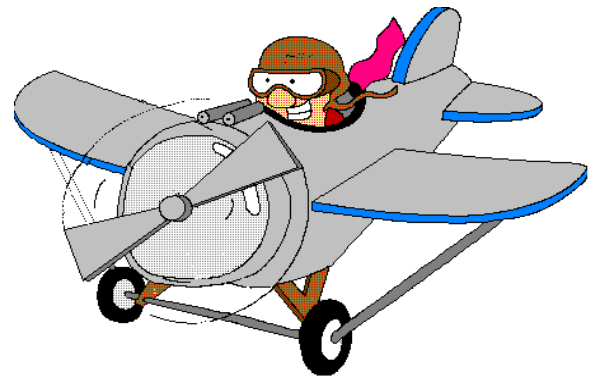
We will provide snacks and drinks each day and treat you to lunch in the Interpretive Center on Friday after the event.

If you can be a part of this wonderful week, please give Alan Bourland a call so he can let me know that the sessions are covered. Several of you have participated in the past. I hope you will be able to do so again and encourage others. If you have any question please call **Allen Bourland 334-793-9727**.

This is a great opportunity to share your enthusiasm for your hobby with the next generation of flyers.

BIG BIRD IS STILL IN PROGRESS

Check out the progress on my 12 ft. J-3 Cub on the WGRC web site at www.wiregrassrc.org



WGRC WEB SITE

www.wiregrassrc.org

COMING EVENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Larry's BBQ - Daleville
March 2, 2009
Dining at 6 p.m.
Meeting at 7 p.m.

PERRY GA SWAP SHOP Mar 6 & 7

WGRC SPRING FUN-FLY Mar 28 at HUNT FIELD Rain Date April 4 Registration 8 a.m. Flying at 9 a.m.

Presidents Message

by Stan Grett

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: was held at Ryan's Steak House in Enterprise on Monday, January 12, 2009 beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting began around 7 p.m. WGRC members in good standing (2009 dues paid up) dined on a free buffet meal for themselves and one guest. Many came for some WGRC Camaraderie and membership renew for 2009. The WGRC Event Calendar was discussed for the 2009 flying season. Four gallons of fuel were given out as door prizes.

WGRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting will be on March 2, at Larry's BBQ on US 84 in Daleville, at 7 p.m.

FOURTH QUARTER FUN-FLY: It will be at Hunt Field on March 28, with rain date of April 4. Chris Barber is the CD. Registration at 8 a.m. and flying at 9 a.m.

WGRC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NEWSLETTER: This will be your last NL if you have not paid your 2009 membership renewal fee. If you wish to receive the NL in electronic MS Word format and save the club a little money for postage. Let me know at jimkale@roadrunner.com.

WGRC SHIRTS: Stan is taking orders. Small thru XL are 20 bucks each; XXL are slightly higher. Stan's contact info is on the front page

WGRC FUEL AVAILABILITY: We currently have 15 percent COOL POWER for 16 dollars per gallon and 20 percent KOOL POWER for 22 dollars per gallon, and 30 percent for 26 dollars per gallon. (Subject to change if our costs change.) If you want other fuels, we can get it for you by the case. We cannot buy individual gallons from Morgan. Call: KC (447-6272 or Stan Grett (393-1674).

PERRY GEORGIA SWAP SHOP: It is March 6, & Mar 7. We are set to go. Don't miss this one.

JANUARY WGRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / ANNUAL DINNER MEETING MINUTES

Executive Committee President, Stan Grett called the meeting to order at 7.p.m. January 14, at Ryan's Restaurant, in Enterprise, AL. Stan Grett, Brian Arsenault, Jim Kale, KC, Mike Hipwell, and Al Bourland were the EC members in attendance. Many guests and renewing members were also in attendance. Everyone came early and had dinner prior to the meeting being called to order. This was the annual Dinner Meeting and Membership Renewal Meeting.

President Stan Grett called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

Brian Arsenault and KC reported on the ANNUAL NOVEMBER FLY-IN. Great weather, good turnout with 30 registered flyers. Stan and KC did a bang up job getting some great prizes. Mike Hipwell recounted about how the food vender misinterpreted the date and missed it.

Stan thanked the members of the EC for all their support of the club for 2008

Jim Kale reported that 20 tables were obtained and all are spoken for at the Perry GA. Swap Shop.

New Business:

Stan reported that the Club would schedule 3 Fun Flies and the annual November Fly-In for 2009. March 28 was chosen for the first Fun Fly with April 4, as rain date. Chris Barber volunteered to be the CD. Dates for the June and September Fun Flies will be determined by the EC at regular meetings closer to those dates. The Annual Fly-In will be on November 7.

Kathy Moore explained the Alabama Aero Space Week for Alabama schools and asked for volunteers for model flight and static demos for the last week in Feb. Those wishing to help should contact Al Bourland.

Athol Foster mentioned that the WGRC NL and other WGRC information and photos were on the WGRC web site at www.wiregrassrc.org Athol also remedied everyone that Hodges Hobbies has agreed to sponsor some of the WGRC activities. Stan reported on the good service and great prices he has had by ordering RC supplies from Hodges.

Door prizes were awarded and the winners were Gene Mace, Ken Blackwell, Stan Grett, and KC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

FOR SALE (free ads for members)

New 28.5 CC Ryobi Gas Engine with B&B muffler and prop extension also includes firewall mount. \$125 Jim Kale
New in Box Sig Piper Cub J-3 72 inch wing span kit \$65 Jim Kale

AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM STAN GRETT (393-1674)

4 Star 60 Sig Kit, (72 in. wing). **Thunder Tiger Pro 61** 2 cycle eng, **HD Flt Pack less Receiver \$300.00**

NOT FOR SALE 9 (name of the airplane) Ready to fly (scratch built, 68 in. wing) **Super Tiger 72** 2 cycle eng, **Airtronics 6 ch radio set with HD flight pack \$300.00.**

Engines: (in excellent condition)

Super Tiger 90 2 cycle **\$95.00,**

OS 70 4 cycle **\$150.00,**

Super Tiger 90 2 cycle **\$95.00**

OS 61 FSR 2 cycle **\$135.00**

OS 60 FSR 2 cycle **135.00**

Tips & Tricks

TIPS FOR BUYING AT PERRY, GEORGIA

Stan Grett and Jim Kale

1. Make a shopping list and stick to it. The old supermarket adage is appropriate – Don't shop for food when you are hungry.
2. Some real bargains are often sold as they are moved from the transport vehicle to the table. Come early and be alert.
3. Used engines often have rusty bearings. Sometimes you can turn the crank and feel them – sometimes you can't. If the engine was crashed, it may have a bent crank or cracked case, etc that is not noticeable. Look for tale-tale signs like broken fins, or bent needle valves, etc. If it looks rough on the outside, it is probably worse on the inside.
4. Planes that have never been flown may be built less durable than planes that have been flown a lot.
5. Beware of any model with wrinkled covering; it may mean that the basic structure under the covering is damaged.
6. Don't buy anything that has a shelf life, such as paints, glues, fuels, batteries etc. If they are too old, they are often not usable.
7. Radios and electronic items are normally not able to be checked for proper operation till you get them home. If they are bad, you made a bad buy unless you got a warrantee and the seller will honor it, if you can find him.
8. Most items are being sold for a reason, and that reason may be bad news for you if you buy. However, sometimes it is sold just because it is not needed by the current owner. Investigate and remember: some people lie.
9. New in Box (NIB) means never used.
10. New / Old Stock, means it's been around a long time but not used.
11. Many so called bargains are worth less than the purchase price.
12. You may miss a bargain if you don't buy.
13. You can't be cheated if you don't buy.

If you want to investigate a seller, ask him/her if any of their club members are available. I have had people ask me that question. You can ask club member friends to vouch for the seller. HOWEVER

LET THE BUYER BEWARE
When you sell – be happy

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