

# Model-Builders Workshop

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## Fall Fun-Fly

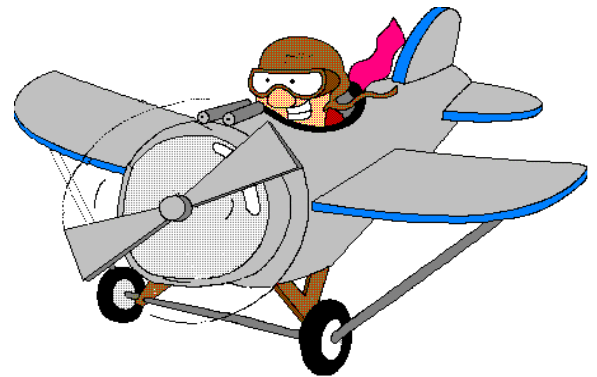
It probably won't feel like fall due to high temperatures, but September 19, is the scheduled for the FALL Fun Fly. Phil Spiegeland is the CD and it is pretty well the standard arrangement with prizes, fuel, etc. I have not heard whether Phil will advertise the events like the June Fun-Fly.

## WGRC ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

It's that time again.

Any members wishing to run for elective office of the Executive Committee may apply for nomination. Notify Stan Grett or Jim Kale. As of this date, only Mike Coopriider has been nominated for VP. All other positions are unchallenged and unless there is a challenge to an office, we will accept a motion for election by acclimation for these positions. The election will be held at the September meeting new members will be installed at the close of the Annual General Membership Meeting. Current Members have indicated they will continue in office if unopposed. A voting ballot is included with this NL, and is available for printing from the NL on the WGRC Web Site. Members may bring it to the meeting or send it to Jim or Stan (addresses above).

**PLEASE NOTICE DATE CHANGE FOR NEXT EC MEETING**



## WGRC WEB SITE

[www.wiregrassrc.org](http://www.wiregrassrc.org)

## COMING EVENTS

### DATE CHANGE

### WGRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Larry's BBQ - Daleville  
September 21, 2009  
Dining at 6 p.m.  
Meeting at 7 p.m.  
EC Election

Members Welcome

### DATE CHANGE

WRGC FUN-FLY  
September 19  
Rain Date Oct 3

WRGC FLY-IN  
November 7, 2009

## Perry Georgia

I Need to know by Sep 20 If you want tables. I must order them on OCT 1

# Presidents Message

by *Stan Grett*

**WGRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next meeting will be on September 21, at Larry's BBQ on US 84 in Daleville, at 7 p.m. This a change because Brian Arsenault and Jim Kale will be out of town on the normal meeting date. We normally come early and eat prior to the meeting. Members welcome to attend.

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:** If you currently get a hard-copy of the WGRC NL and would like to save the club the postage cost, you may get your NL via email. Just let Jim Kale know at [jimkale@roadrunner.com](mailto:jimkale@roadrunner.com) or 393-7918.

**SUPPORT OUR NEW SPONSOR: HODGES HOBBIES:** In the past I have recommended that we all support our club sponsor. We have not had a hobby shop sponsor for several years, but we do now. Mac has pledged to support our club activities with such things as gift certificates for contests, etc. We owe him our modeling supplies support. He will take your order over the phone (866) 924-0505 or the net and you will get it much sooner than if you order thru other sources. The prices are always competitive, be sure to let them know you are a WGRC member so they will know we support them.

**THIRD QUARTER FUN-FLY:** Scheduled for September, 19, Hunt Field, rain date October 3. Phil Spiegeland is the CD.

**RC MAGAZINES:** Same them for distribution to the Enterprise School System as AMA recommends. Bring them to the EC meeting or the field and give them to a club officer.

**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

## MAY WGRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Executive Committee President, Stan Grett called the meeting to order at 7.p.m. July 13, 2009, at Larry's BBQ in Daleville, AL. Stan Grett, Brian Arsenault, Jim Kale, KC, Phil Spiegeland, Charlie Dicey, Athol Foster, and Al Bourland were members in attendance. Also some other members were there but did not get noted.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

### Old Business:

Stan reminded members that the WGRC Executive Committee Officers Election would be at the next EC meeting, October 21. Any member wishing to run for office of nominate someone else should let him or Jim Kale know. The September NL will contain a ballot for members to cut out and bring or send to the September meeting.

The EC discussed getting a radio prize for the November Fly-In.

The EC discussed the November Fly-In. Food, Porta-Potty, set up times, etc.

Stan Grett reminded members of the third Second Quarter Fun-Fly on September 19, rain date October 3. Registration will be at 7 a.m. and flying at 8 a.m. due to the hot weather expected.

Brian briefed the planning for the November Fly-In.

### New Business:

Stan announced that Mac Hodges of **HODGES HOBBIES** had agreed to be the WGRC sponsor for Fun Fly Prizes. Stan urged all club members to order model supplies from Mac's shop in Andersonville, GA, and reminded members that they should support the WGRC sponsor.

The EC discussed fully covering the cost of the WEB Site run by Athol Foster and told Athol the full cost would be reimbursed.

Stan reminded members of the next EC meeting on Sep 21. Election of EC Officers will take place on that date.

The Third Quarter Fun-Fly was set for Sep. 19, rain date Oct 3. Phil Spiegeland volunteered to take over CD duties.

Athol Foster reminded members that the WGRC NL and other WGRC information and photos were on the WGRC web site at [www.wiregrassrc.org](http://www.wiregrassrc.org)

Stan discussed the issue of a WGRC member not landing when he was reminded of not having a freq. pin. Verbal warning was issued.

Jim discussed the Enterprise City Aero-Exposition on September 26. He checked and an RC model flying demonstration or static display was not welcomed so we will not pursue it.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**PERRY GEORGIA – I need to know if you want Tables at Perry Georgia no later than  
20 September**

## The Almost Crash



Here is the photo of my Kadet after the successful landing. I was flying it at Brown Field when the entire covering material ripped off, making a lot of noise in the process. I pulled off the throttle and figured the crash would shortly follow but then I noticed the airplane was coming down level. I added about a quarter throttle and found I had some limited control. I was close to the runway so when it got almost down, I flared and it landed just fine, I taxied back to the pit area and shut it down. I guess it was flying on the covering on the bottom of the wing. There was definitely a loss of lift because normally it would have leveled off at a quarter throttle. I bought this airplane from Phil so perhaps it inherited some of Phil's good luck about saving damaged planes. Some in the WGRC have said we should create a **PHIL'S BROKEN WING AWARD**

### PHIL'S PHOLIES

WGRC members are still finding ways to emulate Phil. Bob Frey is the newest member of the Phil club. He brought his new Yak out for its first flight. Eagle Eye Chris Barber noticed that **Bob had a screw loose**. Perhaps I should rephrase that. Bob had put a screw in the servo output wheel to hold the elevator control on, but did not tighten it. The screw had fallen out in transient. If Chris had had not noticed the missing screw, the airplane would probably have crashed out of control on the first flight. Good going Eagle Eye Chris. While Bob was checking around to see if anyone had the correct size screw, I recommended turning the airplane upside down and shaking it. Someone did this and out came the missing screw. Bob no longer has a screw loose, the first flight went fine and everyone went home happy.

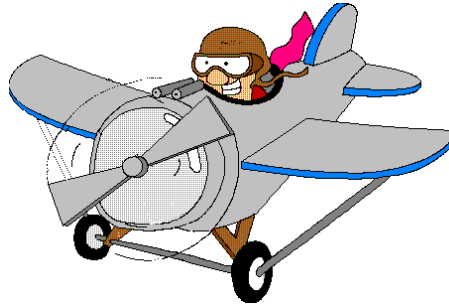
I may qualify for this column again because the entire top covering material suddenly ripped off my Sig Senior Kadet while I was flying it. However, I somehow managed to land it OK. However, I blame my bad luck on PHIL because I bought this airplane from him. No wonder it started falling apart. However, some of his luck at recovering models that are falling apart in the air came with the deal; is that good luck or bad luck.

Phil is still leading the way for his column though: Phil has informed me that it is not a good idea to have a 2 ft. long overflow line on the fuel tank that is all coiled up inside the fuselage of the airplane. Phil was pumping in fuel into his big Pitts Special, when I noticed fuel running out the bottom of the airplane. Seems the overflow had done its job and filled up the area below the tank inside the fuse. Then fuel ran out the wing pin holes and onto the bottom of the airplane. It then

ran along the bottom of the fuse and appeared to be flowing out the tail of the airplane. Phils phenomenal luck was still with him and the only area getting soaked was the area right under the tank.

I am also keeping phil's tradition alive by forgetting to pull my antenna out when I was ready to fly my little electric delta on its first flight. Ken Blackwell told me to watch out for that. Fortunately I noticed. What I did forget was that this airplane was on a 72 freq, not the amateur radio freq or the 2.4 Ghz. that I had been flying on for the last few months. So I shot down one of Bryant's airplanes. Phil must have noticed I was hornin in on his shenanigans because he turned on his airplane while Pete was flying on the same freq. However, Phil's luck was still with him and he noticed it and turned off prior to any damage. Looks like I won't run out of things to write about in this column. In the future though, I will be busy not pulling any shenanigans of my own to write about. Except for the wing covering peeling off my airplane pictured above.

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And buy their Modeling Supplies at HODGES HOBBIES  
Andersonville, Georgia

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## OFFICIAL WGRC BALLOT FOR 21 SEPTMEBER 2009

The only position that is contested is the position of Vice President.  
Please mark your ballot for one of the individuals and mail your ballot to Jim or Stan (Address on front cover of this NL) or bring to the Sep. EC meeting on Sep 21,2009

Mike Hipwell (Incumbent)

Mike Coopriider

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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