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Almost Time to Fly!

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President's Message - At the February meeting we discussed two projects for the field. One project had to do with the desire to have a "Shade Awning" at the new field. The designs that were discussed were only concepts and were meant to stimulate discussions, which they did. There were some that were concerned about the details of construction. I am reminding everyone that the proposals are only concepts and are not meant to be final designs. Once we decide what we want to do, we can focus on proper construction details.

The second report was given by a committee charged with researching landing strip improvements. There were several proposals.

First: Leave the field as is and fly from the existing dirt.

Second: Gravel fill hauled in, rolled flat and sprayed with various chemical dust inhibitors.

Third: Petromat (rubber mat product that is being used by other clubs around the U.S.).

That committee is still in the process of getting bids so that total costs can be evaluated. I am sure that these discussions will be continued this next month. So far, the only thing that is constant is that everything is very expensive.

Starting this month, the club funflies will be starting up again.

So far most all the keys have been accounted for and the members holding them have re-joined up for this next year. There are only about 3 that are still a problem. Hopefully those holders will take care of business and we won't have to re-key the field. We are picking up a few new members and this next year should be an interesting and fun journey for all of us.

The field burns are still on hold waiting for Burn Permits from Tooele Fire Dept. We will get the word out as soon as the first burn event becomes available.

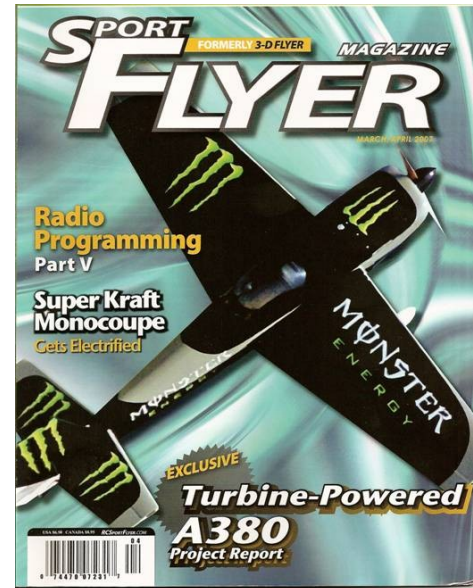
There were quite a bunch of planes brought in for "show & tell". You guys have really been busy building during the down flying season.

Thanks for all your support. - Wade

Last minute note: - Rumor has it the first 10 people at the meeting Tuesday will receive a free copy of Sport Flyer Magazine.

March Fun Fly - March came in like a lion, so maybe the remainder of the month will be a lamb. Walkenhorst had to work and I had some personal problems, so our plans to attend the St. George Fun Fly were foiled. I understand the weather on Friday the 23rd was bad, Saturday was good, and I don't know about Sunday. I would think that those attending had a good time by just getting out of the valley for a few days.

The Fun Fly for this month will be a Climb & Glide to be held at our new field, UTE Airpark, on Saturday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), and will begin at 10:00 am. Trainer airplanes are probably the best for this event because of their excellent glide ratio. We will allow each pilot two attempts, time permitting, and the best time wins. The time begins when the airplane begins to roll. After 30 seconds, the pilot will shut off the engine and try to maintain the best glide ratio possible. Time ends when the airplane touches the ground. Again, the longest time wins.



The April Fun Fly will be an EGG DROP to be held at the UTE Airpark on April 14th and will begin at 10:00 am. Remember, unless indicated otherwise, the Fun Flies will be held at the UTE Airpark on the Saturday following the monthly Club Meeting. Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11th this year, so the 10:00 am start time might be a little cool, but we can handle it.

Attending the Fun Flies is a big part of what the Club is about. Come out and participate and maybe B.S. a little, even if you don't plan to fly. Fly Safely.- Mike

Swap Meet Report - At the first part of February the Falcon RC Club in Ogden put on the "4th ANNUAL - UTAH'S LARGEST RADIO CONTROL SWAP MEET." I enjoy a Swap Meet but a RC Swap meet now that is a treat. The place was busy and those that came early walked away with some great deals. There were many Hobby Shop Owners selling items for as much as 50% off what they would sell it for in the Store. Pat from Some Dudes Hobby rented the most tables and had a ton of stuff to sell. There were other Hobby Shops there from Provo to Ogden all willing to barter. Bartering at a Hobby Store may be rude but its almost an insult if one doesn't barter at a Swap Meet.

The individual sellers had the best deals and fun stuff to look through with all the boxes of odds and ends. I found a digital fish scale for only \$5. It should worked nicely for thrust testing of nitro models. Well it would have, if I didn't forget to pick it up... maybe next time. There was also a mini 3D balsa plane (15 inch wing span) for only \$5. It was a deal I couldn't pass up even though it had a little wear and tear. For a neighbor I picked up 2 gliders for just \$35. There were other UTE members that attended and they didn't walk away empty handed. One advantage of buying a plane at the Swap Meet is many of them are already build (an ARF) and with a little work it can be flyable, some even had motors and electronics.

There was a raffle every 30 minutes through out the day. One ticket was included with the admission price, plus extras could be purchased. Radios, Planes, Engines and tools were handed out but none of my tickets were winners. Steve gave Matt his ticket before he left but I guess Steve apparently took his Luck with him.

For those that didn't attend put it on your calendars for next year. It is well worth attending or even signing up to be a seller to get rid of the stuff that is collecting around the house and garage. (Just let us fellow UTE members buy your stuff before selling at the swap meet.) Even if one has too much RC stuff, there is likely something there, we don't know we needed.. like that darn fish scale. - Mike P.

Club Safety - Warmer weather is coming and that means flying season for all. That also means you should give all your equipment and aircraft a thorough going over. As things sit around for a few months things have a mysterious way of breaking or coming loose. It's a good idea at the beginning of each flying season to take the time and go over all your aircraft and equipment. Take the time to clean everything really good first and I don't just mean a quick wipe down of your airplane. It's much easier and nicer to work on a clean piece of equipment rather than an exhaust and dirt covered one.

Take care of your other equipment as well. Remember that soda that was spilled in the top of your flightbox at the end of last season. No you didn't remember it. Well this is the time to clean it. Start your season out with everything in top shape and you will have much more success and fun flying. I know that going over my aircraft the other day I found 2 broken clevis keepers, a few loose nuts, and bolts and a broken hinge. This is the time you want to be going over this stuff, not at the flying field when the itch to fly is stronger then the need to inspect. As you inspect get a pattern down. Start at the front or back and work the other way. Do top and bottom and both sides. Don't forget the wing.

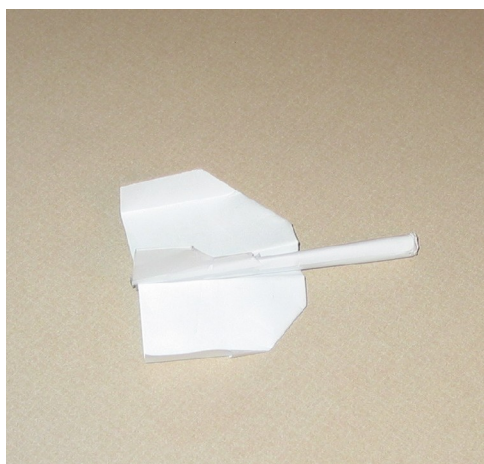
It's also a good time to cycle all your batteries and make sure they are up to snuff. If they are taking less then 75% of their rated capacity it's time to replace it. As you inspect its a good idea to physically touch with your finger everything you are inspecting. This will help you to not forget things and also you may find that part that looked just fine was really loose and falling apart when you touched it. Take the time to go over your flightbox and support equipment make sure all that is clean, stocked, and in shape for a full season of flying. Go over your radio and make sure you cycle its battery as well. If you have been getting lots of glitches perhaps consider sending it in for a tune up. Almost all radio manufactures will do this for a minimum charge and as a bonus they will often update the firmware of your computer radio perhaps giving you a few features you did not have before. I promise each and everyone of you that if you take the time to do a though inspection on all your equipment you will find at least one thing that needs to be fixed and could potentially cause a crash or damage.

That's all for now folks – happy flying season. - John K.

February Meeting – The meeting was well attended. With both the field and club committee presenting some initial ideas on runway layout and shade awning designs. The awning designs seemed to be coming in around \$300 per person. The runway was about \$4000. Many people seemed to think that we should spend another season on the field before we build anything.

There was a little talk about the trash burn. More help is needed on the burn days but little notice can be given. Wade recommends that you bring a shovel, rake, and boots you don't care about to a burn. You will get very dirty tending the fire.

Several planes were shown, ranging from warbirds to a great little paper airplane. Randy showed his P-47 (a Hanger 9 I believe). Ken showed his F6F Hellcat (nitroplanes.com). Carl H. showed his Hanger 9 T-34. Mike P showed his heli-in-process. Finally, Eric Jenkins (Rob Jenkins son) showed a scratch built paper airplane he put together on a snowy afternoon. It flies great and I'd sure like to get some plans!



Eric's great paper airplane.



And from last October – probably one of Daves planes

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Club Fuel: Evan Higginson (266-8010), Scott Davis (484-3619), and Mike Ellsworth (966-7706) have fuel for sale.

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Randy's P-47



Ken's Hellcat



Carl's T-34



Mike's helicopter – almost ready.