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February Club Activity

A group of club members spent a Saturday morning and enjoyed themselves having breakfast and going up to the Hill Airforce Base museum. They also went up to the Falcon RC Swap Meet in Ogden. We have received a report that the swap meet was well worth the time. Here is a report from Mike Passey:

“The Ogden RC Swap meeting held by the "Falcon RC Club" in Ogden. There was more stuff there than expected. Most of it was stuff that fellow RCers had around the house and just wanted to sell. It was fun to see what others had and how they were enjoying the hobby. There were a few kits (some partially completed) that retailed for \$1500 selling for \$500 or less. If I few 1/4 scale I wouldn't have any room in my garage. In hind site, I wish I would have spent more money. For \$150 I got 4 airplane kits, radio case, 2 elec motors and some electronics. I can't wait to attend the next RC Swap Meet to by more stuff I probably don't need. I wrote Mike Hibbetts the Falcon RC club Prez, next year they are looking at contacting more neighboring clubs to increase the sellers and to have more vendors to make it even better. There were 2 vendors there that sold out of their house to support their RC habit, they had some great deals, better than I expected. If anyone is interested in selling it may be a good way to get some cash for the old models or supplies that are stored in the garage and around the house. But,see me first so I can the good stuff.”

Sounds like a good time and well worth the trip. Think I'll try to get out next year.

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March. This year's blustery arrival of one of the windiest months of the year signals the beginning of the end of the building season along the Wasatch Front. March usually offers an occasional warm, windless day that makes me yearn for the sun-drenched flying months ahead. And while you've probably been eying your aircraft with anticipation and building your new ships—or rebuilding your old ones—to fly better than ever this season, I've been busy building as well. But not just my planes and helicopter! I've been busy building our club's web site.

While investigating clubs to join last year, I was concerned about joining a club which didn't have a strong online presence to coordinate member activities. I think that, with some member participation, we can easily have one of the strongest online presences in Utah. All you need to do to participate is register using the “Create new account” link in the User Login block on the left-hand side of any page on <http://uterc.org/>, and follow the instructions which will be emailed to you.

Key features of the new site:

- An event calendar. For instance, our club meetings and the St. George Jet Rally are coming up, and listed on the left-hand side of our site. I'll be adding events in and around Utah as I find them, but don't rely on me to do it all! Once you've registered, you can leave comments and post events of your own; they'll show up in our shared calendar.
- The Forum. The site is truly designed around user participation in the forum. If you post something newsworthy, I or an assistant can make it front-page news in moments. We have three forum areas: *The Clubhouse*, *For Sale/Wanted*, and *Newsletter*.
- File attachments are allowed. You can post photos, videos, and other stuff to the web site using an easy “File attachments” option with any forum posting. I'm planning on setting up user galleries in the near future to organize these attachments.
- A *Resources* block, which links to the Salt Lake City Wind Report and a nation-wide R/C event calendar. If you have suggestions for other useful links, like web sites for weather stations at or near the Grantsville fields, please post your suggestion in the forums.
- Syndicated news and forum postings from RCUniverse.com and wattflyer.com. After all, we're just one club, and these other web sites have many members who will probably answer questions about things like airplane setup quicker than we can.
- Because it's a user-driven web site, even if I go AWOL for a few months, events can be kept up-to-date, the forums can remain active, and newsletters can be posted. I'm looking for a club member or two who would be willing to keep an eye on the site and remove any offensive content or users (this **is** the Internet, after all) from time to time. If you're willing to check the site daily, send me an email.

I hope that you find the new web site useful for staying updated on all the latest news, and that it attracts new members to our club as responsible, friendly fliers.

Come on, let's fly!

Matthew P. Barnson
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Club Dues

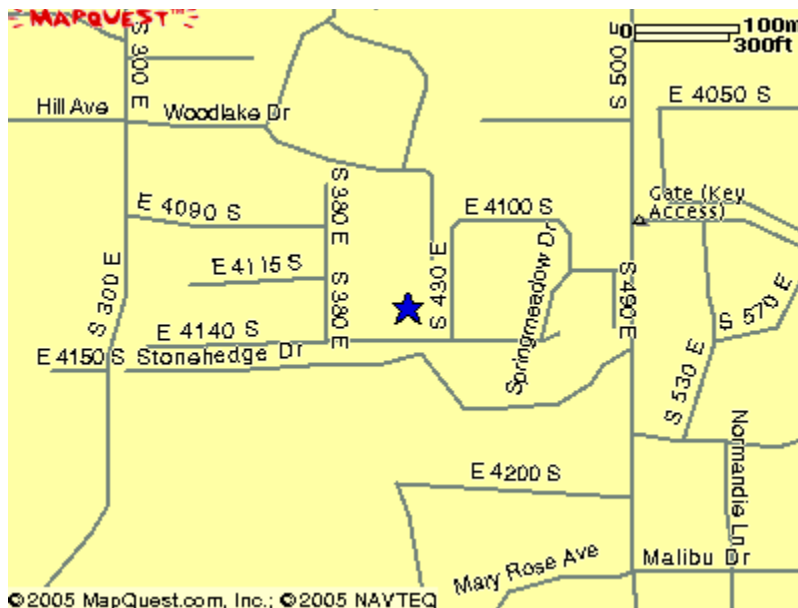
Just a reminder that if you haven't paid your club dues yet, they are due now. We have an updated club membership list that includes addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Looks like about 1/3 of the general membership have paid their dues. Newsletters will only be distributed to paid members after this month.

Good Weather Returns

Your newsletter editor actually went out and flew today (Friday February 24th). The weather was nice, but a pretty good cross wind set up making things interesting. It's just nice to know that the weather is turning for us.

Club Meetings:

Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Spring Meadows apartments on 4115 S 430 East starting at 7:00 (or whenever we can get a key). I'm told that you can enter from 500 E. but the driving directions talk about 300 E. Here's a map to get you in the general area:



CLUB FUEL

Evan Higginson (266-8010), Mike Ellsworth (966-7706), and Scott Davis (484-3619) all have fuel for sale to club members. Give them a call and get your fuel!

Our Local Hobby Shops

MRS HOBBY <http://www.mrshobby.com/> 9445 South 690 East (801) 572-6082

WEST VALLEY HOBBIES <http://www.wvhobbies.com/> 1765 West 5400 South (801) 964-1700

Some Dudes Hobby Shop <http://www.somedudeshobbyshop.com/> 7946 South State (801) 233-6565

WORLD CLASS MODELS <http://www.worldclassmodels.com/> 411 East 1400 South, Orem (801) 235-1869
DOUGLAS MODELS West Jordan, 7700 Redwood Rd — (801) 255-1304
Ultimate Hobbies - 588 West 800 South, Bountiful (801) 298-5664
R C Evolution 966 North Main, Tooele 435-882-5527 Toll Free 877-882-5527 (Todd Wilcox)
Regional Supply Inc *Coroplast 2mm and 4mm* -3571 So. 300 West (801) 262-6451
Way to go inc. *Pneumatic retracts* - Ron Jones (801) 975-7500
Norma's Custom Crafts *Custom wing covers* - Norma (801) 973-7804

Indoor Flying

Indoor Flying has been cancelled for the season.

Club Leadership

Well, I guess the guilt trip worked and Wade caved in. Wade will, again, be our president for another year. Thanks Wade. Leaders are hard to come by sometimes and your a great one.

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If you have notes or suggestions for the newsletter, please submit them to thesuttons@xmission.com with the subject UTE RC News Item. Thanks.

We are working on updating the membership roster. Please contact Mike Passey for more information. Officers Messages

President's Message

Looks like the weather is going to break at last.

Hope you guys are able to get in some flying even if it is spotty.

As I write this, many of the club members are in St.George for their annual fun fly. Those of you that haven't gone down to this event in the past, you may wish to go as a cure for the winter cabin fever problems that we all get this time of the year.

This year we are trying a new approach to the monthly meeting programs. One of the hardest parts of being in the club leadership is trying to figure out what the members would like to see at the meetings. Well, we divided up the club members that showed up last month and assigned them each a month to put on the program. This does several things that are good. Each group of 2-3 members will have input into the club activities. This will insure that they will be able to see and do things that interest them or that they feel would interest the other club members. All members have input into their club meetings. There will hopefully develop a sense of competition to see who can put on the best program. I am sure that we can come up with an appropriate award for the outstanding program of the year. We will award the winners at the annual Christmas dinner.

So let's see who can put on the best program.

At the time of this writing, the owners of the proposed flying field have not given us the contract. We will continue to pursue things on that front and let you all know what develops. They haven't said yes, but then they haven't told us to go away either. This is still a good sign.

Now go out there & teach a kid to fly.

Wade

Safety Officers Message

Safety Notes March 2006

This month I'd like to take the time to discuss shop safety, and even pass along a few hints and tricks I've learned along the way. Most of these lessons were learned the hard way by yours truly but that's another story. Let's start with the tool we all use. No it's not your trusty #11 X-acto blade, I'm actually talking about our eyes. Building and flying would no doubt be very difficult with out the use of our eyes, but are we taking care of them? We are only given one pair of eyes in our life and they cannot be replaced at any price. The one beautiful thing about this is that safety glasses can be replaced very easily, and we are allowed to have as many as we want. Use them any time you are running a power tool, creating lots of dust and dirt, drilling or just play it safe and wear them all the time in your workshop. Since they are so cheap one idea would be to buy several pairs and put a pair on or near each piece of power equipment in your shop. You will be much more likely to use them if your not having to spend five minutes looking for a pair. Also try and avoid pointing those bottles of glue to your face while squeezing them to see if they're clogged or holding them next to your ear for that matter. One story on the Internet explains that a guy was listening to hear if air passed through the tip. In the process getting an ear full of CA. He went on to say, "to this day I still don't know why I felt the need to stick my finger in my ear."

OK I promised you some tips so here goes with a good one. Tired of clogged up CA tips and cutting them up trying to get the dried glue off until they are completely useless. Go to your local hardware store and buy a can of acetone. Put a little in a labeled mason jar and drop your clogged tips into it. In a day or two take them out and they will be clean. Save all the tips from your empty bottles and you will soon have a steady supply of always clean tips to change out. To make your CA last much longer put it in a mason jar with a bit of desiccant. You will find that instead of a few months your CA bottle will last a few years and be as free flowing as the day you opened the bottle.

Earlier I mentioned your trusty #11 X-acto. Unfortunately the design on some of the handles allow them to roll, rather nicely, right off the workbench and onto the floor, or as is often the case your foot. Funny how they have a habit of landing pointy end first. If you have the style that likes to roll, put a small zip tie on the handle and cut off the excess. This will help to prevent rolling. Now what do you do with your dull blades. I would venture that most just throw them out. I did all the time until I picked up the bag of trash once and in the process of swinging myself and the bag around noticed that the blade did not feel so good sticking through the bag and into my thigh. Have your wife save you the next empty yogurt or cottage cheese container, cut a small slit in the top and put all your dull blades in there. Now, the next time you mix epoxy and have extra left over put it to use. Pour it into your container of dull blades. This will keep them all in place and prevent them from ever floating around in the trashcan or your leg.

With electric airplanes becoming so popular we are all soldering things much more. By its very purpose, the soldering iron can be a rather hot item. If you read on the Internet forums you can find many, many cases of people who reached out to catch there falling soldering iron. Unfortunately, by the wrong end. There are also many cases to be found of irons being set down somewhere on the workbench and igniting papers. Usually these papers are the final bits of that instruction manual for your new radio which you have not yet read. Invest in a wire coil iron holder, easily found at Radio Shack, and use it. Another thing to keep in mind is that the fumes from soldering can be quite toxic. Make sure you have proper ventilation and try not to stand directly over the items you're soldering and breath in all the smoke and fumes. One last note is to make sure all your irons, such as soldering or covering types, are unplugged when you are done. A hot iron could very easily cause you to loose everything.

Thank you for your time to read this and hopefully a few of these tips will help you. If you have any tips you would like me to pass along in the next newsletter or even better a lesson you learned the hard way and would like pass along so hopefully someone else will learn from it. Please email me at klugie2@comcast.net or call me at 250-7128 I could always use a good lesson in safety.