



The Exhaust Port

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Calendar:

Club Meeting

March 3 7:00PM
Avon Community Cabin
2051 Eaton Dr.
Avon Ohio 44011

Toledo Exposition

April 7-9
Toledo Exposition
Toledo Ohio

Electric Fun fly

July 9
Electric fun fly
Avon Field

Field Status

It's almost too obvious that our greatest concern as a club is the status of a flying field. Since the loss of the BFI flying site it has been a top priority of the Executive Committee to find a suitable flying site. A lot of thanks are due the previous administration in being able to make the contacts and make the changes so we could return to the field in Avon.

Everyone agrees that this field is not the best flying site we have ever seen.

For those of us who are as old as dirt we remember the original club flying site. It was an abandoned and overgrown vineyard on the current site of the Westlake Recreation Center. This field had forest hazards on all sides and was like flying out of a cereal bowl. A lost plane was a health hazard to negotiate the vine stakes, wire and brush in search of our lost treasure. When we moved to the Avon field this was a dramatic IMPROVEMENT in or flying situation. Now we only had forest on two sides and wires at the other end. We thought we had found heaven. The public visibility of the club led to the largest membership that we have ever seen.

Certainly the Avon field is not the best of situations. The search for a new field landed us the use of the BFI site in Oberlin. Without a doubt this field had one of the best vistas of any field I've seen. The runway situation was very tolerable and the landowner was pretty darn good to us while we flew there. The situations that caused the loss of this site are not uncommon in the modeling community. Clubs all over the country have trouble obtaining and holding on to field sites. The AMA has a special interest group that is dedicated to assisting clubs in their acquisition of flying sites.

The current search for a new field needs to involve everyone. We need the help of each other in fanning out and finding a field site.

Presently there are a couple of sites that have possibilities. However each of them appears to be moving forward but at glacial speed. It appears that only field that will be available for the start of the 2006 season is the Avon Field. The question for this season is how much to invest in the Avon field knowing that we want to move to a more wide open site.

Hoping that there would be some good news for the club to consider, the regular February meeting was postponed by the executive committee. The good news that we wished for was slow in coming. Without the great news we worked and wished for, it's now up to us to make the best of the slow news situation. To plan for the coming season there will be a club meeting at

**7:00 PM Friday night
March 3 at the Avon
Community Cabin.**

Topic of discussion will be what we want to do to make the field the best we can for the coming year. Come prepared with ideas for the spring work parties. If you have access to fencing we do need to replace the safety fence to protect flyers and spectators. It's not out of the question to have some fun flies and just enjoy the hobby and each other.

New Members

A welcome to the club goes to Miles Crist. According to the application he is 14 years old. He will need help getting started and we hope he can learn to fly before long.

We could be expecting an increase in new member applications. If you find anyone interested in joining us there are applications in the field box as well as at a number of the local hobby shops.

A phenomenon of the last Christmas season was the increased sales of the RTF electric aircraft at the hobby shops and online stores. There are now a lot of people with aircraft and little skill to fly them. We can expect a number of them to appear at the field and want us to fly them. Of course we will help, but! For insurance reasons all of the existing club rules need to be followed. Most notably:

Only those with current AMA memberships are allowed to fly there own planes at the field.

If someone comes with an airplane but no AMA membership, a club member can test fly the plane but the owner my NOT fly. The AMA does now have a 3-month membership and it is available from their web site. This would allow the owner to fly their plane but only as a guest of a club member. A guest is only allowed to fly a couple of times before they are required to become a member of the club. Club memberships are for a full year and will require the initiation fee to be paid.



All Season Flyers

Congratulations are in order for the intrepid all season flyers. These are the driven among us who fly in all weather. The cold and wind of spring

and the heat of summer doesn't deter them from going airborne.

Ray Doan	15 years
Mike Freidner	8 years
Bob Kleinhenz	7 years
George Sarles	6 years
Joe Gross	2 years

If you want to join the die-hards you have to fly at least once in each month of a calendar year. To get credit for this feat you have to report the date you flew to 'Rudder Bob' Kleinhenz at (440) 892-1029 within the month. Don't expect to call Bob in December and say you flew each month and get credit.

Roster

Included with the news letter is a current copy of the club roster. This publishing includes the email address for those members that we know have addresses. If you have an e-mail address and it not on the roster please contact your secretary at davecook@bright.net and we can include it. The email rout has proven the fastest way get information to club members.

Note that there are several members of the club that do not have AMA. They are considered Associate members and do not have flying privileges at the field. Some members have their AMA number in parentheses () if the have an AMA number but they did not renew for the 2006 season. They too do not have flying privileges.

Safety First

As we progress through the building season remember to be extra careful with the products we use. When it says to use in

a well ventilated place it means it. The super glues we use are a prime example. They like are a two part epoxy. The hardener in the chemical reaction is water. Usually it is the water in the wood that it uses, and sometimes the water in your finger tip. But look out, it is an exothermic reaction. It gives off heat when it is curing. This heat causes the vapors to rise in the air. The next water that it comes in contact with is your eyes! The next place the vapors go is into your lung, where there is also plenty of water. A curing of CA in your eye and lung is NOT a good thing. Put up a small fan to blow over your work when you use super glues! You'll need those eyes for the flying season.

For Sale

The club has several unique items for sale:

Hats with club patch \$9.00

Patch for jackets \$4.00

Club Fuel (gallons)

10% \$12.00

15% \$14.00

Contact Bob Paddock
(440) 777-9461 if interested.