



The Exhaust Port

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Field Status:

Oh not so good. After many repeated attempts to contact the land owner it appears that we will not be establishing a new field at the Eaton township farm that we had hoped for, at least for this year. The few contacts that we have been able to make always sound positive but the matching action has been slow, making it impossible to get any field laid out and usable. Ted has been the contact person on this site, and has been making every effort to cause forward progress but the lack of timely communication has been frustrating.

Over the last several months we have postponed the issuing of a newsletter hoping that some positive information would be forthcoming and we could organize a work party to build the minimum facilities that we would need.

At this point it would appear we are going to have only the Avon field to fly at for the remainder of this year. It also appears that we will have to reestablish the search committee. If you have any lead on where else we might find a new field with a better horizon please call Ted so we can take a look.

Work party:

Because we were waiting for news on a potential new field, the work on the Avon field was left to minimum. A new dark green safety fence was installed by **Charlie Carpenter** and crew, and it blends in nicely with the surroundings. Now we need to do some catch-up work and there will be a work party:

Saturday June 23

George Smee has purchased a new 8x10 metal shed that will need assembled. He will be at the field about 2:00. There is a need to replace the tarp runway so it won't snag props, tail wheels and lawnmowers. This can be done at 10:00 in the morning. The **Bornemann** boys are planning on getting a tractor to the field to cut down the thatch around the field.

Bring a plane, some tools, and some food. We can get the grill going and make a fun day of it together. In case of rain we'll meet Sunday the 24th.

New Members

We welcome a couple of new members. The father son duo of **Rob Morley** and **Alex Morley**. It was apparent they had intention to fly when they showed up at the field

with a Nexstar ready to fly and AMA cards in hand. Since it was a nice day to fly there was no shortage of expert help that swooped down upon them. Within a short period of time both father and son had some good stick time.



Pictured are Alex with Instructor **Al Camp** and father Rob. Al is shown performing the first flight trim functions of the aircraft.

Joining this year are **Mike Lanning**, and **Rick Gartman**. Also a new helicopter guy **Rob Duran** has been reported at the field with his equipment.

For Sale

Just recently Bud and Herb went and purchased an additional supply of club fuel. The contact for all purchased items is **Bud Bornemann** (440)327-2210. Call him if you are interested and set up a time to make the exchange.

Hats with club patch	\$9.00
Patch for jackets	\$4.00
Club Fuel (gallons)	
10%	\$13.00
15%	\$15.00

Safety First:

After watching several fliers at the field we may all need a slap on the wrist. Stay behind the barricade. When you fly make sure you stand behind, not beside or in front of the three flight stand fences. It is easy when you fly alone to be sloppy about where you stand but when there are several fliers in the air at once we all need to be behind some sort of restraint. The AMA reports that over half of the insurance claims that they receive are for ankle and leg injuries. The reports don't say exactly what happened but it can be surmised that this is most likely to happen from errant takeoffs and landings. I imagine some are also from runaway aircraft in the pits and some from Heli blades. Be careful ALL the time.

Field Rules:

An executive committee meeting was held at the field in May. The purpose of which was to discuss several issues that were felt to affect flying at the site.

When we first moved into the Avon field Jaycox Rd. had only one small furnace company on it and the traffic was about one car and hour. Since then they have built golf centers fun centers (gone) Box stores up the street, housing developments and industrial parks. To say the least we are in middle of a traffic jam. Just this year a new traffic light was added and if you watch the traffic at the intersection you'll see semi-truck traffic the can block traffic for several light changes. In spite of the urban sprawl the field is in a nice

location, and everyone in town seems to know where we are. For many suburban fliers this is the closest field to go to for a flight after dinner or just a little BS with friends.

Because of this additional traffic it is felt that we should amend the field rules to minimize the exposure we have to an unfortunate incident occurring. Several ideas were presented by board members and several club members present. There was discussion of ways of limiting aircraft by type or engine size, and it was finally decided to use aircraft weight as a limiting factor.

Effective immediately the Avon field is limited to aircraft of all types to be less than 15lbs.

If you think about it, this rule is actually no change at all from what is happening. It was unanimously agreed that all present had voluntarily limited themselves to aircraft less than 15lbs anyway. The field is really not suitable for aircraft from 16-55lbs and those who have them would not be flying them at Avon anyway. This rule is meant to protect the club from any future abuse.

A second rule change was proposed that is really a modification of an existing rule. It was agreed that the flying area should be more clearly defined.

There will be No deliberate flying anywhere behind (west) of the runway west edge.

We have always had a rule to not fly over the pits. The additional clarification is needed because of the additional traffic at the Jaycox light and on the road from the factory west of Jaycox.

Bylaw changes:

In addition to the new rules that have been approved by the executive committee there is an open issue that was brought to the committees attention but would require changing the club bylaws. Currently the bylaws of the club do not have a mechanism for the expulsion of a member that may willingly violate field rules. This is not a field rule and thus falls under the rules of the clubs bylaws. The bylaws require a quorum of members at a regular meeting to approve such a change. In order to accomplish this there will be a formal wording placed in a news letter prior to the next regular meeting (December) for the membership to vote on.

Club members plane on TV:

Your secretary received a call for some quick help in putting together a report for TV. **Suzanne Stratford** from FOX8 was putting together a report on a fellow flyer in Cincinnati that had his finger tip amputated by a model plane propeller. (Read this as another safety column). Through the miracle of medicine, doctors were able to use pig bladder and mesh to stimulate stem cells to grow a new finger.



Pictured above is **Dave Cook** and photographer **Darsi Ayres** taking a close up view of a running engine. To see the article go to www.myfoxcleveland.com and search "Regrowing Human Tissue"