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Spring Fun Fly & Picnic June 5

The Spring Fun-Fly will be on June 5. Please come, bring your friends and family and be ready to show off your talents in flight. There will be flying all day so bring a chair, some sun block, and your plane. We are trying to arrange some special events for your participation and enjoyment. There will be food: burgers, hot dogs, and the crowd pleasing favorite: meatballs in sub rolls. Cooking will start at 11:30 so that lunch will be served at noon.



There will be a raffle with the drawing after lunch. One prize will be a high quality O.S. 55AX engine, another will be a Pulse ARF airplane, and another is a field box. Raffle tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. First ticket drawn gets first choice of the prizes. The OS engine is stronger than the OS46AX commonly in use, but has the same mounting holes.

FIELD IMPROVEMENT DAY May 21

The spring work day will be on Saturday **May 21**. It is **imperative** for **everyone to come** and help to get the field back into shape for the season. **Rick Wells** arranged for a dumpster to be at the field that day, so those large items that have been at the field for a while can now be disposed of properly. This includes the ripped seats, old rugs and the like. The local forecasters have said that the rain will hold off until the afternoon and it will be warm enough for getting it done Saturday, but the rain date for this is the next day, Sunday May 22.

COMING EVENTS THIS YEAR

The control line group will have a control line combat event on Sunday July 31; see article further down in this newsletter. This event was rained out in April and rescheduled.

We are planning to buy new carpet for the field. We buy seconds from the local distributor at a good discount. Right now we are waiting for the distributor to call and let us know that a roll of carpet has arrived for us.

The Fall Fun Fly will be Sunday Sept25th. Does anyone have any ideas about what can be planned for this event? Can you help with the planning and picnic?

If you have any suggestions or issues to bring to the board's attention, or wish to help make the club run smoothly, please attend one of the future board meetings and the election meeting in November. The meetings are at the American Legion Hall in Saugus and the planned dates are: Aug 8-Planning for Fall Fun Fly Events, Oct 11 - Planning for Election Meeting. The board meetings are being held Thursday nights but contact Rick Wells to confirm.

Control Line Combat

On Sunday July 31,, there will be an all day event at the control line field. The RC field will be available for use the whole time.

The event is called Control Line Combat. Imagine planes with paper streamers that are tearing around the sky, trying to cut another plane's streamer. Now imagine this is done with two pilots flying at once, with the planes are constrained by their wires to fly in the same hemisphere, the same distance from the pilots. The planes are maneuverable, fast and the streamers do get cut. The event is run in rounds, so one pilot will fly multiple times in the course of the day. This is an exciting event to watch, so bring a chair, sun screen and your own refreshments for a day of excitement.

Accidents at the Field

Accidents happen; sometimes they happen at the field. Recently there was an accident involving a member and a propellor and a trip to the emergency room. It was a bad accident but fortunately he was NOT alone at the field and was able to get to a hospital in a hurry.

This is reason enough not to fly alone, and if you just have to fly when no one else is there, be very careful. This includes not using the boat if you are alone at the field. Call a friend to come, help bring the boat over, and standby while you cross the canal.

The board discussed a long list of 'lessons learned' and as a result, the board did an assessment of the emergency care supplies.

The first aid kit in the shed gets depleted and is not routinely replenished. This suggests that each flyer bring his own first aid kit. In this case, an ACE bandage would have been a big help to supply the direct pressure that any wound requires. The club will try to maintain the kit.

Each flyer should know which hospital is best for them. There is Salem hospital, just up the road 81 Highland Ave (Salem), Melrose-Wakefield one town over. It is a fairly straight shot to Mass General if the traffic is light. The closest hospital to the field is Whidden Hospital in Everett 103 Garland St.

When giving an address to an ambulance service, what address would you give? We are three quarters of a mile south of the Saugus River drawbridge, southbound on Rt107. One online

mapping service put us at 9 Salem Turnpike, another service disagreed with that. Our road is Rt 107, Salem Turnpike. There will be a sign posted at the shed for ready reference.

Theft of RC Equipment

Last month, two members had their cars broken into and RC equipment stolen. They believed that they were followed from the field when they went to lunch and persons unknown broke into the cars while they ate.

The message is: be careful of how you transport your valuable equipment. One more thing to be wary of.

Membership Status

We presently have 82 members in the club including 7 no-fly members. All are expected to come to the cleanup day, and all are invited to come to the picnic.

There is enough funds in the treasury to buy new carpeting, once the distributor calls and lets us know that there a roll available for us.

Spring Fun Fly & Picnic Sunday June 5 All Day

Important Dates

Field Cleanup Day, Saturday May 21, rain date May 22

Sunday June 5, 107th Spring Fun Fly (rain date June 12)

Sunday July 31, Control Line Combat at the 107th field.

Sunday September 25, 107th Autumn Fun Fly

General Election Meeting at the Saugus American Legion: Thursday: November 17, 7:30

Full Scale: (from www.airshows.com)

June 25-26 Blue Angels, North Kingston, RI

July 25-July 31 Oshkosh, WI

August 13-14 Thunderbirds, Portsmouth, NH

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