

THE WRIGHT STUFF

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HOLIDAYS ARE BEHIND US

Some are happy and some are perhaps sad. But it's true, the holidays are over. Well, that's not to say they aren't coming back. But for now, we don't have to be distracted by them.

Now we can focus on the important things in life, like flying RC planes! It's great to come to the field and find someone there with a new plane, or someone you've not seen before. For me, it's really enjoyable to sit back and watch others fly, to see that maneuver that inspires you to give it a shot..

It's also, for me, a load of fun to come out to the field and find someone new who's not a pilot, but wants to be. Then to see that person show up with their new trainer and an eagerness to get to it. Others

just come out to sit and watch everyone and never fly. Whatever the desire, or motivation, coming to the flying field is great! Many of us come out both Saturday and Sunday. Others come out on one or the other day. Either way, it's always a welcome site to drive

down the road and see all the cars, trucks and trailers parked at the field.

And now that those Holidays are behind us, we can get down to business. So grab those planes and get them fired up. Let's see some flying!



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RESOURCES FOR BEGINNERS

Where does the beginner go for information when we're not flying? There are a world of places to go if you have the internet available to you. Here are just a few of the places where you can get answers, or just join in some good RC talk.

First, give RC Universe a try. They can be found at [http://](http://www.rcuniverse.com)

www.rcuniverse.com. They have a message board for asking questions and even a market place for buying and selling RC equipment. Give it a look!

The AMA's own "Sport Aviator" located at <http://www.masportaviator.com> is a site with plenty of articles on getting started and learning good habits and such.

And while not an internet site, this one is a useful tool for the beginner. The G3 Flight simulator program. Yea, it'll cost some money, but it can also give you some needed "muscle memory" and instinct when flying. This RC Simulator is a valuable tool to help you learn the basics and even not to basics to RC Flying!.. Give it a try!

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Well, Gerry Davis Jr. showed up at the field with two, yes two 34% Extras'. He did a Maiden on both of them. They sport 106" wing spans and Brison 6.4 twins. It's always nice to see those big ones fly!

Brandon Berckman returned with his Miss America P-51! A new canopy, bigger retracts and some enthusiasm took off with that fine bird. It's a fast flying plane! Brandon has also repaired his Hanger 9 Ultra Stick. The repairs look good and the planes flies very nice!

Roger Nix continues his flight training. He's just on the cusp of landing that Goldberg Eagle trainer! The 5th of February

saw a hard landing that requires some covering repairs, but not to worry, he'll be back at it in no time.

Dana Bryant is hot on Roger's heels with that landing thing. Just a little more time and Dana too will be landing on his own!

John Bloom brought an Air Warrior B-29 foamy to the field. This interesting model doesn't have any flight controls! It's controlled by thrust differential. Meaning, the engines (it has four) can be varied from left to right to cause the airplane to turn. Well, the climb out was nice, but when it started a right turn, the thrust differential wasn't enough to help out. The

flight was short with an abrupt landing in the parking lot. Some repair to the tail is in order before we can try that again.

John has also repaired the Sukhoi from it's last hard landing following a flame out. He replaced the Super Tigre carb with an OS 7D. The engine performed nicely on the 5th. Let's hope we've seen the last of the engine issues on the Super Tigre .90!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone, The time is here to get those winter bird off the table and out to the field.

I would like to take a moment to thank John Bloom for his support at the field as well as keeping us all informed through a nicely laid out website.

The club shirts and hats are on order and we should have them by our next meeting on February 25th. I will bring them to the field so that everyone can pick them up. We need to get them picked up and paid for so that the club is not floating the expense to have them produced.

On the last meeting we discussed having a Spring Fun fly event for all aircraft. The event will be non-specific so that everyone can bring and fly anything that they have. We will need to pick a date on our next meeting.

Another item for discussion will be the grass cutting at the field. We will need to discuss possibly forming our own grass cutting brigade to maintain the field on our own. We have quite a few new members and potential members added to the club roster. All have expressed how welcome that they felt when they visited our flying site. The first impression is always the most important,

When we see someone come by to check things out, we (club members) need to make the first contact. That will let the newcomer know that he is welcome and not intruding.

With the volume of new pilots joining the club, we also need to establish a list of Instructors for the club. John Bloom and I are currently providing the instruction. The club needs a few more guys to help instruct. The instructor needs to take that student under his wing and see him

through those first months of primary training. The topic of flight instructors and procedure will also be discussed. Feel free to contact me directly to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the operation and improvement of our field and club as a whole.

Happy Flying
David J Mays

