

THE WRIGHT STUFF

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VANDALS!

I've struggled with whether to even give any time to the malicious punks who've decided to trash our flying site. But why not.

As many of you know now, our field was vandalized sometime between the evening of February 5th and the morning of February 12th. All of our flight stations were damaged if not completely destroyed, the porta-potty was pulled from it's resting place, turned over and then set on fire. And it appears they even tried to set fire to the inside of the metal storage cabinet where we keep our frequency control board. There we no visible tracks, either machine or animal to indicate how someone got there. So, the assumption has to be that they are some local kids that have

most likely come and seen us during our flying periods. It's unfortunate that this has to be their chosen form of self expression. At any rate, if not cows, then kids ruin our flight stations.

We have contacted the police and they are going to starting doing checks on the field. They have a key and will unlock the gate and drive back and have a look around. We hope this will help keep this down.

Kyle and Lee Allen have taken the porta-potty and engaged in the unpleasant task of cleaning it up. They report they have it done and will

return it to the field. Thanks a ton guys!

We've also decided to do something different with the flight stations. We've considered some 4X4 posts in a "V" shape. Please stay tuned as we'll likely have a field work day to get those done and in place.



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THE WEATHER IS WARMING!

Yes, I think the cold weather is leaving us for the year. I'm hearing reports of 77 degree weekends! Time to start breaking out some new air-planes for the arrival of Spring. While it's been breezy at the field the last few weekends, the flying has been supreme! As for me, I've got a new Thrush that should be done in the next couple of weeks. I know Roger Nix will be firing up his Mentor T-34 very soon as well.





The End of the Taylor Craft...



David's new 27% Extra 300!



Our porta-potty, on it's side and burned! That's hideous!



Our Flying Zone!



RECENT HAPPENINGS

I guess the top story would be at Lee Allen's Taylor Craft has meet it's end. I appears the horizontal and vertical stabilizers departed the aircraft in flight. According to Randy Frady, it was about a 3/4 mile trek out to the airplane. We're really sorry to see that happen. She was a fine aircraft.

Callan Offnik has returned to the field with a new helicopter. This one is powered by a G-23 gas engine. We hope to see more of that in the coming weeks!

Tam Splawn and Brice Bairey

are about to begin construction on a model of the UAV being produced by the Gastonia based, Defense Technologies Inc. They are going to take photos of the process and let us track their progress here in the newsletter and on the website. We're looking forward to seeing this complete!

Roger Nix has soloed! Let's congratulate him on a fine accomplishment and welcome him as a new radio control pilot! Now he'll really start learning!

David Mays brought his new

27% Extra 300 to the field. He's running a Moki 2.10 under the cowl. David is also instructing some club newcomers. Andrew Shuford and Matt Stroupe. Be sure to say hello when you see them at the field.

Our T-shirts and hats are in too. If you haven't picked up one, see Mitchell Robinson! Hat's are \$10.00, short sleeve T's are \$8.00 and long sleeve T's are \$10.00. Support the club and get yours soon!

THE FLY ZONE

Recently, we received complaints about our planes flying too close to a neighboring home. David Mays and myself have conducted some fly-over tests to get an idea of where they are and how we can avoid causing our neighbor any grief. In a nutshell, if we stay within the mowed boundaries of the field we should be fine. We can over fly the trees directly

in front of the shelter, but remember not to get too far back as there is also a house over there that we don't want to disturb either. Stay over the trees in that section and we should be fine. Most importantly, please do not fly on the shelter side of the runway if that can be avoided. Making a turn for landing (as long as it doesn't cross the tree line) is ok. The new home is

located at the northwest corner of the field. It'll be on your right as you drive into the field. Please avoid this area. If you make your base turn for landing over the first tree line on the north end of the field, you shouldn't have any problem. Let's be courteous and we'll be able to fly here for years to come.

AREA RC EVENTS FOR MARCH

Spring Pylon Racing: Summerville, SC

3/25/06 - (A) Spring Pylon Racing for 424 (JSO). Site: Club Field. Michael Bodiford CD, 1716 Congressional Blvd Summerville SC 29483 PH:843-871-7007 email: mikebodiford@jedburgflyersrc.com. 424 and RWYB racing will be held. Landing fee \$25 which includes lunch. See website for directions. www.jedburgflyersrc.com. Sponsor: JEDBURG FLYERS RC CLUB

Piedmont Aeromodelers Spring Big Bird Fun Fly: Fayetteville, NC

3/31/06-4/02/06 - (C-Restricted to IMAA) Piedmont Aeromodelers Spring Big Bird Fun Fly. Site: Club Field. Robert Porter CD, 1022 Dupree Rd Willow Springs NC 27592 PH:919-369-3481 email: kjemcee@aol.com. Primitive RV parking, sanitary facilities, food and beverages sat only. 90'x700' grass runway with 200 acre flat grass overfly area. Open flying on Fri and Sun IMAA rules on Sat. Directions: take exit 58 off I-95, go north toward Newton Grove 2.3 mi, turn right on Hayfield Rd go 1.3 mile to stop sign. Cross over. Field is 1/4 mi on left. Sponsor: PIEDMONT AEROMODELERS