

# THE WRIGHT STUFF

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## IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING!

I know it's been a long long time since we've had a newsletter published. But here we are, back on track. We will be putting this newsletter out every month. This edition will try to catch up on all the activities that have happened since the last newsletter.

As most of you know, just as we were getting geared up for the 2004 4th Annual Vernon Haynes Old-Timers Fly-In, the runway was sagging on the south end. Since the Fly-In, the county has come out to the field and have repaired the runway and even repainted the stripe. You can see a portion of it in the photo to the right.



A pleasant Sunday Afternoon at the field!

We attempted a Spring fun fly, but the weather, in the form of wind, hampered our efforts and it was eventually declared a bust. But we had fun anyway, with Brandon Berckman and John Bloom flying under the troublesome limbo wire. Brandon eventu-

ally flew his plane into the wire, but suffered only a dead-stick landing.

Also tackled at the field were the flight stations. Steve Quinn, Randy Frady, Brandon Berckman and John Bloom pitched in to repair or rebuild the stations. They

also set stakes into the ground to prevent the stations from falling over and breaking again. Thanks again guys!

Looking forward, we'd like to have a family day at the field. A cookout with family and some great flying. Stay tuned for more info on that.



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## NEW FREQUENCY CONTROL PROCEDURES

Thanks to Terry Estes for donating the new cabinet that is being used for our frequency control and the fire extinguisher and other miscellaneous items. After much discussion on the topic it was decided that we would proceed without a frequency pin

system for controlling the frequencies at the field. This is because often, the pins are removed from the field and or lost. Instead we've opted for a board with slots that we will place our current AMA membership card in. This way, not only do we see who's flying,

and proof of current AMA membership, but we don't have to worry about losing a pin. If a card is left at the field, we'll simply put it in the cabinet and the member can retrieve it their next trip to the field.

## THE WEBSITE

Something else new this year is our WebMaster. John Bloom has stepped up to take on the responsibility of keeping our website up to date with information and pictures

and other such interesting and entertaining content.

New to the website are the Photo Gallery and the Pilot's Forum. If you haven't been

there yet, you need to check it out. The forum is a venue that will allow us to share ideas and information in a bulletin

board type interface. The photo gallery has been updated often, so check out the new pictures. Also in the photo gallery is a "Projects" section. This will allow any of you to chronicle the progress of a build, or repair, or renovation of an airplane or other flying machine. So go ahead, take some pictures and submit them to John Bloom. If you don't have them digitally, don't fret, he can scan them at home. Another cool feature on the website is the weather. Scroll down on the main page and you'll see the current weather for Bessemer City. Thanks John!



Our New Cabinet!



The Frequency Control Board

## NEW MEMBERS SINCE OCT 2004

John Bloom—Oct 2004  
 Tim Plonk—Oct 2004  
 Robert Day—Oct 2004

Terry Estes—May 2005  
 Billy Puckett—May 2005

Let's wish our new members success and good flying here with the Gaston R/C Flyers!

Glenn Morris—Jun 2005

Franklin Jones—Jan 2005  
 Tim Graham—Jan 2005

Ray Edwards—Feb 2005

## THE QUAKER RAFFLE!

Coming this November at the 5th annual Vernon Haynes Old-Timer's Fly-In is a raffle for a quaker like the one pictured to the right.

have to be present to win, but we will not be able to ship the plane. So you must pick it up.

forts to build this plane and get it ready for the raffle.

This plane will come with a brand new 4 channel Futaba Skysport radio and a gently used Saito .50 four stroke engine, completely covered and ready to fly! Tickets will go for \$10.00. You don't

Proceeds from the sale of these tickets will go toward the up keep of our flying field and to bolster the budget.

Thanks to Tam Splawn, Lee and Kyle Allen for their ef-



## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello everyone, I would like to thank John Bloom and his efforts to keep us all informed. I would also like to thank Terry Estes for the cabinet donation as well as Lee and Kyle Allen's efforts in customizing it for our use. We need to start thinking about two different items on the upcoming agenda:

1- Family Fly-in: This will be for club members and their family. We need to determine a good time to hold the event with the greatest number of membership attending.

2- 5th Annual Vernon Haynes Old Timer Fly-in. This event needs to be the biggest and

best ever. We have been fortunate to have a growth in attendance each year we hold this event. We usually hold the fly-in on the first Saturday of November. That would be Nov. 5th this year. I will tentatively plan on this day until we agree and vote on a firm date. I appreciate John Roland's efforts in keeping our field cut and flyable. We need to consider membership numbers, attracting new members and hosting more events per year. These are the only ways that we can keep the field maintained and the club functional. We do not generate enough revenue to make improvements nor sup-

port our community in some of its events on membership dues alone. I welcome questions, concerns, recommendations, and criticism from each of you in an effort to help this club operate up to its full potential



## COMING EVENTS

It was decided during our June meeting that the "Family Fly-In" will be on August 6th! That's the first Saturday in August. Since this is more of a picnic it is expected that you'll bring to the field whatever you wish to eat. If you are able to bring a grill that would be great too. Bring a little extra if you wish and

we'll make sure no one goes hungry! Also, if you have an umbrella or other tent like covering, you might want to bring that too. And don't forget chairs!

Also on our Horizon is the Vernon Haynes Old Timers Fly-In. David is sending the paperwork in to get this even

sanctioned by the AMA. The attendance this year could be pretty high! We're hoping so anyway! We're looking forward to seeing you all there! Better start building your Old-Timer if you don't have one!



## IT'S SUMMER TIME!

And with the onset of Summer let me remind everyone to drink plenty of fluids. That sun is hot and will sap the strength right out of you.

and your skin type. If you need sunscreen, bring it out.

Bring a hat and sunglasses to help keep the sun out of your eyes

Mostly, just use common sense when out in the sun. You know your limitations,