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NEWSLETTER

Prezzzz--

I don't know about you, but this has been a great winter for flying. We have had one heck of a lot of fun, at least on the days I have been there. Our winter visitors who fly on Tuesday's and Thursday's have had a blast and more of our new members are winter visitors. We welcome these guys because they are here for flying fun in the sun and this year we have had it all. Thanks to Bill Hunchis and Charlie Sides who have assembled a group of flyers from Heritage Highlands subdivision. We have about four or five new members and students as a result of their efforts.

I also want to thank the Flight Instructors who have volunteered to help with instruction this year. Keith Koppos, our Chief Flight Instructor, certified James Parker, Bib Knutson and Jim Hilgefjord as new Flight Instructors. Bill Hunchis was added to Flight Instructors status earlier in the winter. Thank all of you for your -efforts to help our club by

teaching new flyers the safe way to fly and have fun.

Be sure to reserve **April 6, 2003** for our biggest and best **Flying Memorial Fly In**. Ned White and Bette Gustafson are hard at work planning the annual event. You won't want to miss this event, as it is **AWESOME**.

Due to the number of pilots flying at the field at the same time we must be sure we abide by the rules that are extremely important. Impounding your transmitter in the field office

(shed) the minute you arrive at the field and leaving it there at all times, except when you are flying your airplane, is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**, If you do not have your frequency pin on you, then you should not have your transmitter. We are drilling our new pilots and student pilots on this important practice. Our long time members are having trouble changing the bad habit of just laying their transmitter on the bench or by their airplane and

not returning the pin or their transmitter to the impound shelf. Several instances lately have made it mandatory for us to obey this rule. It is so easy to just turn on your transmitter to check your airplane if it is by your side and you do not have the frequency pin. Please don't even think about it without the pin. Put the Transmitter on the Transmitter shelf. All of us are safety officers of the club! When you see an idle transmitter lying around, please remind the owner where to put it. Be nice.

We have a sleeve installed at the run up pad to hold a retaining stand. When breaking in a engine or a lengthy run up, please move to that area. It is annoying to try and instruct and communicate to students with an engine running for any length of time right by your side. Thanks.

This is a short little newsletter to remind you of our APRIL FUN FLY, but a good place for me to get in a word or two. See you soon and have FUN FLYING. John Willis

"IS IT SAFE"

A few years ago when the new Computer PCM Radios came out there was an article in one of the flying mag's. This was not a happy message, it was a message of sadness and warning. It seems the new radios have a Fail Safe built into them. But you must set the parameters of this feature. The sad part was a small boy was killed by an airplane that went into Fail Safe on takeoff, The man who owned the airplane was unaware of the Fail Safe setting on his new radio. He didn't read all the instructions with this radio.

Now this brings up on incident that has just recently happened at our field. By all accounts, it sounds like a fellas airplane went into Fail Safe lock and crashed at his feet. Thank Goodness it was his feet and not his chest. When the radio lost signal with the airplane for whatever reason, the plane went into FailSafe lock. Now as the airplane had no pre-set programs in the radio it just locked with the last live input, full power and making a slow turn.

Sometimes if you have enough time to think of it you can turn off the transmitter and turn it back on real fast to regain control of the aircraft to get it back on the ground safely. Now I have only seen this method used once but it did work.

The right thing to do, however, is to set all your radios

Fail Safe settings on the transmitter. We should all take advantage of the safety feature we have right at the tip of our fingers!

Read your instruction manual and set those radios.

It could save your airplane and even maybe your life.

IS IT SAFE !

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New Members:

John Abel

R Ken Burdette III

Bob Clayton

David Dalton

Mike DeCosmo

Ned Derickson

Don Evans

Jim Gipson

Roy Glander

Wayne Lauderbach

John McKinney

Matt Morris

Thomas Neiburger

James Parker

Allan Petersen

Chris Rose

Gonzalo Sanchez

Robert Schumann

Don Swisher

Vern Weimar

I would like to Welcome all the new members to our Club. Enjoy flying with the group!.

Bette Gustafson

Secretary/Treasurer

URGENT

The Food committee had meeting recently to plan for the **LBG Chilly Fly In on APRIL 6TH.**

We, The Food Committee, need your help with Food (Salads or your Favorite Cold Dish) for the Chilly Fly-In.

We also need volunteers to join our committee this year. Due to illness and other commitments we have lost several members so we are asking for volunteers to fill these spots.

If you can bring a dish for the, event or are interested in joining this committee, please call Joanne Willis or Bette Gustafson.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Have a Great, Fun, and Safe

Flying Future.

Bette R. Gustafson

Food Committee Chairperson

Here is a list of the current

FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

HD FI--Keith Koppas

Guy Fuller

Bill Evens

Dave Hargrove

Ned White

Jim Hilgefurd

Bill Hunchis

Bill Melcher

John Willis Sr

Bob Knutson

Dick Schenz

James Parker

Look for the man with the White Hat on with SDF or FI on the front.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

One of our members has been hospitalized with some heart problems. It is Ken Petrick. He had valve replacement surgery on Monday the 10th of March. I spoke with his wife Gelaine this morning the 15th and she reported that he is in his own room and is recuperating nicely. He hopefully will be going home next week. But Gelaine asked that you call ahead before you drop in to visit with Ken, to make sure he is up to having visitors. Get Well Ken. We miss you.

. PLEASE DON'T GO FLYING ALONE, IT IS NOT A REAL SAFE IDEA, ESPECIALLY AT AN ISOLATED FIELD LIKE OURS, WHERE NO ONE WILL BEAR OUR CRIES FOR HELP I I

CLUB OFFICERS

2003

President-John Willis Sr

Vice President Jim Morris

Secretary/Treasurer -Bette

Gustafson

Safety Marshal -Jim

Hilgefurd

Field Marshal - C Nick

Newsletter Ed. - Steve

Anderson Nichols

Head Flight Instructor

-Keith Koppas

Upcoming Events

4/11-4/13/03 Copper Classic Warbird. More info call John Gonzalez CD. 520-883-5379

4/12--4/13-- Wings Over the Desert TRCC field, More info contact Al Mosher CD 520-885-8874

4/26--4/27/03--IMAC Scale Aerobatics TRCC field For more info contact Doug Lee CD 520-887-0771

Newsletter Submissions

Support your club, and share your R/C Tips, Pictures and Ideas. Articles about anything remotely connected with the club or R/C flying.

Whether its an ad or an article, I need them for the next issue.

Thanks

Steve Anderson

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Please support your R/C Model Club. Namely: Sonoran Desert Flyers. It will only succeed with vigilance, respect and volunteers. **VIGILANCE--**Be aware of things happening at the field--whether it be the way someone is flying-good or bad (dangerous), the way the field is looking after a rain or a wind storm, or vandalism (hopefully this isn't the case). Report any of the above to one of the Officers.

Respect--Treat everyone like you would like them to treat you.

Volunteers--We always need members to help with field clean-up, food committee, helping new pilots and any other situation you may see that comes up.

Thanks Bette Gustafson, Sec/Tre

HOBBY SHOPS

Hobby Town USA
485 E Wetmore Rd
ph: 293-2022 Hours:
Mon-Sat--10-7:00pm
Sun--11-5pm

Hobby Town USA 3700
E Speedway Blvd. ph:
882-8888 Hours:
Mon-Sat-10-7:00 pm
Sun--1 1-5pm

Competition Hobbies
3930 W Costco Dr ph:
297-8162 Hours
Mon-Fri--10-7:00pm
Wed10-6:00pm
Sat--10-6:00pm
Sun--12-4:00pm

Hobby Barn 7025
E 21st St. ph:
747-3633 Hours:
Mon-Fri--10-6pm
Sat--10-5pm

Tucson Hobby Shop
5525 E Pima Rd Ph:
326-8006 Hours:
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