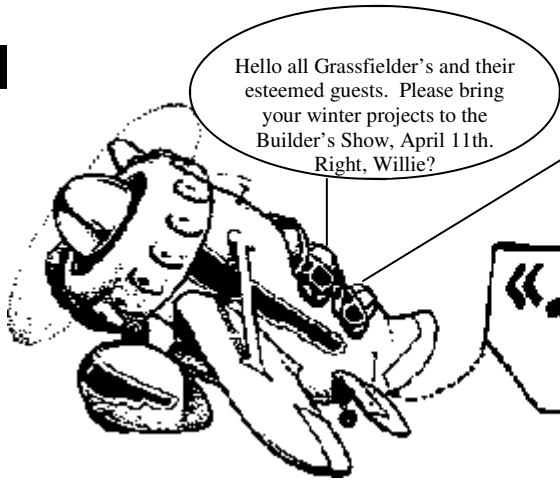
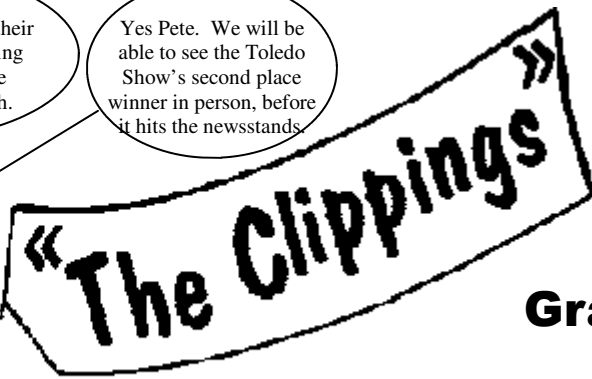


April 2008



Hello all Grassfielder's and their esteemed guests. Please bring your winter projects to the Builder's Show, April 11th. Right, Willie?

Yes Pete. We will be able to see the Toledo Show's second place winner in person, before it hits the newsstands.



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The Newsletter of the Grassfield Radio Control Club, Brooklyn Park, MN

From the President

by Al Schwartz

When the snow finally melts we can get to the field and do some flying. I was just doing some thinking back. WOW! I have been flying radio control models for 50 years. Boy, some of the changes are hard to imagine. My first model was nothing more than a free flight which I turned with the rudder to keep it from flying away. Covered with silk and painted with dope. A lot has changed. I don't think anyone flying back then could have imagined what we have now.

So as the season begins we are going to start off with the Builder's Show which will be held at our next meeting on April 11. Get your newest model ready and bring it to the meeting. There will be trophies for 5 (see *From the Secretary, editor*) categories. This will be the last meeting until October, of course, you are welcome to bring a guest.

The next day April 12 will be Field Cleanup. This is the time every year when we cleanup the winter mess and get the field ready for flying. Now you don't need any special skills to get in on this fun event. Just show up with your work clothes on and some kind of lawn working tool, like a rake, etc. AJ Hemken and Jerry Bednark will be in charge of getting things all cleaned up and ready to start flying. Get there early because I heard there will be some breakfast and lunch-type stuff to eat and you wouldn't want to miss out on that. If the weather is decent you could also bring something to fly AFTER the field gets ready.

SEE YOU THERE!

Do You Know These Modelers?



If you don't know these Grassfielders, you haven't been getting out to the field enough! They are enjoying the fabulous fun we had at the FYAO, chili and all the trimmings.

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Notes from the Editor

By Phil Zuidema, editor.

It seems as if winter drags on forever, except when it comes to getting my winter projects done! Then, it seems to fly (no pun intended) by. Have you noticed that?

There are some good articles in the *Clippings* this month. Some good safety pointers by Jerry and updates on the field usage schedule.

Publishing of the *Clippings* is usually suspended until just before our October meeting. I have always threatened to publish a summer issue, but I am usually too busy flying, crashing, fixing and flying again. But, if I do put together a summer issue(s), you can view them on our website.

I am looking forward to getting out to the field and doing some flying. I hope you are, too!

Grassfield Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be held:

Date: Friday, April 11th
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Brooklyn Center Civic Center
 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy.
 Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

See www.Grassfieldrc.org for a map.

Notes from the Secretary

By Pat Galarneault

We will be having the annual Builder's Show at the April meeting. This is open to all Grassfield members to give them an opportunity to show off their latest building projects. There are two categories of judging; Spectator, open to all present at the meeting, and Builder's Choice, open to builders with planes entered. There 5 classes to be judged.

They are:

Youth- Open to members under 19 years of age. ARF planes can be entered in this class.

Sport- This class is open to sport type or any other type of model that is not Scale or Racers.

Scale -Open to Scale or Sport Scale models, military or civilian.

ARF- Open to ARF models. ARF models are not allowed in Sport, Scale, or Racing classes except as noted in Youth and Racing classes.

Racing- Open to Q-500 and Q-40 type racing planes. ARF composite planes are allowed provided the builder does the painting and finishing.

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From the Secretary, continued

Trophies will be awarded to the best plane in each class as well as the Builder's Choice award. The Builder's Choice will also appear as the background on next year's membership card. In addition to the regular meeting raffle, there will be a special kit raffle for all entrants.

As of now we have 71 members renewed for 2008. Renewals received after April 15 will be subject to a \$10 late fee. I will be processing membership applications at the meeting. Please wait until after the Builder's Show entries are done first. We are now publishing the newsletter and event notices and updates via e-mail for those who have it. Please check your application for your correct e-mail address. If you change your address, let Phil Zuidema, Al Schwartz, or myself know. The club recharter with AMA for 2008 has been completed. This covers site insurance, registers field location and type of activities with AMA. See you at the meeting

Tuesday Night Is Beginner's Night

Spring is always a good time to revisit the club field rules. As many of you know, Tuesday night at our field is Beginner's Night. What this means, is that people learning to fly have a priority status. Their frequency card gets put up ahead of yours (unless you too, are a beginner.)

We are always seeming to be in need of instructors. If you can instruct, please let AJ Hemken or Pat Galarneault know. I think we'll be putting up a list of instructors on the frequency board. Also, if you show up on Tuesday night, let it be known that you are an instructor, if you are capable and choose to help that night. Remember, on Tuesdays, Beginners rule!

To help alleviate the congestion of mixed speed planes, we will allow the pylons to be set up on 5 non-event Saturday mornings, starting May 24th. The pylons will be up from 10am till 1pm and then taken down, and the field will be opened for sport flying. When the pylons are set up there will be no flying from the normal flying positions.

Everyone is welcome to come out to the starting line and fly around the pylons. If you have a trainer and have always had a "hankerin'" to try and fly around the pylons, come out to the starting line. Help will be available if you'd like to ask some questions or get dialed in on the course.

Photo on the Front Page is:

From left to right, Jerry Swanson, very long time member of our club, Bruce Rumrey, a seasoned Gnat builder and flyer; and Dan Norlin, a member since the late '70's and an avid pylon racer.

Free Continental Breakfast and Lunch, Saturday April 12

There is a free continental breakfast and a hot lunch being served at the Grassfield on Saturday, April 12th. Oh, don't forget to bring a rake and a shovel, if you have one. We'll be getting the field all shipshape for the summer flying season. There is some light duty work that needs to be done. AJ Hemken will be supervising and Jerry Bednark will be back from Arizona and keeping a helping hand out directing traffic.

We are usually done before noon, and we will all enjoy hot dogs or brats and some fun flying when we are done. As I write this, the weather forecast for Saturday looks pretty bleak, but if we get rained out, we'll reschedule it. Who knows, it will probably change at least twice before Saturday.

Roy Maynard Takes Second Place in Toledo.

Roy Maynard and David Andersen made the long trek to the Toledo Expo to compete with three scale models they have built. Dave took a 1/3 scale Lynx, modeled after a full scale Lynx that Denny Hoffman, a long time past member of the Grassfield owned.

Roy Maynard took his just completed, Porsche Mooney and his KI-84, Nakajima, "Frank". They carefully stowed these babies in the back of Roy's van and trekked them to Toledo for the annual Expo. Roy took second place with his Mooney, placing behind a first place, non-flying DC-3 in a diorama. (Huh?)

All three of these airplanes had the real potential to be winners, and you will get to see two of them at the Builder's Show on April 11th.

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The Safety Corner

By Jerry Cornish, Safety Officer

Fellow pilots, friends and spectators Spring has sprung and it's time to get out and enjoy our flying hobby! Over the winter I hope you have checked your airplanes over for loose hinges, fasteners and covering. Fuel system checks are a must as lines and tanks deteriorate with age and use. Run a discharge test to see if your transmitter and receiver batteries are up to their rated capacities. Don't forget to charge them fully before going out to the field.

At the field, the first thing you should do is get your card up on the frequency board. This year we are planning to have places for 2.4GHz systems operators to hang their cards. This may seem unnecessary, but we need to know who is on the field. Also, if pilots have both 72MHz and 2.4GHz, it will help them remember to put up their card while on 72MHz.

Before flying, do a range check and a control surface check. This is especially important for the first time out in the Spring. Many an airplane has been lost with the ailerons reversed!

All of the above pertain to equipment safety but also relate to personal safety!

Here are a few points to remember as we go out to fly this season:

- 1) It's ok to start your engine in the pits, but do your full speed run-up and tuning between the pits and pilot stations.
- 2) Use the area south of the parking lot to break in engines.
- 3) On high speed run up, position your plane where a broken propeller blade will not hit a bystander.
- 4) Do not fly over the pits or the pilot stations!!!!
- 5) The general flying direction should north - south or south—north parallel to the pilot stations.
- 6) Do not fly towards the pilot stations, pits or spectator area.
- 7) Do not fly over 169!!!!

The complete official club rules and AMA rules will be posted at the field and available on the website, www.grassfieldrc.org.

Yes safety is about preventing injury to equipment and people, it is also about preserving our flying field!!!!

Grassfield Safety Coordinator,
Jerry Cornish



New lane marking system built by Ron Gage. He is going to repaint it to correct the colors/lanes.



One of our perennial most enthusiastic Grassfielders is Danny Collier, showing off a trainer here. Danny has become quite a skilled pilot once he got rid of his Zagi.

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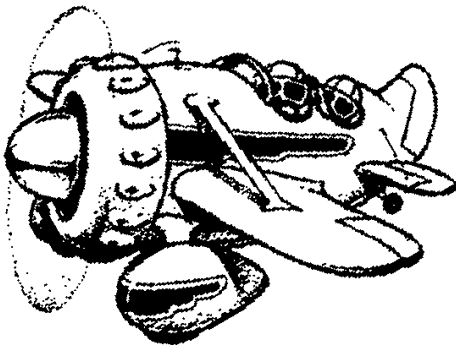
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