



Long Time Club Member OD Fine Passes Away

by Ray Niles, Secretary



Long time club member, Orland D. "O.D." Fine, 82, passed away Dec. 20th in his home. Visitation will be Saturday, December 29th at 10:30 a.m. in the Mt. Comfort Church. Funeral services will follow at 12 Noon. The church will serve lunch to friends and relatives following burial at the adjoining cemetery. Mt. Comfort Church is on the first road going south, east of the intersection of county roads KK at Shelby Road. O.D. was a super person and a service dedicated club member who will be missed by all of us.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OD FINE

I believe O D started flying RC in the 1970's in Saudi Arabia. He was working at the Aramco oil shipping port as a Dock Manager. His "flying field" was the wharfs or sometimes the desert. The ship captains would have to bring him RC supplies from Japan, so you can imagine how nice it was when he could shop at Sleeth's Hobby Shop.

Sometime in the 1980's he began flying with the Springfield RC Club. He flew nearly every day in good weather and was always available to handle field maintenance on a moment's notice. OD greatly enjoyed the times spent chatting and flying with his regular "retired flyers" and on weekends with all the other club members. Nearly always with him at the field was his Golden Retriever, Casey.

Some of his acknowledgements were Member of the Year and Top Gun awards as well as serving on the Board of Directors.

He was the club's informal welcoming committee for any visitors to the field and probably was responsible for many of the members joining us. I am sure we all agree that our club will never be the same without him.

The Last Flight

by Barry Harper, Vice-President

We lost another beloved club member a few days ago. Several of us comment often that we have only so many flights left; we don't know how many. The only certainty about life: it is uncertain. Young or old, our last flight could be tomorrow, or next week or next month. Think about that before your next flight. Enjoy it. It could be your last. Good-bye OD, when I fly next, I'll fly it once for you!

President's Corner

by David Campbell, President

January Springfield RC Club Meeting Agenda

1. Change the Gate combination
2. Set event schedule for the coming year
3. Bid's for mowing grass at field
4. Club's visitor policy was tabled last summer. Needs Re-visited.
5. Discuss field sign with Russ Rhodes
6. Top Gun Award
7. New Proposed Rules list needs official vote.
8. Considering becoming an official AMA Intro Pilot Program participant
9. Dogs in the pit area

10. Do we need a "no alcohol" sign
11. Moving the bleachers back for spectators
12. Two chairs with exposed springs
13. Securing the contents of the refrigerator
14. Someone to supply pop for the fridge

Obviously we can't cover all of this in one meeting but we can get started!

NOTICE!

Our club's board has decided to extend the dues renewal period through January 31 without the \$25 re-initiation fee penalty [see last month's newsletter]. However, those who did not renew their club membership on or before Dec 31 can no longer fly or vote in 2008 **until they renew**, since their club membership will be considered lapsed according to our new bylaws. Our new Treasurer, Bob Schwandt, will be taking renewal dues at the annual New Year Day Chili Fly.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

The Chili Fly is not far off, so start your planning now. Bring a pot of your favorite Chili recipe if you have one. Here is a list of other things you can bring (call or email Ralph Todd to coordinate to prevent duplications):

- Crackers
- Chili Crackers
- Corn Bread
- Black Eyed Peas
- Fritos
- Sweet goodies
- Eating Utensils
- Bowls
- Cups
- Drinks
- Hot Chocolate
- Drinking Water
- Cleanup Water

Oh, and DON'T forget to bring Something to Fly...

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December 16 Ski Fly Report

by Barry Harper, Vice-President

The snow at the field was deeper than that in town, about 2"-3". It was about 26 degrees when we arrived just after eleven, clear skies and very little wind from the southwest. The runway had already melted or blown off, except for some on the eastern edge at the south end. [This is one of those situations where landing on the runway is not a good thing.] Bert said the lock was frozen when he tried to open it. The wind gauge was frozen at 7 mph. Flying began just before noon. There was no crust on the snow so from time to time the models had a tough time getting through small drifts here and there. It

was a great ski flying day only second to that we had in the first week of December last year. Justin Heath showed up in the early afternoon (without any models) and took most of the pictures. By mid afternoon it had climbed to a warm 31 degrees and the snow became a little wetter, but there was still plenty on the ground for skiing. Hot choco-



late and chili were great additions to the winter picnic (a trial run for the Chili Fly?). Bert had his foot heater out but it really wasn't all that necessary. But, by 4 o'clock in the afternoon, we'd just about had all the ski

Calendar of Events

January 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January 1st - New Year Day Chili Fly. Bring something good to eat, something warm to wear, and something fun to fly! Contact Ralph Todd (email: ARToddDC@aol.com) to find out what needs to be brought.

January 3rd - Monthly Club Meeting, Main Library Room A



flying we could stand. The next time it snows, put on some warm clothes, put some skis on your favorite model, have some light gloves to fly with, and come out and join in the fun. As long as the wind isn't blowing hard and there's a clear sky, you'll be surprised at how pleasant winter flying can be!



Float Fly Info for 2008

- May 17 Shawnee Mission, KS Contact: Shane Sternecker
Email: ssternecker@everestkc.net
Phone: 913-851-2077
Website: www.smrcc.net
- May 17-18 Springfield, MO Contact: Dave Campbell
Email: dmccampbell@att.net
Phone: 417-823-0931
Website: www.springfieldrcclub.com
- May 31- June 1 South Kansas City Contact: Pat McGhee
Email: pmcghee@everestkc.net
Phone: 913-696-1168
Website: www.rcbarnstormers.org
- ??? Jefferson City, MO Contact: Shaun Zimmerman
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Funny Business

THOSE MINI-MODELS



Tiny ships have many advantages—such as ease of transportation.



They require only a small area in which to fly. Elevator shafts ideal—altitude practically unlimited.



Due to the light weight, crack-ups are almost unknown.



Economical, too. Require very little fuel



Launching a cinch! But be sure your name and address are marked on the ship—



—because it may be found by someone not acquainted with these things!

Springfield R/C Club

(Black Sheep Squadron)

Springfield, Missouri

Name: _____

Name of significant other: _____

(Optional)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: Home _____

(Optional) Office or Cell: _____

Radio Frequencies You Will Broadcast On: ____ _

E-Mail Address: _____

AMA Membership Number: _____

Note: Proof of membership in the AMA is required for membership in the Blacksheep Squadron.

All members are to complete and sign this form, mail a copy of your AMA card along with this form and include a check payable to SPRINGFIELD R/C CLUB to:

William "Bob" Schwandt, Treasurer
3638 W Driftwood St
Springfield, MO 65807

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I agree to abide by the club's constitution and bylaws, club field rules and the rules and regulations of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

_____ Date: _____

Member Signature

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