

# Springfield Radio Control Flying Club



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Thanks to Susan Pierce, an associate of Doug Bennett at O'Reillys, we have new plastic tags on our new frequency pins. A reminder to all field users: members are required to display their current club membership card and visitors are required to display their current AMA membership card in an appropriate frequency slot (including spread spectrum equipment users - there are now DSS slots and pins).

## 2007 Events

July 28  
Aug 11-12  
Sept 8-9  
Oct 20  
Dec 7

Float Fly Practice  
Float Fly\*  
Pattern Contest\*  
Swap Meet  
Christmas Party

\*AMA Sanctioned Event

## Fun Scale Contest

It was an interesting day. Flying started just before 11AM. Judges decided on scoring only two rounds. There was little wind and it was getting hot.

Our special thanks to Justin Heath for conducting a great contest and putting the FUN in the Fun Scale June 9. Our thanks to his wife Janelle who kept the contest scoring and to the judges: Ron Hyde, James White, Ron Schanda and Bryon Scott.

361 Barry – T-34 1st Place  
359 Forrest – Minnow 2nd Place (tie)  
359 Justin – Venus 2nd Place (tie)  
348 Barry – Aero Subaru 3rd Place  
340 Forrest – Extra 300  
236 Sparky – CAP 232  
220 Nancy – Ultra Stick

## NEXT MEETING

**JULY 5TH**

**LIBRARY CENTER**

**4653 S CAMPBELL**

## The Presidents Corner

### Rules Rules Rules!

There's been a lot of talk about rules lately. Guilty as charged. I've tried to lead a review of our club rules in the meetings this year, throw out the ones we don't need/want and reinforce the need for the ones we keep. I started this campaign of rules review because there were complaints about not knowing what the rules were. Now there are complaints about discussing the rules. I can't win!

Rules, rules, rules – it's just a hobby. We get so caught up in discussing (arguing about?) the rules, we lose sight of why we have them in the first place. It's just a hobby. Yes, it is and the reason we have rules is that we want to enjoy the hobby -- safely. Unfortunately, with anything, even a hobby, there are responsibilities – to ourselves and our fellow members. We should never lose sight of the fact that we launch into the air a fast moving projectile with a potentially lethal rotating blades with razor sharp edges, controlled (we hope) with mechanical and electronic devices and systems.

I know of only one serious injury among our members this flying season (stitches required). We've been very fortunate. Let's keep it that way by respecting our rules so we can enjoy the hobby.

Also speaking of rules, the Bylaws Revision Committee recently submitted their completed work to the Board. The Board has met and is recommending the approval this document. A copy of the revised Constitution and Bylaws can be found on our website. Voting on this document will be at the meeting of August 2.

## Springfield RC Club Minutes for June 2007. Ray Niles, Secretary

President Harper opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The May meeting minutes were accepted.

The treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

Old Business: The signs for the front gate have been completed and installed.

The new frequency pins arrived thanks to the efforts of Doug Bennett.

An update by Sparky Wessels on the float fly event assured us that it is a go for this year.

New Business: Due to lack of attendance there was no quorum; no new business was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Regards, Ray



There's a Raptor on the Loose



Russ with his Defiant

### Tulsa Pattern Contest

Three members of the Springfield RC Club went to the American Turf Flyers Pattern Shootout this past weekend, June 9 and 10, 2007, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There were 24 competitors from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri competing in a sanctioned AMA Radio Controlled Aeobatics event. The Turf Flyers club has purchased a field, maintains it very well, has an air conditioned pavillion with electricity and concrete taxiways to the 40' x 400' runway. The food was excellent with hamburgers and hot dogs for both days, and plenty of liquids, ie., cokes, water, etc. The guys were all helpful and willing to help carry out planes, etc. There were two flight lines for both Saturday and Sunday. There was only one dinger, and that was due to an engine failure on takeoff and a run to the grass which resulted in a broken gear. There were 5 classes of fliers, each of which had to put in 6 flights. This meant that there could have been 144 flights for the two days, but as it goes, several dropped out on Sunday. There were still in excess of 130 flights with only one gear problem.

The weather was warm but not stifling and the wind was manageable. As takeoffs and landings were scored this year, cross winds created some interesting landings. For a perfect takeoff and landing, they had to be centered on the center (judg-



ing) line within 2 1/2 meters. There was a thirty meter area that was used and given credit on landing, for sure.

Our members who went to the contest were George Ashely, Dan Curtis, and Russ Rhodes. George finished in Second

Place in the Intermediate Class, Dan finished in Third Place in the Master's Class and Russ finished first in the Sportsman Class. Two members, George and Russ, had new planes to fly. They both survived in flying colors.





Photos From The Fun Scale Contest





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