



Next Meeting:

May 5, 2016  
7pm  
Club Field

Next Event:

Fun Fly  
May 21, 2016  
Club Field  
10:00 a.m.

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# AIRMAIL

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## Field Maintenance Day

With only a few years of membership under my belt I've seen some good teamwork in the past getting the field and shelter ready for the flying season. But this year it has been extra good.

The shelter was cleaned up a great deal and swept out. Everything inside looked to be wiped down and as much clutter as possible was removed.

A number of hands were used to replace the plastic webbing on the fencing. The old webbing was turning brittle with age, torn, and not too long to survive another season (besides looking terrible).

The runway cracks were sand filled and smoothed, while deep hoof prints left by the horses that got through the fencing just after the two weeks of rain got filled with sand and top soil. Most holes were found and filled but a word of caution to all flyers to be careful walking about the south end of the runway. There may be some holes that were overgrown with grass and not filled.

A few club members showed up mid morning who didn't know the field was being worked on and decided to try again another day hmmm, maybe I should have thought of that).

Early afternoon BBQ lunch was ready and after a little food, beverage, and fun chats back to work to finish up.

Planes were in the air by mid afternoon.

Great day's work, fellows.

### SAFETY COMES FIRST

Always watch the "line of fire" by considering where a tool will wind up going if it slips while tinkering with your plane's running engine. This includes body parts. Never reach or lean over the spinning prop. Always stay BEHIND the prop when tinkering.

Any safety tips to share? Send them to me and I'll post them in future newsletters.

Remember: Safety is EVERYONE'S business.



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## REST IN PEACE

Hello Everyone,

I am sad to say that fellow club member Leon Knoel has passed away after a long battle with lung cancer. Leon was a tremendously likeable guy who loved to fly. I first met Leon at the soccer dome flying pizza boxes. Like me, he was in it for the battle! We had some great times knocking them down and sending them back up. It seemed like he always had some new electric airplane, usually a fast one, and wanted me to fly it first. He wasn't worried about me crashing it because he just loved being there shooting the breeze. I will always remember him as an "as long as it flies it's fun" kind of guy. I will miss him as I know many of you will.

Leon did not want a funeral so there will be a visitation only. I know it will be next Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> but I do not have details yet. I will let you know as soon as I know more.

-Wes Parker

The above comments were from an e-mail sent out shortly after Leon's death notice in the paper. I was trying to think of some appropriate and meaningful things to say in this article when I realized that Wes said all there was to say about Leon with regards to the relationship we had with him. I doubt a better eulogy can be made about a friend and fellow rc flyer. So all I think any of us can add is to say thank you to Leon for the privilege of knowing you.

Clear skies and smooth flying.

## FLOAT FLY POND

As we were getting the field ready last week we had a chance to look at the pond. It is still holding water from the first rains going into it. Therefore, we think the pond will be a big success and prove to be a boon to the club and some summer fly in events.

## CLUB PARTICIPATION

All the officers urge each and every club member to try to get involved and attend monthly meetings, have your say in what gets decided and how things get done. We can always use an extra hand completing plans, researching projects, making phone calls, setting up dates, etc. Remember! What this club does through out the year is voted on by members who show up at meetings.

This is YOUR club. Get involved in it.

As always, I encourage all the members to submit any hobby related stories, safety or building tips, events, experiences or general knowledge you may have to share.

My E-Mail is on the front of the newsletter.