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By now you all must be feeling the spring like weather. I think by the time you read this, the weather will be perfect for flying, days getting longer and sunny and a great forecast for the whole week. Perfect to get that plane you have been working on all winter out to fly!

Strawberry Acres flying field is now OPEN. After a cold winter, Ray and Ken had an opportunity to get out to the field and get it rolled and ready for some great flying. Thanks to both of our club officers for getting this done for you to enjoy. Meerworth field should be open by the time you read this in the newsletter. We have been working hard on getting it ready. Ray and I have dug up the road just before you come on to the runway, we will be putting in a drain pipe and a ton of crushed rock so as to finally get this road up to snuff so to speak. Jan Lampman and I cleared out the mower shed and especially cleaned up behind it as well. What a ton of old garbage. Don't even think of throwing your crashed airplane or parts behind the shed anymore. No one will be picking up after you anymore from now on, now that it is perfectly clean. That goes as well for the weed area behind the flight line also!

Your flying dues are now DUE and need to be paid to Tim Smith at 2620 Hancock Road, Williamstown, MA 01267 before you can fly at either Meerworth field or Strawberry Acres field. So far we have 23 paid members out of 39 and 2 paid senior member out of 4, so let each of us club members try to write Tim Smith a check as soon as possible. I will be asking Tim to give me a weekly e-mail update of paid members. You can also give me or any of the other two club officers your dues over at the field if you see any of us enjoying flying.

Jan Lampman has once again given the club a extra \$ 100.00 on top of his dues to help the club along this year, thanks Jan! Also Menno Brumister has

offered to rebuild the flying shed over at Strawberry field as well, he will be building us a new ladder, redoing the broken windows adding some nice looking facial boards and a rain gutter to keep everything clean after it rains. I will donate my time to painting it after all the upgrades are in order.

Speaking of donating back to the club, Chris Yerdon chairman of the 3 day fun fly event, has advised us at a club meeting that he would donate \$ 500.00 to the club to help out on all the extras that we will need to do in order to make the 3 day event a big success. "Wow "Thanks Chris. I have looked into the cost of renting a extra outhouse and they are about \$100.00 for the weekend or even longer if we still need it. Ray brought up the subject of the club purchasing a nice new heavy duty barbecue for the fun fly event. This makes great sense since we will most likely have the hamburger meat donated by Ed the Butcher and I will donate the hot dogs. George is now back from a long winter at Florida and he will ask Joan on who to contact over at the fire house to have the pancake breakfast put on for the event. We are starting to get a firm volunteer's list together for the June fun fly and I'm hoping that we can count on the same folks as last year to once again help out. Let's also try to recruit new members to either put some extra cash into their dues when they pay them or to donate their time on the fun fly events, like the extra special club members mention above.

One of the best photos I have had the pleasure of opening in my e-mail came from none other than Tim Smith. If you look hard enough you will come to realize that most men don't go to bed with their clothes on especially holding on to a large model airplane box. But I guess that after Tim had waited so long to sell his bloody house that he was entitled to this great looking Beechcraft Staggerwing Bi-plane. Can't wait to see it flying!

Fly safe and fly often,
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