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Aeromodelers

Hoosick Falls, NY

April 2010 Newsletter

Gosh, this past week gave all of us a hint at some of the nice weather coming our way shortly!! The benches were full over at Strawberry Acres flying field last Tuesday the 9th of March. Bob Wilcox was out with his new Saito Gas powered Kadet. He now can fly all day on just pennies for gasoline, especially with his slow flying Kadet. Mike Jones, a new member brought out a 450 size Heli and a new electric trainer. Bob checked it over and Jan Lampman test flew it. We all agree this is a perfect size electric trainer to start flying with. Mike said that it was a complete package including the 2.4 radio. I flew my Raptor along with Jan. Ken came out with Ray and both got a few flights in.

So Strawberry Acres flying field is now OPEN. Please make sure you stay out of the mud and let the field dry out especially after the rain we are getting this week.

Remember "No Flying Till Your Dues are PAID!!" This also includes your AMA renewal. Dues can be sent to Tim Smith at 2620 Hancock Road Williamstown, MA 01267. Please include your AMA # on your check. Dues are the same as last year, \$75.00 and for seniors it's \$65.00. If you prefer why not kill two birds with one stone. Bring you dues and a plane to fly over at Strawberry Field on April 11, 2010 at our usual time of 7:00pm come early to get some good flying in before the meeting!

Please note that the club business meeting is changed to April 11, 2010 due to the Easter weekend. Just quick reminders that Meerworth field is CLOSED till you receive an e-mail notice that it's open. It's a bloody muddy mess over there so let's enjoy flying at Strawberry Acres for the time being.

At last months meeting the club adopted new engine noise requirements for BOTH flying fields. Section (10): Airplanes 50cc and larger may not be flown without written permission from club officers at both fields. This permission may be withdrawn at any time.

Section (11): Airplanes that are deemed "too loud" by club officers will be grounded. This rule change is NOT meant to restrict the larger airplane just the noise issue and props going supersonic. If you have a large airplane and have adequate mufflers and fly it in a scale like manner, we believe that this rule can accommodate the large airplanes, and the surrounding neighbors..

Some interesting results from both Ken and Ray, when Bud Welch passed away he donated his large scale Cessna to the club to be sold at the auction. Well after Ray had carted his plane around to various auctions he finally got a offer at the Vernon auction. Ray got over a \$100.00 for this and some other trainers which Mike Hale also donated. We are very grateful to the entire past and present club members who have given back to the club this way, it is very much appreciated. Thank You!! So remember if you have any old or new airplanes, please consider donating them to the flying club. Or you can follow the lead of Jan Lampman and give a generous donation when you pay your dues. Thanks Jan!!

We are in the process of purchasing a new Zero Turn John Deere mower for Meerworth field as the green monster has finally given up the ghost. We thank Bob Wilcox along with George Brankman for all their time in finding the club a very good mower and a great deal for the money. If you would like to help replenish the sinking lawn mower fund, just add that amount to your dues and Tim will deposit it in the mower fund.

Ray has found a great company which will do new flying hats for the club! They are \$15.00 and are a six panel flat front hat. With our logo embroidered on the front in contrasting colors with the "J 3 Cub" being yellow and the letters being black. We would encourage any club member who wants one to please let Ray or any club officer know and we will add you to the list. Ray says he will have one at the next meeting April 11, 2010. So come to the meeting, check it out and say hello to the other flying club members and get your new hat on order.

Last but not least, if you have any Thompson Water Sealer left over, please consider donating it to the flying club. I will be glad to apply any amount we can raise and apply it to the flying benches before they get really bad from the weather.

Don't forget to pay your dues. Get a new club flying hat and see you all at the next meeting April 11, 2010 at Strawberry Acres flying field.

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