



January 2010 Newsletter

I would like to wish all of our members a Happy New Year and I hope to see you flying or helping out at the flying club this coming year. This year is going to be even more exciting than last year. We are planning now for more flying events and some special attractions to make our Fun Fly events even bigger and bring in more flyers.

Don't forget to pay your club dues as they are now due! The dues have remained the same as last year \$75 for regular club membership and \$65 for seniors. Please mail your dues to Tim Smith at 2620 Hancock Road, Williamstown, MA 01267 or you can come to the next meeting and pay them in person. Speaking of the next meeting, we have decided to have it at Ray's house (much warmer and convenient) on February 7 @ 3:00 in the afternoon. This will allow all of the football fans to make the meeting pay your Dues and still have plenty of time to watch the Super Bowl at home after a short meeting.

At the last meeting we elected club officers, and again I would like to say thank you to all of our club members for electing the same officers as last year. I'm looking forward to increasing our flying club membership, mowing and maintaining the Meerworth flying field as well as writing the club newsletters. Again this year we are looking for a few folks to help with the mowing and upkeep of the Strawberry Acres field. Just let one of the officers know, and they will get you started in the Spring.

The Dates have been set for the Big June Fun Fly it's June 12 and 13. Early arrivals and campers will

be accommodated on Friday June 11 and the set up date is Thursday night June 10. This year we will encourage more of the Scale and Fun Flyer type of planes. We are trying to restrict the noise of very large 3D style airplanes. So keep this weekend open as we anticipate a large crowd and everyone will be expected to help with this major fundraiser.

We have also set the dates for the annual Electric Fun Fly. It will be in August and Alan and Ken are heading up this event. More to come!

We have reviewed the Lawn Mower issue again this year and with the help of Ray, George and Bob Wilcox, it was decided that all of the mowers that were looked at were too expensive for our meager reserve fund and that we will hold off any large expenditure this year.

There are many upcoming events, like Alan's March event which is a table top type auction and swap shop and the annual large NCRCC auction and swap in Vernon, CT-Sunday, Feb 14. If you want more info and to see who's going, plan on attending next month's club meeting over at Ray's house.

That's it for this month, See you all over at Ray's house on February 7 @ 3:00pm.

Richard Scheer
President Hoosick Aeromodelers



Fun Fly 2010 Preparation

Hope that everyone had a good holiday and used the time to work on the new bird. As I'm writing this, there is snow on the ground and probably few are thinking of the flying season. It will be upon us before we know it. The officers of the club have already begun to plan for the upcoming season. Two Fun Flies have been planned. The first, which is our traditional Fun Fly, is in June and the other is in August, which is reserved for electrics only. The Club depends on revenue from these functions to stay financially viable and keep the two magnificent fields operational.

This year more than any other year the club will need the cooperation and help of every member to make the functions work and keep us solvent. The club will be calling upon everyone to help. This help can come in a variety of ways from outright money donations to food donations or donations of time. It takes a lot of money, time and effort to put on a function like ours, so don't be shy about contacting someone and pledging your support. Richard and Ray are in charge of food and George will try to handle the flying chores.

Listed below are items we need donated:

- Soda (ten cases)
- Hot Dogs (ten pounds)
- Hamburger Patties (20 pounds of quarter pounders)
- Rolls (Hot Dog and Hamburger)
- Ketchup and Mustard
- Chips
- Napkins
- Paper plates
- Deserts of all kinds

Remember that your donation of a few dollars in the form of hot dogs or hamburgers will translate into much more money to the club. If you donate five pounds of hamburgers for \$10 and we can sell each burger for \$3 each, the club makes about sixty bucks. Your donation will be used wisely and efficiently.

Those that cannot afford to donate financially may help by donating their time. Since the June function will be for two days, there will be a lot of preparation and manpower needed during the active two days. Everyone will be expected to put in some time at the function by doing set up or tear down or manning some part of the flight line or impound area during the Fun Fly.

One of the main moneymakers for the club is the 50/50 raffles and the pilot raffle. Efforts are being made to get manufacturers to donate for the pilots raffle but we need someone to sell 50/50 tickets and pilots raffle tickets. Remember this is all free money with no financial investment by the club but we need someone to volunteer to step up and sell tickets during the functions.

Enough said! This club has managed to stay sound for about thirty years and I'm sure this year will continue to be successful. The effort by members in the past has always been great, and with your help, this year will be no different.

George P Brankman



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