

ECSF Swamp Gas Newsletter

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Field Update

President Loren Manginelli reports that the field is in great condition. The parking lot has had the potholes and depressions filled in with fresh gravel, and the small washout in the road by the bridge has been repaired. Also, the pit area in front of the clubhouse has been cleared of mulch and filled with pea stone. This is a huge improvement and looks fantastic.

Loren has secured a dumpster for field-related garbage for a very minimal price. The dumpster has been padlocked shut to prevent unwanted dumping and access by non-club members. Any refuse intended for the dumpster is to be bagged securely and placed inside the clubhouse. Loren, Chris P., and Capt. Bill will be taking care of putting the garbage into the dumpster. Please refrain from placing

garbage on, around or near the dumpster. Everything is to go inside the clubhouse. This will help keep the dumpster area neat and prevent animals from getting into the bags.

Loren would also like to remind the membership that we are all equally responsible for keeping the field neat and clean. Please be conscientious of your own garbage and if you see a cup, can or scrap of paper, pick it up and bag it. If everyone just takes a minute to help out, it'll keep the field looking great all of the time.

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A Note from the Secretary...

FLYING WHILE MOWING

The president and treasurer have both received reports from the mowing crew that there have been several instances of club members flying while the field was being mowed.

Although this is not specifically prohibited in the by-laws, the mowing crew feels uncomfortable with aircraft flying over their heads. The officers feel that this is an unsafe and dangerous practice which must stop immediately.

The mowing crew makes every effort to be as non-intrusive as possible in our flying schedule. We owe them the courtesy of allowing them to do the job that we are paying them for safely and without concern.

This courtesy should be extended when any field maintenance activity is taking place.

Upcoming Events

- RESCHEDULED-
Car Club Visit-
07/23
Rain Date- 07/24
- 08/21-ECSF 1st
Annual Memorial
Fun Fly Event
- 09/11- Neighbor's
Picnic



“When asked by someone how much money flying takes: Why all of it!”

Gordon Baxter

Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ 08/06-08/07
NCRCC/NEPRO INT
PYLON
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Visit:
www.ncrccclub.org
- ◆ 09/03-09/04
Central CT Giant
Squadron Labor Day
Fly-In Wintonbury
R/C Field
Visit:
www.flywfc.org

Membership News

We would like to welcome our new members who have joined since May.

Wilfredo Roque - Meriden
Alvin Blount - Naugatuck
Matthew Wahl - Prospect
Fred Carrado - Guilford
Patricia Carrado - Guilford
Joseph Hamed- Wallingford
Gordon Arent-Griswold

...and a warm “welcome back” to a couple old faces we haven’t seen in a long time!

Chris Kohler - Northford
Paul Gallagher - Meriden
Eric Lefebvre - Wallingford

Training Notes

AJ is again sending out a call for help in regard to the training program. We have several new members who are waiting for training and sign off.

However, this season AJ has been flying relatively solo, and currently he is the only instructor actually flying with the students. Others have been helping with technical questions/concerns.

With a club the size of ECSF, there is no reason why one or two people should be managing the entire training program.

We have sent out several emails pleading for assistance as well as AJ’s personal requests at each club meeting. This program is an integral part of our club, and as such, it reflects poorly on the membership as a whole when we fail to enlist even a few members to help with training and

sign off.

The flying season is almost half way over and everyone member new or experienced should have the assistance they need from our membership.

You do not need to be a Flying Ace to be an instructor, but you do need to be willing and available.

Even if you are only available one or two days a month to assist, your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are on our flight instructor list, which is on the website, contact AJ to discuss your availability.

Otherwise, please have your name removed from the list of instructors.

If you are currently not on the list but would be interested in assisting, contact AJ today at blindsmokinjones@sbcglobal.net.

R/C Trivia

How many channels are available for FM model aircraft radios in the US?

Send your answer to the Secretary @ ECSFSecy@gmail.com.

Again, no prize...just bragging rights!

Last Newsletter’s Trivia Winner:
Dave Teer with the correct answer-
Clunk.

By-Laws News... REMINDER

In a previous meeting, Board Member Doug Sue made a motion to exempt 2.4 GHz transmitters from the impound regulations. The motion was seconded by Dave Teer and voted on as passed by the membership. Jim Cyr subsequently noted that this would be a field regulation change and would require notification of the membership.

At the May 18th meeting, we will hold another vote in compliance with the by-laws to make this an official change.

****JUST A REMINDER. We overlooked discussing and voting on this in the June meeting. We will be addressing this at our July meeting.**

2011 Build Contest Winners

Sport Class:

Second Place- Chip Krantz

First Place- Richard Stempick with his P-51 Mustang

Scale Class:

Second Place- Mickey Vasmatics

First Place- Mickey Vasmatics with his LA-7

Helicopters

Second Place- Nick DeGregorio

First Place- Nick DeGregorio with his TREX-600

Kit Build

Second Place- Robert Russell

First Place- Gary Basque with his Goldberg Tiger 2

BEST IN SHOW: Lou Boccarelli- Fokker D VII

Thanks to all the participated!