



The Insiders Edge

CCRCG

PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

I will start off this month by wishing everyone a Happy Easter. By the time you read this our field improvements for this year should have begun. Bob Perry is overseeing the replacement of the shelter at the site and other improvements to see that we have a top notch flying field. A reminder that CCRCC membership voted on a membership assessment of \$30.00 per member to allow these field improvements. The treasurer has indicated that about 10 members have not submitted their assessment as required. If you may have forgotten, please contact Gail Perry to bring you membership status current.

The annual Lebanon R/C Flea market was an all around great time this year. If you have never been to this event, it's a great time all the way around. A group from CCRCC traveled together this year and bought tables, sold a bunch of stuff and talked airplanes all day. We had great food and just an all around outstanding weekend. Once again, I sold a ton of stuff, purchased a ton of stuff and *still* came home with more money than I started out with! For those of you who have a preference for some of the older R/C kits that are no longer on the shelves of the hobby shops, this is a great place to find goodies. I came home with a new in the box, original red box Top Flight Contender, a new Sterling Mambo kit, and a new Hal DeBolt Super Cub kit. If you are interested in attending the show and setting up a table, please contact Rick Foch for arrangements.

On the topic of older stuff, I know I am not the only one who has a passion for R/C from days gone by. There are several organizations that are very active with "vintage" R/C enthusiasts. The Senior Pattern Association and The Vintage Radio Control Society are very active groups and have events here on the east coast regularly. Most of these events are fun and social oriented and are really not intense competition.

The VRCS will be having a fun fly in Scotland Pennsylvania on April 16, 2005. A large Fly In and reunion will also be held in Richmond Virginia on July 30 and 31, 2005. I am steadily working on a DeBolt Champ to fly at the Richmond event.

Something that I have noticed about our hobby lately is the demand for

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specific products. It is quite obvious that the overwhelming majority of the folks in R/C prefer and buy ARF airplanes. They prefer NOT BUILDING and rather gain their enjoyment from the flying portion of the hobby. That's OK by me and to each his own. But, with that said, you would think that kits that have all but disappeared from the Hobby Shop inventory would be a dime a dozen because nobody wants them, Right!

Well that isn't the case. Those kits that nobody wants any more are costing ridiculous prices now a days. Don't believe me! Go to E-bay and look at the prices for a Royal kit of any kind. Starting prices for most of them are over \$200.00. I have seen a P-26 Peashooter with a starting bid of \$600.00!!!!

It seems that new in the box kits have become an investment. The folks that are buying them up are doing so, not to build and fly, but to resell on the internet. It sure is tough for those of us who still like to build kits. The current manufactures are producing less and less kits and the ones that are available second hand (still new in the box) are so overpriced it's ridiculous. I

Can anyone guess who this person is?



NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

- ◆ Reminder to those that have not paid the assessment (13 members), that it is past due and they are not in good standing in the club.
- ◆ New Building - the new building has been purchased and will be erected in April.
- ◆ Club Picnic will be on Saturday, April 30th with a rain date of May 1st
- ◆ WWI Pylon Racing will be Saturday, April 16th

FIELD MAINTENANCE

We'd like to thank the following for coming and helping with the extensive work being done at the field.

Bob Perry
Gale Perry
Ralph Schreiner
Steve Rowe
Phil Ibe
Jeff Chumley
John Osbon
Will Hall

Roger Vaughn
Salah Najjar
Charles Russell
Robert Buhrman
Ed Forsyth
Steve Watts
James Benedict
Howie and Jitterbug

In addition, due to several members not paying their assessment as voted upon, and more concrete being needed than originally estimated the following club members made additional donations to the building fund. THANKS!!! If any others would like to make additional donations it will definitely be appreciated as we are still short of the total amount needed for the beautification and safety upgrades planned for the field.

Bob Perry	\$100.00	Gale Perry	\$100.00
Roger Vaughn	\$100.00	Salah Najjar	\$100.00
Ralph Schreiner	\$100.00	James Benedict	\$100.00
Charles Russell	\$ 50.00	Steve Rowe	\$ 50.00
Robert Buhrman	\$ 50.00	Roger Jones	\$20.00

In closing, we have reviewed, posted and also discussed safety in our last newsletter and club meeting and yet we still have people recklessly flying their planes into the pits and almost injuring other members. This will not be tolerated and if you can not control your aircraft maybe you should consider a refresher course on basic aircraft operation or give up flying.



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**Meeting Wednesday April 6th, 7:30
pm Mattawoman Middle School**



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