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RC Field Safety

Fueling:

Nitromethane or nitro fuel is highly flammable. Just as you shouldn't smoke while fueling the family car, avoid smoking and open flames around the nitro fuel for your RC. When fueling your nitro RC, wipe up any spills and properly dispose of fuel-soaked rags.

Handling:

At the park or track it's common to carry fuel in a quick-fill bottle. To insure that you don't get your fuel mixed up with someone else's (who might be running a different mixture) label your fuel bottle with your name. If you're running multiple RCs with different fuel mixtures, color-code your bottles to avoid mix-ups.

Storage:

As with gas cans stored at home, store your nitro fuel away from open flames (next to the hot water heater with its lit pilot light is not a good storage idea). Keep the container tightly capped to avoid evaporation. Don't store nitro fuel in a damp location either as the fuel attracts moisture and water in the fuel will render it weak and could be harmful to your nitro engine.

Before you run your RC:

Controller on first, aircraft on second. Never turn your RC airplane or helicopter on with your controller off. Another controller in the area may take over and fly your airplane or helicopter into a tree, a power line, or right into the ground.

After you run your RC:

Aircraft off first, controller off second. Never turn your controller off with your plane or helicopter on. Stray signals from other RC remotes can, and most likely will, take control of your airplane or helicopter. Results of remote takeover can be disastrous.

Heat Safety Tips

Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or to use an umbrella.

Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid high-protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.

Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 and 7 a.m.

Stay indoors when possible. If air-conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine. Remember that electric fans do not cool, they simply circulate the air.

Learn Red Cross first aid and CPR

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Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the flying field. Meetings begin at 1900 (CST) and/or 2000 (CDT).

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SIRS, Inc. Meeting Minutes - June 12th, 2010

Meeting started at 8:06 pm
22 members present and 2 guests
Approved minutes from last meeting

Treasurer report:

Jim was not present to report. Below is a repeat of last minutes \$7506.00 in bank Projected to have approx \$4500.00 in bank (contingency funds) at end of year after all expenses. 58 paid up members including 1 junior member.

Old business:

424 Race: Next race September 18th Need ten club members to help make this a success. This would save the club money by not hiring outside helpers. See Jay Capps for more info.

Stan's wheel from Charles Lindberg's plane has returned to the clubhouse. Thank you to whoever brought it back.

Sirs business cards have been designed and printed by Doug Mock. These are for members to pass out to interested parties to support our club. If you were not at the meeting to receive some contact Doug Mock or Dave Hass. These cards will also be posted at Computer Deli and Hobbyland. Thanks go to Doug and Dave for covering the costs.

Awards Banquet: More info and prices will be reported and discussed at next meeting by the treasurer. Covell hall has been booked.

New Business:

Upcoming officer elections: It is early but nominations are being accepted in the next few meetings. If interested in volunteering contact a current officer. Elections will be held during the October meeting.

Swap meet next year: Tom Kirk and Pat Henson have volunteered to organize next year's swap meet. Father Rick is looking into details for using the church gym. Date is TBD

Rocket day: Date October 16th, Saturday. Build a rocket, its easy, and bring it out to fly! Plenty of open flying will still be available in the afternoon. More details and possibility of inviting local cub scouts/youth groups coming soon. If interested contact Dave Hass.

Electricity usage: It has come up in discussion that we are now using more of the farms electricity than ever due to the available plugs on the shelter and the numbers of batteries being charged at the field. Motion to build a donations box to cover the farms increasing costs passed unanimously, except for Stan Thompson. It is asked that if you use the available electricity to please donate some cash into the box to help cover the costs. Fred did some math, and the costs are not very high, but lets not overlook this as a club. Doug Mock has volunteered to build and mount the box. Although we typically advertise for our events that there are no RV hookups for visitors, limited hookups are possible provided the use of the donations box. An exact rate has not been determined.

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Unusual Items found in a field box

Condoms (low-lubricated or un-lubricated)

Funny... I thought these were for... Y'know...

These are used to cover the carburetor to avoid dust and dirt entering the chamber. RC planes have no air filter, so... The dust mixes with the fuel and creates a gummy surface and will cause the carb slider to stick. It's very easy to check and clean out, but to avoid spending time with run-oils and lubes (not to mention flipping the plane over to clear the carb post-lube), you can cover it with a clean rubber.

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Minutes continued from page 2:

New refrigerator: Chris Vandenberg has donated a used refrigerator to Stan for the field. Thanks Chris!

Visitors: Ron (son) and Russ (father) came out to visit our club and get more information. Ron works at Computer Deli and has expressed interest in learning to fly. Welcome to Sirs and best of luck!

More "old" Business: Happy Birthday Stan! This months meeting fell on Stan Thompson's 94th birthday. Sorry for our out of tune singing Stan, and Happy Birthday, and many more!

Show and Tell:

Tom Kirk brought out his helicopter with a new battery and voltage regulator system installed. This system results in much more flying time and a steady voltage to all onboard electronics. Tom also talked about some higher capacity NiMh batteries he installed in his transmitter that extends flight times "forever".

Dave Hass brought out his scratch built model rocket to encourage members to participate in the upcoming rocket day in October to see it fly!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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