



Westside RC Newsletter **May 2024**

Flying Field Location :420 W Wagner Rd,
Yukon, OK 73099 Membership Meetings on
the second Monday of each month at the
flying field in the warm months. Location as
announced in the cold months

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Next Meeting

June 10 7:00 PM
Flying Field
Yukon, Oklahoma

RC Humor



President's Notes

Keith Gorell

Although the weatherman was calling for iffy weather for the May meeting, rain did not make an appearance and the field was dry. The wind was blowing a little but that stopped by the end of the meeting and quite a few flights were put in. Racers were flown with a couple needing a little rework before our next outing.

I discussed the swap shop attendance and profit for the club. Both were down from past events. We had a discussion as to whether we will be holding one next year. The general consensus was that the hobby is evolving, and swap shops may stop being practical. We will be looking at this later in the year to make a decision for 2025.

The Festival of the Child was a success, even with the storms. We had about 50 kids move through the booth and handed out 40 gliders. They really seemed to like that. I would like to thank Mike Hankins, Tommy Yates, Tony Cappellaro, Steven Poe and Daryl Huelsman for helping man the booth and helping the kids on the simulators. It was especially entertaining to watch Daryl demonstrate the aircraft maneuvers with the controller inputs.

We did manage to get some racing practice and a couple of test flights in after the meeting. A couple of planes needed some tweaking, but we are heading to racing. If you are still thinking about giving racing a try, it is not too late. It doesn't cost much to put together a plane and they are not real fast. Anyone who has moved beyond a trainer should not have any problems. It looks like we will set some dates up in June to begin the season.

Flight training will begin shortly. The club's trainer was flown after the meeting and we experienced radio receiver problems. The plane did have some damage after diving into the corn field but it has been repaired and a new receiver has been installed. Thanks to Phillip Owens for donating the receiver. The plane has flown and is ready for instruction. We also received another Apprentice trainer this past week. It has been flown and flown. It just needs a few little adjustments and it will be ready to go.

From the Vice President

Tony Cappellaro

Thank you! To everyone that showed up for our Night Flying event, we had a great time leading to the event by getting in some evening and dusk flying, so even those without night flyers enjoyed themselves. For everyone that could not make it this time, I hope to see you at our next event as well as the remaining of the events we have planned for the rest of the season. These events are a great opportunity not only to fly but also to socialize with your fellow club members.

Here is a listing of upcoming events in Oklahoma. And remember that you can always find events in our district by visiting

www.amadistrict8.org

Summer of Fun Fly 2024 - June 6, 2024 - June 9, 2024

Chisholm Trail RC Squadron Inc.

172729 North 2910 Road, Duncan, OK, 73533

No Broken props, Jet Fly-in - June 7, 2024 - June 8, 2024

Tulsa Glue Dobbers

2817 S 177th East Ave, Tulsa, OK, 74134

Henryetta RC Aviators Swap Meet & Fun Fly - June 15, 2024

Henryetta R/C Aviators

400 U.S. 75, Henryetta, OK, 74437

From the Field Marshal

Kip Rackley

As I have mentioned in my column over the past few months, we did have a fieldwork party with just a few days' notice on Saturday May 11th! We had a solid turnout considering the notice and were able to successfully use all the club's implements of destruction! The new Zero turn performed flawlessly as well as the newly acquired Gravely weed trimmer. Although we were able to use the rider mowers both gave us issues that we had to overcome. I really believe they just did not appreciate us mowing with their replacement, well that is my thought anyway! We even cleaned up the new storage building and created ways to hang all the club's shovels, rakes, and other yard tools. The weather was exceptional, and I even got a little stick time with the club trainer! Unfortunately, a little later that afternoon it had an unplanned landing which caused damage, but I am told it was reparable.

There has been great weather to fly this past month if you were able to dodge the occasional downpour, hailstorm, or tornadoes in the surrounding areas. Even with all those Mother Nature treats Hollman is in exceptional shape!



From the Safety Officer

Mike Hankins

Many of us have an extended weekend due to Memorial Day this weekend and extra time to spend with friends and family. This may be a great weekend to invite people out to the flying field and show someone new what we all enjoy. Flying our planes and helicopters while spending time and having fun conversations with our buddies at Westside RC flying field. We encourage everyone to actively be involved with safety, lead by example and enjoy flying knowing we all at Westside RC Flyers personally make safety a priority. Please help teach, lead and practice safety so new and old members are reminded we all choose and make safety a priority!

Lets kick off the summer and put safety first by clicking on links below and taking a few minutes to refresh our memory on below safety items and club rules.

AMA Safety Code: [Academy of Model Aeronautics \(modelaircraft.org\)](https://modelaircraft.org)

Club Field Rules: [The Westside R/C Flyers, Inc \(westside-rc.org\)](https://westside-rc.org)

Club By-Laws: [WSRC_Bylaws.pdf \(westside-rc.org\)](https://westside-rc.org)

Additional information club members may find helpful.

Drone Zone: [FAADroneZone Access - Home](#)

Trust Test: [The Recreational UAS Safety Test \(TRUST\) | Federal Aviation Administration \(faa.gov\)](#)

B4UFLy: [B4UFLY | Federal Aviation Administration \(faa.gov\)](#)

Great safety tips members recently mentioned that's worth mentioning again!

Using a plane tail restraint is a great way to practice safety!

Prior to or after flying plane practice picking up your plane from the rear or side keeping hands and arms away from the prop!

YOU have a circle of influence! Think Safety - Practice Safety - Encourage Safety by your influence within your circle!

2024 Safety Officer

Mike Hankins

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Memorial Day... Let us remember those who courageously gave their lives. May we never forget that freedom isn't free, in memory of many, in memory of all, we don't know them all, but we owe them all, never forget, ever honor, fallen, but not forgotten.



THE NIGHT FLIGHT

We did it!! The club held a successful Night Fly. Seven pilots showed up and had many flights before and after the sun set. The weather was perfect, light winds, nice temperatures and the moon wasn't too bright. The only downside was the mosquitoes started biting but bug spray took care of that. The June bugs were another issue. They were being quite the pest for some reason. Everyone had a great time. We will be scheduling another one so watch for an announcement. Don't forget to bring your night flyer to the next meeting at the field, you can always get a flight in before you go home. Here are some pictures from the event. The pictures on the next page were taken at around 9:00 pm, sunset was 8:30. The camera makes the pictures look lighter than it was.

Daryl, Tony and Steven getting ready.



Looking down the flight line.



Kris getting a flight in.



Phillips plane and the moon.



Phillip Landing



Taxiing back in.

Full Size Humor

I had landed my J-3 Piper Cub at the Military Aux field where my club flew RC models. My Armstrong starter was getting a little tired, so my friend Phil loaned me his big model starter. Guess whether or not my J-3 started?



For Sale by Members

Please submit:

your Name to be used when contacted by a potential buyer

brief description of the item for sale

the sale price

your contact information

a photo if you have one in .pdf or MS PP format

You must remind me to relist each month

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The subject of your email: **WESTSIDE RC NL FOR SALE**

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