



The Sky Ranch Flyer

Come Fly with us!

Issue 1, 2006

Lead Story: A New Look and Feel!

Hello All Sky Ranch Flyers!

As you know, December 2005 brought some changes to our flying club. Pete Ullrich and Drew Domkus retired their positions. Al Broecker became our new Treasurer, and Daryl Matthies is "back in the saddle" as the Web Editor. You've probably seen the changes already. The website has been totally redesigned, as is this newsletter!

On a sad note, Andy Kahrs has stepped down from the Newsletter Editor position. I have advised him when things get better for him, he is more than welcome to take it back up again.

January 29th: The Delta Darts Contest

Sunday—January 29th. Allenton Elementary School. The Sky Ranch Flyers and the Allenton Astro Kids met for their annual Delta Darts contest. According to Al Broecker, eight SRF members attended the event. It ran from 12:30pm till shortly after 3:00pm. Tom Blackstone, our President, could not attend as he broke his finger that morning "while running up the steps". So much for the "old guys".

Club Meeting & Swap Meet: March 12th

We held our first in-house swap meet on Sunday, March 12th, in the lunchroom at Rytec Corporation.

Doors opened at 5pm. The swap went until 6:30pm, at which time we started our meeting. 17 members were present.

A discussion was held on having a mower maintenance crew and possible incentive program. A motion

was made by Tom Lidtke that a three (3) man maintenance crew be given one year free membership to the club for maintaining the mowers. Seconded by Randy Knapp and approved by members present.

A discussion was held on training. A suggestion was made by Randy Knapp that there should be primary trainers that would help the new members get used to handling the

planes while in the air and then have secondary trainers that would teach take-offs and landings after the trainees are adept at flying patterns, etc. That should help take the responsibility off Tom and Jeff.

Meeting Adjourned

Up Coming Events !

Sunday, April 30th, 2006

Noon:

Spring Clean Up - General clean up of the field, get mowers ready for the season, roll the field, followed by the club meeting.

Thursday, May 4th, 2006:

6:00pm

Allenton Astro Kids will be at the field for some "stick time".
Rain Date:

Friday, May 12th, 2006

Friday, June 2nd, 2006:

6:00pm

Rocket Day at the field. No flying during the rocket launches!!
Rain Date:

Friday, June 9th, 2006

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Club Dues:

Just a reminder:

Club dues were expected in the end of March.

If you haven't sent in yours yet, please send them in today!

SRF to do presentation for EAA

That's right, boys! The West Bend EAA chapter has invited the Sky Ranch Flyers to do a presentation On Wednesday, April 19th, at 7:00pm, in their building at the West Bend Airport.

The presentation will focus on how to get started in the R/C hobby.

Tom Blackstone, President of SRF, will lead the presentation.

We're looking for a few "good men" to help with the show.

Also, we need the help of any member skilled in the art of electrics, as the subject is sure to arise.

Interested in helping out? Call Tom Blackstone at 262-689-8852!

Training:

Starts Tuesday, May 3, 2006 at 5:30pm.

Tom will be training evenings. Jeff is working 2nd shift these days, and will be available for training during the day. Also, we are looking for new Instructors to help out training the "newbee's". Interested? Contact Tom Blackstone!

From the President



I have to applaud all the Presidents, past and future (hopefully) that have held this position. This time of year really gets busy. There are fees to pay, a ton of forms to complete for the club and the corporation, as well as continuing to plan events, meetings, and the future.

And, speaking of the future, I am happy to report I have spoke to John Laufer, owner of our flying site, and John has advised me there are no plans this year for any development of the Airport. With that said, let's all together breath a "sigh of relief".

I am really looking forward to getting back out to the field. I'm not much in the way of a "winter person".

The B-25 Mitchell is coming along well. Now that our up-stairs bathroom is almost done (another story for another time!) I have re-dedicated my self to finishing the model for the air show.

The picture to the right was taken almost a 30 days ago. I installed the mechanicals and did a wheel up test to make sure everything fits. Since then, a lot of sheeting has been completed.

To see the progress on the B-25, check out my new website <http://www.tomsplanes.com>.

Well, here's to a great season!

See YOU at the field!



Air Show 2006:

Gentlemen, the date has been set for our Air Show / Fun Fly.

Saturday, June 24th! The show will start at 10:00 am and run until 4:00pm.

We'll start our planning at the April 30th meeting out at the field. At that meeting, we'll go over last years event, discussing the good and the bad, and decide our course of action for this year.



We'll also be creating teams again to handle the event, just like last year.

Please join us this year on putting on a fantastic Air Show for Washington County!

We can only do this with your help!

After the show, and the crowd goes home, we party!

Spring Clean Up - Spring Picnic - Next Club meeting~!

With the onset of Spring comes the annual Spring Clean-up Day for the Sky Ranch Flyers. This year, we'll be doing Spring clean-up on **Sunday, April 30th, starting at noon.**

We have a number of "chores" to do, including hanging a new wind-sock, putting up a new Sky Ranch Flyers sign (*yes, the sign was definitely run over. From the tread marks, it appears the vehicle skidded off the road, took out the sign, got back up into the SRF driveway, and cruised away*), tuning up the lawn mowers, and a few other jobs.

But wait! Before you "pass" on this event remember we have our Spring Picnic and Club meeting that day, so come and help, come and eat, and help plan our 2006 Air Show!



Production time at Kollercraft!



Visit Dennis Koller these days, and you'll see some heavy production happening in the shop. It turns out Accrua's are "the plane to fly these days". And, on top of that, he's still selling balancers. Recently, Dennis had an order come in for two units. The buyer heard about Dennis from an airplane forum.

Not enough, you say? How about this. Dennis is working on a P47 Razorback from Yellow Aircraft International for Rytec Corporation's booth at the American Association of Airport Executives show in San Diego this April!