



The Sky Ranch Flyer

Come Fly with us!

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Lead Story: Auction and Swap Show!

Sunday - Sunday - Sunday - January 7, 2007!!

That's right Sky Ranch Flyers, the Milwaukee R/C Association's Swap Meet and Auction is just around the corner. Here's the details.

Who: Milwaukee R/C Association
What: 29th Annual RC Auction and Swap Show
When: Sunday, January 7, 2007, 9:00 am to 3: 00 pm
Where: Waukesha County Expo Center
Why: Just for the fun of it!

As you know, all the clubs in the Milwaukee R/C Association are asked to volunteer to help out at the swap meet.

You can help. Right now, we are asking members of the Sky Ranch Flyers to volunteer. Here's the perks for volunteering:

1. Those scheduled to volunteer get free admission.
2. For every Sky Ranch volunteer, the Milwaukee R/C Association will pay our club ten dollars.
3. The Sky Ranch Flyers club will buy our volunteers lunch.

So, what do you need to do to help? Simple, just contact our President Tom Blackstone as soon as possible and let him know you want in!

Tom is working with the R/C Association to see if we can all be on the same schedule so we can car pool to the show.

Hey wait, because the fun doesn't stop here. The club is again buying two tables so you Sky Ranch Flyers can sell off your odds and ends.

Sounds good? You bet. Got something to sell? Then get it together, mark your items with your initials and what you want for the item, then get your items over to Daryl Matthies, Larry Discher and Jeff Reuwsaat, who will be working the tables.

This is a great show to attend, and as the Milwaukee R/C Association makes money, so do we. Remember, this is the group we receive money from for field improvements, reimbursements for Delta Darts kits, and contributes to Charity events.

So, call or e-mail our President Tom Blackstone and get on the list!

Up Coming Events !

Sunday,
December 10, 2006 6:00 PM
Club Meeting at
Rytec Corporation lunchroom

It's Election Time! Show up and vote. We'll have pizza and soda, and watch the latest DVD from SKS - CRASHER 4!

Sunday,
January 28, 2007 12:00 noon
Delta Darts Contest
Allenton Elementary School

Hey, it's our annual Delta Darts contest with the AstroKIDS of the Allenton Elementary School. Come help them build and fly their Delta Darts !
(Snow Date is 2/4/2007)

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Member of the Year Award—Vote Now!

Hey it's that time again to vote for the Member of the Year. This award goes to an individual in the club who has exhibited the true "above and beyond" attitude that sets an example of who a Sky Ranch Flyer is. Here are some nominations mentioned at last month's meeting:

- Charlie Doll or Al Broecker for helping again with training this year.
- Gerry Brown for taking the lead and getting the job done with the mowers this year.
- Paul Straub for covering this year for those of you that *forgot* to cut the grass.
- Dan Sperfslage for the great coordination work he did with the Food Section at our Air Show.

If you can think of anyone else, please let our Club President Tom Blackstone know. We will vote on the winner via e-mail, and votes should be in no-later than December 31st.

December Club Meeting:

Elections are coming up in December. The Club will provide soda and pizza, and after we finish up with club business, we'll watch the "Crasher 4" video from SKS.

Remember, to be an Officer, you must be 19 years or older as you also become an Officer of the Sky Ranch Flyers Corporation.

From the President:



Looking back at this year - I had a *bad* year. I :

- chalked up eight or nine "kills" instructing
- broke my finger and missed the January Delta Darts Contest
- Lost my Father-In-Law and missed the June Air Show, and
- was sicker-than-a-dog at our August Corn Roast !

I'm not quite sure if I can top this for next year, so I'm going to try my best *not to*. And to answer the question in everyone's mind, "am I going to run for President again", the answer is Yes.

But that doesn't mean you can't be President, Vice President, Treasurer, or any of the Officer positions. I remember back on my first few years at the club. When it came time for elections, I hoped and prayed for someone NOT to nominate me. I kept thinking to myself, I'm not worthy - I'm not qualified.

I was dead-wrong. New blood is always a good change for a club. It opens us up to change, and a possibility to explore a new way of doing things.

But most important is this. Know that when you step into a position as Officer, you are not alone. You will not be judged, and will have the knowledge and experience of all of those before you that did the job. It's a learn as you go process. Mistakes will happen, and that's o.k..

See you December 10th at 6:00 pm!

Big News - The Sky Ranch goes “Dry”

During the September and November meetings, club members present helped re-evaluate the club’s “Field Rules” to bring them up to today’s standards.

In the November meeting, Field Rule #18 - alcohol at the field - was discussed at great length. We discussed the pro’s and con’s, the liabilities, and who we wanted “to be seen as” in the future. The vote was overwhelming and approved. **There will be no alcohol at the field.**

New Club “Field Rules” - Please Read!

Changes to the Field Rules are in Bold Blue

1. All members wishing to fly must have a valid AMA license and a Sky Ranch Flyer card.
2. All planes shall have (inside or out) their address and AMA number.
3. **Any transmitters manufactured before 1991 must have AMA approved gold stickers and receivers must be narrow band.**
4. Frequency control is in effect at all times.
5. **No transmitter shall be turned on unless your AMA license or your Sky Ranch Flyers membership card is in the appropriate frequency slot of the field control board and the active frequency pin is affixed to your transmitter.**
6. Frequency pin may not be removed from another transmitter without his or her knowledge.
7. Any property or personal damage incurred or caused by a pilot shall be totally his responsibility. The exemption to this rule being the case of a person turning on a transmitter causing a pilot with a frequency clip on that transmitter channel to crash. In this case, the person turning on the radio WITH OUT THE PROPER FREQUENCY PIN is responsible for all damage or injury.
8. Aircraft engines shall be started with the nose of the aircraft pointed toward the runway.
9. DO NOT direct the exhaust toward another model or pilot.
10. All aircraft are required to have some type of muffler or header. All aircraft shall be 95 dB or less at 10ft.
11. Takeoffs from behind flight lines are not permitted.
12. Flying is prohibited in air space behind designated flight line. THAT MEANS TO THE NORTH OF US.
13. **Any person caught in a reckless, dangerous, or careless manner will be given one warning only by an officer. If that person is caught again he/she will be grounded at the discrepancy of the Field Marshall.**
14. Model aircraft will give right of way to all full size aircraft.
15. **All pilots must be on a flight station and announce their intentions; examples: “take off”, “landing”, “on the field”. You must have approval from the other pilots in the air prior to initiating your actions.**

(See page 4 for remaining Rules)

New Club "Field Rules" - continued.

16. Guest pilots must be accompanied by a club member and must have a valid AMA membership.
17. All spectators not flying shall remain behind the flight line.
18. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the field. No pilot will operate a model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol.
19. Do not leave any garbage at the field. Leave your area as clean if not cleaner than you found it.
20. NON-CERTIFICATE PILOTS: Do not fly at the field alone. Such pilots must contact qualified flight instructors.
21. All new fliers must first complete the certification test prior to flying solo.
22. Our club trainers' primary use is for giving people interested in our hobby the chance to experience flying a model airplane. They can then get a taste of flying without all the expense. It is also used for letting children have a "hands-on" feel of flying such as the local EAA Air Camp students and the Allenton Young Astronauts group. The club trainer is not to be used as a plane for a member to fly because he/she crashed their plane. **Members not complying with our rules are unable to fly their planes for one week after said violation. Second offence, two weeks and possibly expulsion from the club if the offence is serious.**

For Sale!



Electric: Great Planes Ryan STA. 49" Wingspan. Belt drive. Brushed motor and speed controller. BEC. Hitec receiver. 4 Hitec servos. Set up for flaperons. 7 cell 3000 mAh NiMh battery pack. Extra belt drive and electric motor. Extra props. Never flown. Ready to fly. (Need receiver dual conversion crystal, charger and transmitter) \$200.00
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Electric: Great Planes ElectriCub. 59" wingspan. Direct drive. Brushed motor and speed controller. BEC. Futaba receiver. 2 servos, rudder and elevator. 7 cell 3000 mAh NiMh battery pack. Futaba 4 channel Conquest FM transmitter, channel 16. Extra props. Extra motor. Previously flown, some repairs. Ready to fly. (Need charger) \$150.00
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Electric: Great Planes EP Trainer. 56" wingspan. Direct drive. Brushed motor and speed controller. BEC. Futaba receiver. 2 servos, rudder & elevator. 7 cell 3000 mAh NiMh battery pack. Extra props. Extra motor. Previously flown, some repairs. Ready to fly. (Need receiver dual conversion crystal, charger and transmitter) \$100.00
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