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July Meeting on the 5th. Bring your latest project and enjoy the company as well as refreshments.

INSIDER'S VIEW

Submitted by Roy Arsenault

Things to do between flights

This particular article is being submitted (tongue in cheek) hoping to bring perhaps a slight smile to your face .

While waiting for your turn to come up for a flight you might try getting more power from your engine by getting rid of that two year old fuel that you've been scrounging from your friends .

Another plus for your information ----you just might ask Gus to give you a hand to tune up that engine of yours (he is good at it)and besides he will love you for asking him as it gives him a chance to show off his inborn talents in that regard .

Ask some of your buddies for advise on how to land your plane without wiping out the landing gear .

Watch Gus and Maxi enjoy their lunch -----or ----hey Maxi leave some for me will you .

Try to figure out what the heck those guard rail denizens are arguing about today--war---love---or whatever.

If you have any sort of an opinion on any of the subjects in discussion feel free to add your two cents to the ongoing commentary and you may be recognized as some sort of a genius-----but most probably just another egghead with weird ideas .

The next thing you might try to do is try and guess if Larry Cummings is really asleep or just faking it because he just don't want to be bothered. But if you come up with a controversial subject then you will soon find out if he is asleep as he usually has an opinion on just about everything .

You might also welcome back all those snowbirds who spend all the cold winter months in warmer climes ---then return north again annually to enjoy our weather and comradely and the most magnificent flying field that we have here.

Look over the planes in the pit area -----determine which is the best looking one ----then speak to the owner to get all the details concerning its life's history---then promise yourself that this will be your next building project -- which you darn well know will never happen .

Cheer on a new member on his first solo flight, then watch him as he tries to calm down after making a great solo landing and being congratulated by all his buddies .

Hey enough of all this baloney -----your pin is next in line gas up and get ready for your next flight --make sure your plane is ready and checked out -- go fly and happy landings.

RC Tails

By Roy P. Arsenault

Chapter eleven

"Well Josh-----look at it this way, RC planes were flying into the U.S. from somewhere around here. We caught them in the U.S. , but we never found out where they originated from did we "?

"What do you think we should do about it Terry "?

"Let's hang around here for awhile and see if these guys leave -----then we can do some more looking around".

One hour elapsed before the dune buggies once again roared out and away from the cabin and disappeared in the distance.

As soon as they got out of sight, Terry and Josh remounted their horses and proceeded to the cabin.

"This time we get to see what's in the cabin Josh", said Terry. Tying their mounts to the corral fence. They headed to the front door of the cabin, which they found to be unlocked.

Entering they found a well stocked RC hobby room , with two large RC planes on the floor and two more on a work bench ready for covering. " Bingo Josh ----will you look at that ----this has to be the point of origin for the drug smuggling that is going on here. We have found the nest".

Terry and Josh never heard the land rover that had silently come into the area. Spotting the two horses tied to the corral fence.

The driver parked some distance from the cabin.

Two men with shotguns stealthy approached the cabin unnoticed by the boys ,they were too busy intensively investigating the contents of the cabin, when these two armed men burst in and confronted them.

"Stay where you are " one of them growled --"don't move".

Startled by this intrusion both boys were speechless.

"What are you guys doing in here "?

Regaining his composure Terry replied "we were just riding by and stopped to ask for directions and to water our horses. Honest mister ---we meant no harm".

"What are we going to do with these two guys --Pedro" he asked his partner? We can't let them go , as they will reveal our location to the police". "Let's tie them up and see what the boss has to say" replied his partner.

Using the two chairs that were there, Terry and Josh were securely bound.

"Make any noise and I'll gag you " Pedro snarled.

Meanwhile the other gunman produced a cell phone and went outside to report to whoever was the boss of this operation.

What seemed like hours passed when another car drove up to the cabin----in stepped yet another gruff looking individual who was not in a very good mood. Confronting the two boys he demanded to know who they were and what business of theirs it was to be nosing around in things that were none of their business.. Terry repeated his previous statement. "I don't know whether to believe you or not" replied the boss. Anyhow we have deal going on that won't wait ----so we will have to keep you here for awhile. Don't give us any trouble and maybe tomorrow we'll turn you loose" he then motioned the other two gunmen to join him outside the cabin leaving the two boys alone.

"Gosh Terry ---what do you think will happen to us" pleaded Josh.

"I don't Josh, but these guys seem to have another drug deal about ready to happen and they sure don't want us around when it does. Let's wait and see what happens next -----like we don't have much of a choice at this time. Maybe after they get their business settled they'll let us go free ".

Outside the cabin the boss instructed his two henchmen to keep an eye on the boys. "We've got a shipment coming in tomorrow and we can load up both our RC planes and fly it to our new location -----so make sure those two boys don't get in our way ".

"We'll keep them tied and out of the way till everything is done boss " replied Pedro. Finalizing his orders, the boss man drove away.

The two gunmen reentered the cabin----checked the ropes tying the two boys, making sure they were secure and went back outside.

Terry not being one to give up in any situation looked around to see if there was any way they could release themselves and get away from there.

To be continued in chapter 12

cares very deeply about issues pertaining to the club. These guys are to be commended for caring enough about the club that they bring their passion to every meeting.

Still, this group is less than 15% of the membership. I think it is especially important for newer members to get involved in club activities. You can bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to the meetings.

You don't have to do anything if you don't want to, you can just sit there and see how the club operates. Or you can jump in any time with a suggestion or issue that needs addressing. It's up to you.

An added bonus is that there is always something going on at the meetings. They plan ice cream socials, Italian dinners, raffles, videos of flying events and all kinds of fun things to do. Last month we had a scale show where you could see some amazing scale planes. This month they had a "show & tell" night so we could see what people have been working on all winter. I was disappointed that only about 6 people showed up with a new plane when I know almost everyone has at least one new plane in the hangar this season. Even though there were only a few planes the event was a big hit. You would have been able to see a 3 piston engine and hear about a builder who crashed a Contender almost 20 years ago and then built a new one this year. You'd even get to see my new Sig Four Star that I made from a kit! OK maybe that wasn't so exciting but I'm kind of proud of it. Lastly we got to see a real turbine powered jet plane up close. You won't ever see that at the field and may never have the chance to see one again. At the end of the meeting the owner fired it up in the parking lot and it was a sight (and sound!) to behold. The whine of that turbine was awesome and something every modeler should see and hear.

One other thing you can do is volunteer. You don't have to give 4 hours of hard labor either. A lot of work goes into an event such as a fun fly. People are needed to run the event, set up a tent, keep a stopwatch for timed events, keep score of certain events, run the grill, go get ice etc. These activities are normally conducted by the officers of the club and a few others who dig in to help out. Being a club officer is a lot of work as it is and nothing in the club rules says that the officers run the events. Anyone can host a fun fly or field activity. Anyone can help out with the day's events and tasks, especially clean up.

Volunteering can take many forms. This is one right here. Why not take a few minutes to write something for the newsletter? Have a new plane that you built this winter? Send in a photo and a few words and Paul will print it. Have a funny flying story or tale of woe from a bad crash? Send it in and share it!

A Board of Director's meeting is held the Thursday prior to the club meeting. It's an informal gathering at the Jade East Chinese restaurant in Tewksbury. Anyone can attend. I've been to a few so far and plan to go whenever I can. This is the meeting where the board discusses issues and tries to come up with a plan to deliver to the members at the club meeting. This is a great way to get to know your club officers too. You need to come to the club meeting in the fall and vote for new officers for next year. How are you going to vote unless you get to know the guys? Remember when your grandfather told you that you can't cry about the

government unless you vote? He was right. Get out and vote for the officers that will do the best for the club!

OK that's enough cheerleading from me today. Let me end by challenging you younger guys to really join in and help out. It's your club.

For Sale

The following items are for sale by your newsletter editor Paul Howard. **Any reasonable offer will not be refused.** All items must go. I can be reached at 978-667-4374 during the day or at epaulhoward@comcast.net for those with email capability.

Radio.....HiTec Flash 5 ch 50.....never used.

RTF

GP....2M Glider w/ speedcontrol, speed 550 + rcvr (ch54) and servo's has 2 crash free flights only. Add your own xmtr and fly it tomorrow.

Hobbico Trainer w/ .40 gas mtr, all servo's and receiver Plus Futaba xmtr (ch 48) 4 channels R,E,A and T. Charge up the batteries and go flying. Plane never been flown.

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| Hobby Lobby....Miss Stik (electric) uses speed 400 | New in Box (NIB) |
| Thundertiger.....Sparky (electric) uses speed 400 | NIB |
| Multiplex.....Easy Star (electric includes speed 400) | NIB |
| Graupner.....Topsy (electric includes speed 280) | NIB |

KITS

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| Great Planes.....Slopoke gas takes .10 to .25 | NIB |
| Aerocraft.....piper cub uses .049 or speed 400 46 1/2" wing | NIB |
| Herr Engineering Piper Cub same motors as above 48" wing | NIB |
| OldTimer..... Quaker gas/elec 54" wing | NIB |

Motors

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| OS .15LA..... | NIB |
| OS .25LA..... | NIB |
| OS.25FX..... | NIB |
| OS .46LA..... | NIB |

MISC.

GP POWER POD W/ SPEED 550 (attach to your glider).....NIB
M1 small gas jug w/ pump.....NIB
GP Slot machine.....used twice
Coverite iron.....used once

MISC continued

COVERITE TRIM IRON.....NIB
Hanger nine deluxe heat gun.....used once
2 rolls Monokote...(dark Green).....new
2 rolls Monokote...(bright Red).....new
1 roll Ultracote (dark blue).....new
1 roll Ultracote (Yellow).....new
3 cards of Coverite striping tape (blue,black,red).....new

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Nashua, NH 03062

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