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Presidents Message

Greetings, not much has happened since my last message. There has been no more construction out at the field site due to some items the state and county have to take care of before the permit is issued. We are hopeful that things will get moving soon.

A reminder still looking for suggesting a name for new field only have received two so far.

Club meeting March 6th at Midway it's your club so lets see you all out there. Be safe out there and please clean up before you leave.

Your President, John Wikoff

**SWAP MEET
At Midway
March
27th**

TREASURER'S REPORT January 1 to January 31, 2010

Bank Balance as of	12/31/09	18795.19
General Fund Acct. Bal	12/31/09	3044.79
Income		
Dues	<u>3975.00</u>	
Total	3975.00	+ 3975.00

Expenses		
Storage Locker	50.00	
Mowing	500.00	
Portable Toilets	<u>90.66</u>	
Total	640.71	- 640.71

General Fund Acct Bal	1/31/10	6379.08
Field Fund Acct. Bal.	12/31/09	15750.40

Income		
Dues	980.00	+ 980.00
Expenses		
New Field Construction		
SFWM Fee	<u>610.00</u>	
Total	610.00	- 610.00

Field Fund Acct. Bal	1/31/10	16120.40
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Bank Balance as of	1/31/10	22499.48
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**Next Meeting
March 06, 2010
11:00 AM
@ Midway**

Sundancers board meeting 02/23/10

Officers present, John Wikoff, Ken Bridges, Ray Ingram Charlie Fisher, Vinny Guiffrie, Vinny Granuzio, Larry Olsen, Also by invitation as a field committee member Walt Swentzel. Also present was the field contractor.

Meeting called to order at one PM. Old business was brought to our attention and a discussion of the new field was the main topic. The field committee gave their report and as of this time suffice to say we are waiting for the final ok's from all the agencies involved. John estimates about two weeks time for the next steps to be taken and approved by them and the committee as to when we can proceed with further work. There have been some bumps in the road and are being ironed out between the SFWMD and the county and corps of engineers. Some of what has come up could not have been foreseen as it seems everyone wants to put a stamp on the project. Needless to say everyone is moving at full speed to get this all moving forward.

John Wikoff is applying for funds from the AMA field assistance program and that has proven to be not so cut and dried as one is lead to believe. I will let the respective parties explain in detail.

Also discussed was the dispensation of an inheritance of models and equipment we

received and it was decided to auction these items off at the next scheduled meeting. John Wikoff has a listing of items which will have a minimum start price.

It was also brought to our attention to ask people at the next meeting all get together and clean up around our flying area. For the X military people a FOD pick up. If you can bring a rake and a plastic bag and it would be most appreciated. (We have gotten sloppy) But we can also fix it. I have chosen to leave out the details of the new field and let the field committee report on that so I don't get things wrong.

Ray Ingram, Secretary
Sundancers R/C Club
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Mon. Wed. Fri. Group AKA The flying B.B.Q's By Al Chiaverini

WOW I thought I moved to Florida!

We have had a lot of bitter days windy and really cold but not for much longer I hope.

Charlie Fisher gave me information on the repair of his Jenny believe this or not the paper I wrote it on blew out of my car, so I am adlibbing.

Charlie had a crash with his jenny due to a faulty switch and he repaired it better than the original ARF. If you haven't seen it you must take the time and see this one. He flew it and was not happy trimmed it out and flew it again this time perfectly.

We have had some flying days but not too many Ivan and Hector flew their big babies in unison and did a great job a little noisy though.

We have had a lot of electric park flying and enjoy watching they are remarkable.

I can't wait to see Arrons (Steve Downs) who just bought an electric he is waiting for the batteries charger and other necessities, of course he asked me if I was getting one my answer is waiting for him to fly first.

When it warms up I'm sure we will have more flying and fun things to say looking forward to that.
Great take offs and better landings

Al Chiaverini

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Gang By George White

This is starting to look like the "Smith's" report this month. It seems we have two Smith's in our group now and both are getting our attention this month.

Paul Smith, a snow bird from Maryland, lost his trainer in the big pond and by the time the wind blew it to the shore, it was over on the North-west side of the deep water. Paul found it was deep when he tried to use our waders and only got five feet from shore. So next was the fishing rod and he managed to get half of a wing but the fuselage was stuck on Lilly pads. The plan then became to throw a grappling hook on a long rope, but when Paul got back early the next morning with his equipment, The plane was gone!! Paul doesn't know who got it and is hoping for its return.

And we also have Ken Smith from New Jersey, who last month lost his trainer in the same big pond while being instructed by Larry Olsen. That plane was recovered with the assistance of Bob Fisher and his Jon boat. This month they had the engine quit and deposited the same old trainer in the top of a medium sized pine tree East of the field. The tree was too small for our young tree climbing expert Dave Kennedy, Jr. to climb up on, so!! Paul Tietel got out our bow and arrow and was able to get a line over the branch supporting the plane on his second try. So Paul used the fishing line from the arrow to pull us a long length of 1/4" rope and proceeded to shake the plane loose. What we have to go through to keep flying.

The combination of cold weather and strong winds has sure made this a lousy winter. I'm not sure if I can remember how to fly when it warms up.

Tom Armstrong had a beautiful new composite Extra 300 at the field the other day with a high-powered electric motor that would put out 10 pounds of thrust. That's like a .91 in a three pound plane. The plane was all thin plywood struts backed with carbon fiber tape and seemed quite strong. The aileron hinges were recessed into the trailing edge like Fowler flaps. Very well done, and only \$300 for the plane itself, which seems like a lot to a cheap old engineer like me. As soon as the wind dies down, Tom will be doing his test flight and I hope to be able to see it.

Keep them Flying!!!

The Blackwell Field News, and a little about the Sunday Crowd.

By Joe Duvall

I was having a hard time coming up with some stuff worthy of putting in the newsletter this month. I could write about Saturday after Saturday, sitting at my kitchen table, crying in my coffee as I watched my windsock snapping in 25 mph wind and the thermometer hovering around 40 degrees. I thought if we had one more weekend of crappy weather, I might have to increase my medication or start drinking. God must have heard me crying because this last Saturday *and Sunday* were perfect flying days if there were ever perfect days!

Saturday, February 20, 0600 hours: The first light of day is creeping into the eastern horizon on the other side of the lake which is like a mirror of polished glass without so much as a ripple. By 0630 we're in the air with the roar of engines... not so much of a roar, more like the sound of an electric shaver in the distance. Hey, it's 6:30 am, only electrics for now. 0800 hours: Now we have the roar of engines and the beautiful sight of a float plane cutting through the lake and rising off the water. There is even enough overcast in the East to block the sun for us as we are flying off the little lake, and facing east.

If I had to create a perfect day for flying at Blackwell, I couldn't have done any better than this.

I couldn't pass up another perfect day on Sunday, so I took my electric planes over to Midway to check out the action there. There was no wind, so that was perfect for newcomers learning to fly, as well as veterans that just need all the help they can get with lightweight foam planes. Good crowd, a lot of planes.

Just as I thought this weekend couldn't get any better, Jim showed up with Luke (I love this dog!) and Vince, and his son Chris showed up with a big box of cookies! (I also love cookies!). Thanks guys!

So, I got a month worth of flying done in one weekend and I am very happy. If you missed it, I hear next weekends weather is supposed to be just as good. Enjoy and remember the good days and just forget about the other ones.

Joe Duvall

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Walt Swentzell - **465-4454** - Foam wing cores. Make wing kits. Model repairs too.

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Hats \$15.00 Adjustable size
License Plates \$5.00
Contact Ray Ingram at the field or call 489-9883

NOTICES

1. **The field has been looking bad lately and it is time for a cleanup. The time is Saturday morning March 6th. before the meeting. Bring your rakes and garbage bags and save some space in the vans or trucks to haul the junk away. See Vinnie Giuffre for instructions.**
2. **After the club meeting, there will be an auction of Three airplanes and equipment from the estate of Jim King.**

The Snowbird



How do you like this picture? I didn't like it at all because it is a picture of my hand sans all of my complete digits.

How did it happen? Easier than you would think. So easy it was over in the blink of an eye. The mangle part that is. The repairs were something else.

I was helping a fellow pilot adjust his bulky engine and had just cautioned him to stay away from the spinning prop, and stuck my hand in it to remove the glow lighter. That easy.

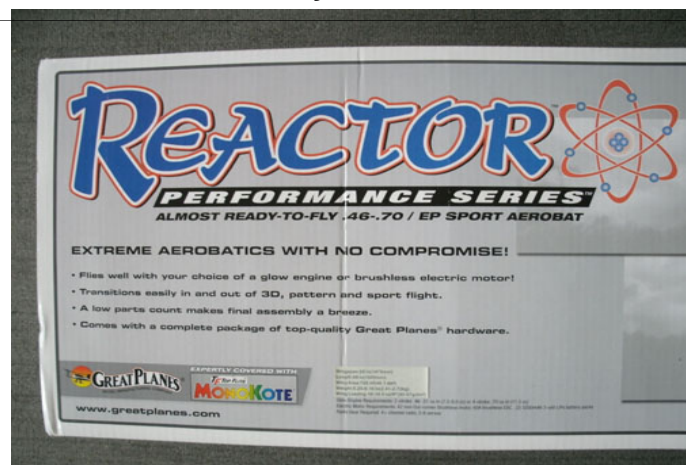
The gang at the field bandaged me up and stopped the bleeding and one drove me to the hospital and hung around until my wife retrieved the van from the field and showed up at the emergency ward. So my hat is off to those people.

Over the years I've gotten a few cuts and whacks from props but never one needing plastic surgery and it seems that most, if not all, have been while I was tuning an engine and other modelers were lending their thoughts and I got thinking of other things, I guess, except the task at hand.

I use a chicken stick to start my big

engine but that don't help with the adjusting so my warning to you is to never tune a running engine while talking to others. Stay focused. Harder to do than read about it, eh!

I have a buddy who won't even put a plane together at the field to prepare it for flight if someone comes along and wants to talk. He waits till the talking is done. I used to think that was silly ??



This little tale has a happy ending. Nancy, co-pilot #1, asked that I get out of the "wet" side of airplanes and go all electric. She has liked the little foamy Park-zone T-28 that I have been flying off and on, mostly on, for almost a year.

So I am doing that and starting with the Great Planes Reactor, outrunner motor, 60 amp controller and a six cell 4,000 MAH Li-Po.

Some have told me that those electric jobs have spinning props and can do damage too and I tell them I have never had to adjust the carb on an electric motor and have never had one go lean and quit and that solves a bunch of problems.

I have flown electrics for some time but never one that will perform like a 72 Saito four stroke driven one. We shall see.

Jack Delisle

SUN DANCERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.

Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse's First Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

AMA Number _____ IMAA Number _____

Occupation _____ (Former if retired)

First Name for Membership Badge _____

Family Membership(List familymembers names below)

Spouse _____ AMA No. _____

Child _____ AMA No. _____

Child _____ AMA No. _____

List radio control transmitter frequencies (channel numbers) that you will be using on a regular basis

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New members must pay a one time initiation fee of \$25. Junior members are exempt from the initiation fee.

Memberships expire December 31st. Members have a grace period for renewal until January 31st, after which a \$25 late fee is required to renew the membership.

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR 2010 AMA MEMBERSHIP CARD to this application along with a check payable to Sun Dancers R/C Club for the membership dues. Send or deliver to Sundancers Membership Chairman Ken Bridges, 9639 Fairwood Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Signature _____ Date _____