



Welcome to the April 2025 Edition.

Happy Easter Tale-Draggers! This edition focuses on the Spring Fun Fly, elections, and the runway project....with a bit of regular business sprinkled in. Stay to the end where I include a summary of some recent discussions and even get up on my soapbox- for perhaps the first time ever!

Spring Fun Fly

I will let this awesome flyer speak for itself. This is next weekend folks!

SPRING FLY-IN
April 26-27, 2025 11am-6pm

Sponsors



EXTREME FLIGHT



\$20 Pilot Landing Fee - Includes Lunch
Main event on 26th, free fly on 27th
AMA Required For All Pilots
Food Will Be Available For Purchase
Open To The Public, Free Entry
Free Lessons For New Pilots!
Heli and Aircraft demos by club pros!
Raffle for airplanes and swag!

Dry camping allowed



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Elections

Per the club's bylaws, officer nominations occur at the April meeting and are conducted or certified at the May meeting. I said "or", because we may open-up online voting on the club site prior to the meeting, then announce the results at the May meeting. Here are the nominations so far. If you are interested in one of these spots, please reach out to one of the officers so we can get you on this list.

Currently nominated:

President	Vice President	Safety Officer	Treasurer	Secretary
Sean Jensen	Brian Echols Joe Cutolo	Brian Echols Charles Chestney	Lary Taylor	Chris Birch

Runway Project

The new runway is still a go for this year! The Army Corps of Engineers has offered to help grade and alleviate drainage issues. We plan to replace the current runway configuration with geo-textile and are also discussing extending another 100 feet to the south. Rolls come in 300 ft lengths, so this would be 3 wide x 1 1/3 long unless we can find a supplier that can get longer lengths.

We need volunteers to help us pull up the old runway on May 3rd!

Without help, this task will be daunting.

Please Note: For safety reasons, the field will be closed to flying while under active construction.

That means no flying anywhere on the property while the old fabric is removed, during grading or other dirt work, or anytime workers are on the field. This is not going to be done in a weekend. Please plan on the runway being in different stages of deconstruction and construction for most of the summer. If no active construction is underway, please use your best judgment on whether it is safe to fly. You may be flying on dirt, sand, grass, weeds, partially graded, etc, until this project is finished. Please be safe!

Regular Business

Mowing Crew

The mowing season has started, and many areas of the field have been mowed in preparation for the Spring event. A few folks have been bearing the burden of mowing for the last few seasons. To those folks- Thank you! The same folks should not have to mow every week. Once a month per rotation would be a huge quality of life improvement for our mowers. Please let one of the officers know if you can join the mowing crew!

Equipment

Tractor: Down. Bad radiator is partially removed, need new installed prior to spring brush hogging. Brian has agreed to finish removal, Chris has agreed to take the old to shop to get the correct one, and return for Brian to install. Mike has agreed to help. Need to coordinate timing.

Orange Mower: Down. Threw a pulley on first mow. Joe is repairing- thanks Joe!

Yellow Mower: Down. Needs new battery and battery cables. Discussed buying a carb also.



Financials (thanks Larry)

Monthly Summary March 21, 2025 to April 17, 2025			
	Checking	Paypal	Total
Beginning Balance	8303.60	791.13	9094.73
Income	Membership Fee	0.00	24.58
	Fun Fly Income	0.00	0.00
	Other	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	0.00	24.58
Expenses	USACE Fee	0.00	0.00
	USPS Fee	0.00	0.00
	Website Fee	0.00	0.00
	AMA Club Fee	0.00	0.00
	Fun Fly Expense	-208.51	-208.51
	Field Maintenance	0.00	0.00
	Tractor Maintenance	0.00	0.00
	Mower Maintenance	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenses	-208.51	-208.51
Transfers	Transfers	0.00	0.00
Current Balance	8095.09	815.71	8910.80

Summary

I am going to editorialize a bit to close the newsletter, borrowing heavily from discussions with our outgoing club president, Mike Fortune.

As I have come to know our members it has really amazed me the kindness, camaraderie, and support that our club members demonstrate on a regular basis. That is what made it an easy decision for me to join this club (and remain). I think I can sum up why our group exists and it may be good to see it in print:

This group exists solely to enable all of our members to safely enjoy the sport of RC aircraft.

There is a lot in the previous sentence that we can unpack.

We need to rethink our purpose if any of these are true:

- If we are here for another reason
- If safety is not our top goal
- If ALL members are not included in all that the club provides

Why am I bringing this up? We are blessed with a growing club. As it grows, things change. More people will be flying, making solo flights more difficult. Please consider more group flying, and continue to show consideration for your fellow fliers. If someone is flying over the spectator area, smoking in a populated area, or playing music someone doesn't enjoy, please mention it directly to the person in a positive way. These are only a few examples. People need reminders sometimes.

More people also means more opinions- and let's face it- we will not agree on everything. But I think we all agree that everyone's opinions have value. How we handle differing opinions will shape our club and control it's future. We have elected officials to help if situations arise. However, for the most part, we need to continue to be a club that monitors and polices ourselves for everything including member and visitor behavior and safety. To steal a phrase from the FAA, which they probably also "borrowed": If you see something, say something. I am excited with our current and future club and look forward to a great 2025 flying season! Regards, Chris