



The Field Box

All the news that fits (And other tall tales)



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What's Been Happening At The Field

Happy New Year everybody !! I hope that everyone had a very merry Christmas and that most of your RC Hobby "Wants" were found under the Christmas Tree. I can't believe that 2008 has come and gone already. It seems that just a short time ago we were looking to the south end of the field at the new location of the Club Shed and congratulating ourselves on getting it moved in one piece....and onto a concrete floor no less !! We were also wondering about how to re-route the water supply, and oh yeah, what about electricity to the sun shelter ?? Of course, we got both of those jobs done in the spring just in time for the grass to start growing and needing a drink. Also done in time for the Annual Spring Fly-In in May. Once again the weather was beautiful, the food was excellent, and the flyer turn out was great. In the middle of the year the club once again hosted the Mid America Combat Championships. This event has been rated by participants from outside of our club as a "Premier Contest" and a "Must Do" event for combat flyers. That says a lot about our flying site, how we run the event, and club support of the event. Summer time temperatures were hot again this year but this didn't seem to slow down the flying. It seemed like there was always a few hardy souls and their sun shelters at the field every weekend. In the Fall, the club hosted the second annual Helicopter Jamboree. This year it was a two day event with several pilots attending both days. The next thing you know, Thanks giving is here, then the Christmas holidays, and then, a new year. Seems like just yesterday I was doing the 2007 year in review. 2009 arrived with a crystal clear day at the field, a little cool, and a 13 mph southerly breeze straight down the runway. We have already had some firsts this year : A first flight (01/01/2009), a first crash (01/02/2009, I could name names), and most importantly, our first new dues paying member. 2009 is starting out good. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday night, January 13th at Shoneys Restaurant starting at 7:00 PM. As this is the first meeting of the year, we will be selecting a nomination committee that will select nominees for the 2009 Club Officers. Club Officer Elections will be held at the February club meeting as per the Club bylaws. There are a couple

other items that I would like to remind members of. In order to fly at the field, you must have your current 2009 AMA membership in good standing. For the club to be covered by the AMA insurance, there will be no exceptions to this rule. Also, club membership dues for 2009 will be required no later than February 28th. Renewing members who have not paid by this date will be considered delinquent and those who have not paid by March 31st will be dropped from the club roster.

2009 is off and rolling. I am looking forward to seeing all of the current members at the field this year and getting to know each of our new members. I am also looking forward to each of our annual events, seeing everyone's new planes, flying some combat, flying some "Cub Formation Flights" with my fellow Cub pilots, and helping teach a new member how to fly. I encourage everyone to come out and get involved in all of the activities at the field. You will find that even on work days at the field, a good time is had by one and all.

Dates Of Interest

January Club Meeting - Tuesday January 13th 7:00 PM Shoneys Restaurant

February Club Meeting (Officer Elections) - Tuesday February 10th 7:00 PM Shoneys Restaurant

From The Editor

Dates of other local events will be published at the January Meeting.

Anyone that has something that they would like to put in the newsletter, please forward to secretary@wtrcf.com



See ya at the meeting !

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