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Behind The Flight Line

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While putting together this newsletter it occurred to me that this section, editorial, column or whatever you want to call it, needs a name. The previous "From the Editor" is a description, not a title. Giving this section a proper title is something I should have done a long time ago for a few reasons.

There is logic for calling it "Behind the Flight Line". I see this newsletter mirroring what happens at the field, complete with apocalyptic crashes and several dead stick landings. This section represents sitting on a bench or at the picnic tables under the pavilion talking with other members. Just like a gathering behind the flight line, topics here are often loosely associated to R/C and seldom about the club itself.

If we continue that logic that means the "Misc. Club News" section is closer to the action and should be renamed "On the Flight Line" or "In the Pits". The first option is just too similar to the new name of this column, while the latter just sounds dreary. For real truth in advertising the only proper name would be "Stuff You

Might Actually Give a Hoot About" but that's too long.

After much deliberation (about 20 seconds) "Misc. Club News" has been renamed. You see having "News" in the title was, shall we say, an inaccurate representation of what typically gets thrown in that section... It's more of a FYI column. So for now we'll just call it "In the Know".

So there you go, some minor adjustment to your Silver Lining. OK, it's lame, I know. But this is an unpaid position.

The next two topics are basically follow ups to previous stories printed in this column. Please note: being familiar with those stories is not a prerequisite to comprehending the reports that follow. However if you wish to read or re-read the originals, hyperlinks have been provided.

The first follow up is to the R/C Report Magazine tribute, printed in the [Winter 09 issue](#), when publication of that fine magazine ended. As an era was ending it looked as though another was beginning. Some of you may recall I also wrote that an online version of R/C Report was in the works. Well, as of March it became a reality.

Also from that article you may recall that yours truly had a tip published in the "Final Farewell Issue" (AKA the last print issue). That distinction would have

On the Cover:

**Brent Venable's Hangar 9 Tango
at the HCH 09 Open House.**

Photo by Mike Lanzetta

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◀ 2 Flight Line

normally resulted in a two year subscription to the magazine. Being a little creative... Ok it was actually an act of shamelessness... I emailed Tony Corbely, who has taken the reins of R/C Report online, and asked if that tip would qualify me for a subscription in the new era.

Tony agreed, so I've been getting my monthly R/C Report fix over the net for few months now. For those that liked the old magazine I have good news...very little has changed. When R/C Report pops up on my computer screen, it looks exactly the way it did in print. Had I not been aware the magazine ended in January, I would have thought the latest print issues were simply scanned into a computer to make them available online.

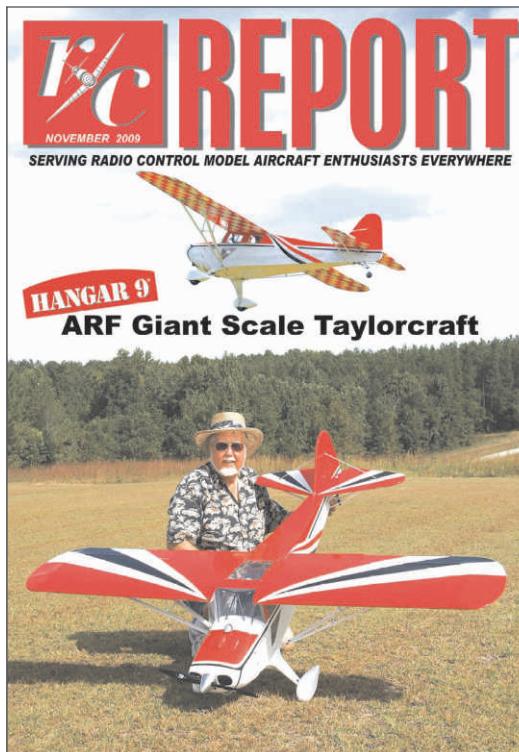
Everything is pretty much the same ole, same ole. Gordon Banks leads things off with.... Whatever Gordon wants to talk about. The same familiar faces are still talking R/C and product test reporters are still telling it the way it is.

Even though the online version has kept the exact same everything, I just don't find a glowing computer screen as warm and fuzzy as ink and paper. Without a doubt, some of you feel the way I do and would much rather kick back with your

feet up in an easy chair and read R/C info off of centuries old technology instead of new. So I do somewhat miss the paper magazine.

Since my subscription includes the optional downloadable PDF (just like this newsletter), I had an idea to create my own paper issue. Saving one issue onto a flash drive I took it to Fed-Ex Office (AKA Kinko's) where I asked about having it copied onto good old-fashioned paper. Let me just say I'll endure with the cold computer screen and save the seven bucks for plane parts. All in all reading R/C Report on a computer isn't perfect but still MUCH better than option B... No R/C Report at all!

For more info about R/C Report online, check out www.rcreport.net



This next little follow up goes back to the [Fall 08 newsletter](#). This story or fiasco, depending on how you look at, was about an ill-fated flight of an electric free flight model. For a quick recap, the flight was preceded with just a wee bit too long of a charge that subsequently left me watching the plane fly away into the wild blue yonder from my backyard.

Fast forward almost one year to the day of losing that little model. I was out back with

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my good friend, Rich, flying my Hangar 9 Showtime. About 5 minutes into a flight, Rich started giving me a ground traffic report about a small pickup coming up the driveway. So I wouldn't need to take my eyes from my plane, he's giving me the play by play. "A guy is getting out... He's walking towards us... He's on the field".

When the gentleman got within our vicinity he said, "I think this might belong to you." Out of the corner of my eye I saw in his hand the little yellow and white plane that had flown away the previous summer. With a chuckle, I told him indeed it was mine.

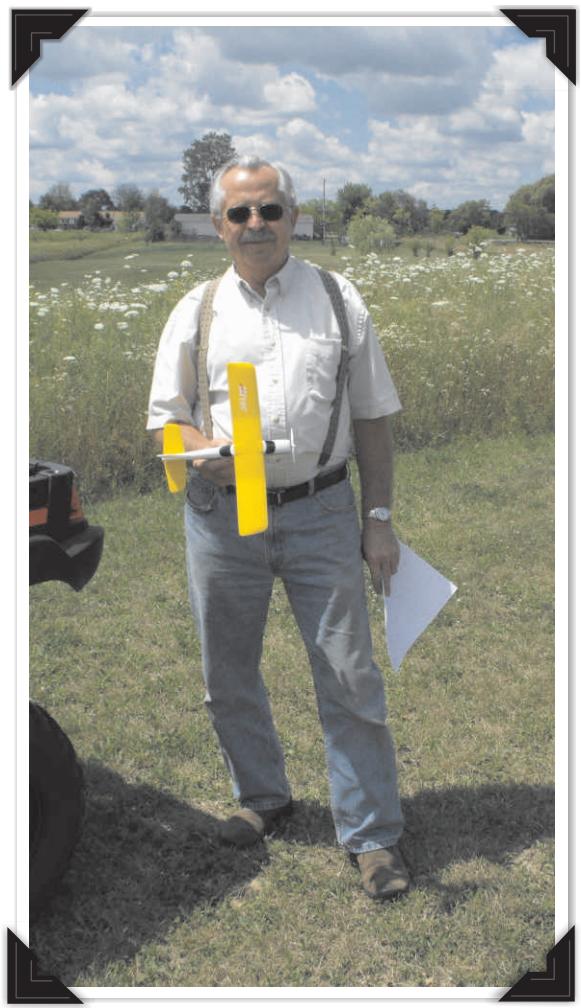
I continued flying for a couple more minutes while he told us how he found it in his yard last year and stored it away on a shelf. He saw the Showtime flying from his house and figured the little plane he found just might belong to me and over he came. Well obviously his assumption was correct and after landing I told him the entire account of a charging experiment that went a little awry.

The gentleman that brought my little plane home is Chuck Fisher and he lives about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from my house, as the plane flies. That's a pretty decent distance covered by that little plane considering when it flew away, it was circling and only slowly getting further and further away with each rotation.

Examining the little plane, it looked as good as the day I last saw it. At that point I handed it back to Chuck and asked if he would like the charger that goes with it. He declined and said he just wanted to get it back to the rightful owner. I explained, how bringing it back he had just made a nice final chapter to the story and the little

plane had provided much more entertainment value than the five dollars and change I paid for it. "Plus" I said "you must have grandkids or nieces and nephews that would certainly enjoy it". Chuck took the plane.

Since this reunion took place just a couple days before the HCH Open House I gave him a flyer to our event, along with the plane and charger. Chuck did indeed show up at the Open House with a grandson and after hanging out for awhile he left saying he was going home to fly his plane. Think I hooked one! †



**Mr. Fisher with the little airplane.
Proof I don't make this stuff up.**

Open House 2009

Photos by Mike Lanzetta



Just for Grins

A 65 year old man went to the doctor for his Class II exam and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in.

The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a pilot and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight, climb all over the aircraft doing my pre-flight inspection, fly all day, etc."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my dad's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 65 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 84 yrs old and, in fact, he built and flies his own airplane!"

He went flying with me this morning. That's why he's still alive... he's a pilot too!"

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean your dad is 84 years old and his father is still living?! How old is he?"

The old timer said, "Grandpa is 102 years old and he was a pilot too."

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went flying with you this morning too?"

The old timer said, "No...Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he just got married and he's on his honeymoon."

The doctor said in amazement, "Got married?!! Why would a 102- year-old guy want to get married?"

The old timer said, "Who said he wanted to?" +

Tips and Techniques

We all know (or should know) that you need to put a couple of drops of thin CA in threaded holes to harden the threads.

The problem is HOW DO YOU DO IT WITHOUT MAKING A MESS ?

The answer:

Get a piece of scrap music wire about 1/16" in diameter. Stick the end of the wire in the threaded hole at an angle.

You just want the wire to barely go in the hole. Now put the ca on the wire. It will run down the wire into the hole and not make a mess of everything.

From RCUniverse.com

Quotable Quotes

"The simulator does not excuse you from a 4-channel trainer any more than undressing a Barbie doll teaches you how to score on a date."

From RCUniverse.com

In The Know

By Scott Rhoades



- A very big thank you needs to go out to Hobby Town USA in Grand Blanc as they graciously donated a complete radio system for the '09 raffle plane. Next time you're in Hobby Town picking up that essential part for one of your planes, be sure to thank them for supporting our club.
- The annual HCH meeting has been scheduled for February 28th at 2:00 pm at the Holly VFW Hall on Airport Dr. in Holly. All members and even prospective members are encouraged to attend. As always, be sure to bring your winter project(s). Also note, since it's too early to schedule anything with the fine folks at the VFW, be sure to monitor the HCH web site and your email inbox for any changes with this meeting.
- Every year at the meeting some good ideas are presented at but that's all we get...ideas! Rarely are these ideas ever presented with important information such as cost. Since we only have one meeting a year, discussions cannot be tabled while facts are gathered for voting at a later date. If you have a proposal or idea, do the research ahead of time and bring as much information possible to the meeting. This is important because the membership needs to vote on solid facts, not guesses and assumptions.
- Thanks to all that showed up to help at the field October, 17 for the Fall Clean Up. Putting everything away for the winter not only greatly reduces the chance of vandalism like we've had in the past, but increases the longevity of items that otherwise would go to hell real fast in the brutal Michigan winter. Just so members understand, this does not mean the field is closed for flying. Fly all winter if you like, just don't expect much company until April or May because many of us have long decided winter is building season.
- Fortunately various members step up every year and chip in to make our biggest event, the Open House, a success. Mowing and trimming, putting up the tent, making sure the grill(s) work and have enough gas are just a few things that members simply do without being delegated by a "committee". During the beehive of activity a few days before every Open House I've failed to fully recognize before, there is one guy that assumes the position of being the chief stressor. Worrying about things like; will any members bring trainer planes? How much food/Drinks should I get? Do we have plates in the container, should I get more? What brand Catsup should I get? I'm sure many of you will give thanks with me not only to Doug Pickett for taking the lead position in making sure the 09 Open House had all the essential items but also a thanks to anybody that has assumed this position in the past.
- Membership renewals for 2010 are being accepted by HCH secretary Jim Finch. Remember renewals are due March 1st and renewals paid after April 15th will be assessed a late fee of \$15. Here is a link to the membership renewal form.
<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/documents/HCH%20Renewal.pdf> +

Events Calendar

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HCH dates**Events around the area**

Chili Fly

HCH Club Field

11:00 am

January 1st

Cheasaning Swap Meet

Saginaw County Fairgrounds

9:00 am

February 7th

Annual HCH meeting

Holly VFW Hall, Holly MI

2:00 pm

February 28th

HCH Membership dues due

March 1st

Toledo R/C Exposition

Seagate Center, Toledo OH

April 9,10,11th

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