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Be Safe, Have Fun and Don't Have Too Many Rules!

Behind The Flight Line

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Everybody likes R/C planes. At least that's what it seems like when you put a few on a trailer and pull past thousands of people in a parade. The HCH participated in the Fenton Freedom Festival parade July 3rd and I believe this brings the total number of parades we've done to five. There is one thing that remains constant among every parade we do and that is spectator response. We hear a lot of "WOW!", "Check that out" and "cool planes".

This was the first time I drove the tow vehicle in a Fenton parade. I must say riding up front does provide a different perspective than walking and handing out flyers. Many times the along the parade route, the crowd would erupt in cheers and applause. Just about every time this happened I looked around to see what all the excitement was about only to realize the excitement was US!

Some parade stats taken from the Tri-County Times say that about 17,000 people were on hand to watch the parade. There were 171 entries in the parade with 30 of those being floats, like ours. Of the float entries we took Third Place in the Best Float competition! So I guess you can say the HCH float was a success.

What a blast it is to be a part of this, making so

On the Cover:

Frank Robinson's Sig Senior, piloted by Ken Kliever at the 2010 HCH Open House doing the candy drop.

Photo by Scott Rhoades

many people "ooh and aah" over R/C airplanes. A sincere thank you to the people that showed up parade morning up to make this happen. In no particular order, thank you to Mike Wizynajtys, Frank Robinson, Ken Kliever, Doug Pickett, Dave Converse, Tim McAuley, Matthew Rhoades, Pete Goodroe and Tom Goodroe.

Regular readers of the Silver Lining will recall that in the Winter 2010 edition I put out a request for non-members to email me. I was seeking information regarding who was reading this newsletter in other towns, states or even countries.

You won't believe this but the emails have been pouring in. I've been receiving emails from everywhere. The most amazing ones were those which came from other countries. These people feel such a connection through what they read here, they asked me to be a business partner.

The legal red tape in other countries must be incredible because I'm astonished at how many people contacted me that need assistance in getting a fortune that had been left to them or a client. All I needed to do is send a thousand dollars or so to cover expenses and they would mail me a HUGE check with a lot of zeros. All I needed to do was deposit the check into my account and once I did that, I simply mailed half the money back. I would get to keep the other half for my troubles. Is that just amazing or what?

That's not all, I don't know where these people were emailing from are but some readers liked the newsletter so much they are sending me information to amazing deals for low cost prescription drugs and buying commodities like gold.

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Then I'm not sure what some people are reading into what I write or how some words translate into other languages but I guess it needs to be made perfectly clear... I am happily married.

Here is a copy of one such lovelorn email I received:

I am a sincere and trustful girl and prefer to communicate with honest people whom I can trust completely. I am a kind, understanding and cute person, who still believe in miracle and hope for better future for everybody. I still think that there are more good than bad characters. I am very active and mobile; I like to communicate with different people...

The email goes on but you get the idea. Maybe I should put a picture of myself on the by-line of this column. That will certainly stop this type of email.

Emails like all the above have been coming to me for a long time but it didn't register before that these were just fans of the Silver Lining showing their appreciation. As much as I appreciate being considered a business

partner of such an important matter, I must admit that I'm saving my money for some new R/C gear and unfortunately not in a position to help. Sorry!

As for the others, I'm very lucky to be in good health and don't take any prescription medications. In particular there are no issues with my engine going dead stick, if you know what I mean. I must also make it perfectly clear that I'm NOT seeking a relationship. So unless the subject is R/C, I'm telling all the readers out there to stop sending me these emails... Please!

One last thing for this edition's installment. Some of you may remember my tribute to a fine modeling magazine, R/C Report, that had just ceased publication after 20+ years. [Winter 09](#) Then I did a follow up in the [Fall 09](#) column to say R/C Report is living on by going online. By my own personal examination of recent issues of R/C Report online, I want to apologize to anybody that chose to purchase a subscription from any direct or indirect recommendations made in those columns. †

Links to key HCH web pages

Home page

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org>

Officer contacts, Announcements, Weather, Club Dates, Etc

Members Only (password protected) <http://hollycloudhoppers.org/members.html>

Financial report, Meeting minutes, Club roster, Gate code

Classifieds

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/classifieds.html>

Field Operation Rules

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/documents/Field%20Operational%20Rules.pdf>

Newsletter Archives

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/newsletters.html>

Club Frequency Usage

<http://hollycloudhoppers.org/documents/clubfreq.pdf>

Web page help

http://hollycloudhoppers.org/help_faq.html

2010 Open House

Photos by Scott Rhoades



Fenton Freedom Festival Parade

Photo by Kelly Rhoades



Photos by Cristy McAuley



Safety First

By Scott Rhoades



A few weeks prior to publishing any newsletter, an email is sent to all officers asking if they have anything to add. For this edition a response came from HCH Safety Officer Tory Showek wishing to issue a few reminders to all members! As editor, I've taken the liberty of greatly expanding his notes and explain why things are and why you shouldn't just shrug them off.

First reminder is regarding the use of frequency pins. HCH field rules state: "Frequency clips must be placed on the transmitter before turning the transmitter on." A couple years ago it was unanimously voted at the meeting that this rule would apply to ALL transmitters, yes that includes 2.4 GHz! Now a clarification on the part of the rule that says; "placed on the transmitter." This does not include your shirt, belt loop, hat, flight stand, flight box, or any other handy clipping point that is not considered part of a transmitter. **Our frequency control system is designed to identify transmitters that are compliant with frequency control, NOT pilots!**

To help drive home the point of EVERYBODY needing to pull frequency pins I also received an email from Jim Finch in response to Tory's message. Jim added that it was OK if this was shared with others for as he said "My hope is that we will all learn by it before someone's plane is a casualty." Jim's message pretty much

says it all, so here it is in its entirety:

"I think you are right. We are getting lax at pulling field pins. The 2.4 transmitters give you a false sense of "I don't need the pin". We voted to always use a pin even if you are on 2.4 and I think members should all help to remind each other to do so.

Those of us that now have both technologies may find it is very easy to turn your transmitter on without thinking, because we are used to 2.4. But what happens when I am flying on channel 57, turn my transmitter on without pulling a pin because I am used to flying 2.4. Big trouble! Right?

It will happen very easily. How do I know this? I did it. Luckily there was no one at the field using the older technology. And by the way, no pins were pulled."

Some of you may be thinking, "So what? I only use 2.4 GHz." The end effect is that rules are rules and it won't kill anybody to take a few seconds to comply.

On to Tory's second reminder and that is that pilots need to be using the pilot stations. Besides the obvious safety advantages of standing behind the fence at a station, HCH field rules also state: "No more than four (4) planes in the air at one time". It's no coincidence we have four pilot stations. When pilots use the stations, it allows for others to easily determine

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between who is flying and who's just standing near the flight line with their hands in their front pockets. The stations also put all pilots in relative proximity to one another for ease of communication, which brings us to the next reminder from Tory... Announcing to other pilots that you're taking off, landing, or on the field. This is fairly self explanatory... Simply let others know your intentions.

Tory's email also stated "I've noticed some pilots doing very low level flying where their plane is flying directly towards the flight line and pits. This was with 40-60 size planes, not the little micro electrics (which is understandable). After having to hit the deck to avoid being struck by an out of control airplane, I find these maneuvers quite dangerous and unnerving." What this boils down to is that when your plane is low and over the runway fly parallel to the

flight line. Also if you stray off course on a take off run... abort, shut it down, don't try to horse it into the air and try to gain control over the pits.

I completely agree with everything in Tory's email especially the part where he said "I'm all about not having too many rules, but it seems lately that these basic procedures and courtesies have become a little too lax." Think about it this way guys, it's like using the turn signal in your car. Failing to signal turns may not result in accidents but it does make sharing the road much easier when everybody uses their signals.

For anybody that needs a refresher on HCH field rules they may be found at this link. <http://hollycloudhoppers.org/documents/Field%20Operational%20Rules.pdf> †

Tips and Techniques

Howdy all! I stumbled across nice trick for bending fuel tubing tonight while setting up a tank for a new plane that I just built! For years, I have been bending my fuel tubes with nothing inside and had to suffer with less than "tight" radius's in my bends to not end up with kinks and cracks. Tonight I happened to look on the shed wall and saw a roll of plastic weed eater string that was ever so slightly smaller than the I.D. of my fuel tube, so I though "why not try it?"

I slid the plastic string inside the tube, bent a quite sharp 90 degree bend in it, then pulled out the line with my pliers, and was amazed at how perfect the bend came out...Kink free! Just thought it would be good to pass along to all of my R/C buddies!

-From Craig, RCUniverse.com

In The Know

By Scott Rhoades



- Congratulations need to go out to Jeff Hooker who took first place at the HCH 2010 Fun Fly. Jeff put in a consistent performance for all four events, and when all was said and done had the best point accumulation among the eight members that signed up. Also need to point out this was Jeff's very first Fun Fly competition. So for those of you that don't participate because you think only long time members have the experience to be competitive...you just ran out of excuses.
- Some new legislation at the state level passed earlier this year that affects all HCH members. This legislation eliminated the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP), or window sticker that is currently in place. Effective Oct. 1, 2010, those permits are being replaced with the "Recreation Passport".

Here's the skinny on the Passport:

- The cost is \$10 per vehicle (\$5 for motorcycles) and it provides basically the same amenities as the current window sticker.
- The "Recreation Passport" will be issued by the Secretary of State. You will be asked if you want the Passport when renewing your license plates.
- Motorists who opt in to the program will be given stickers to apply to their license plates.
- The Passport effective date is not tied to the calendar year like the window stickers. The effective date instead will be linked to the registration period of your vehicle.
- Those that do not pay the \$10 fee when renewing their license plates can still purchase a Passport at a State Park or Recreation area. I would like to point out the website with this info also included the statement "*for a possibly higher fee*".

Ok so you're an astute reader and realize the Recreation Passport program starts Oct. 1 and your 2010 window sticker runs out Dec. 31 2010. What if you're not due to renew your plates until, let's say, July? What the heck are you supposed to do for seven months until you can get the Passport from the SOS?

Here is a (modified) example, taken from the DNR website, of how it will work for the first year of the program:

- *Your vehicle registration renewal is in July*
- *You want to visit a state park (flying field) in May*

If you want to use the parks before your vehicle registration is due (for example, in May), then please do! Our staff will see that your chance to pay the \$10 will not occur until July, and you will not be asked to purchase anything on-site. However, if you don't pay your \$10 in July (\$5 for motorcycles) and you visit a park in August, you will have to buy a Recreation Passport at a state park or recreation area.

In simple terms: Yes, there is going to be a lapse period with most people this first year (2011). Don't worry about it and enjoy the freebie from the state.

The many HCH members that are eligible to purchase the senior MVP are probably wondering about a discounted senior passport. That deal is no more. Your State Park access just increased by four bucks.

For more information about this program or answers to frequently asked questions, check out this website. http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365_55798---,00.html

Events Calendar



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HCH dates

Events around the area

Date	Event	Host Club/location/Link	Time
★ Sept 11-12	Midwest Float Fly	Skymaster's R/C Club	8:30am
★ Oct 2	HCH Last Bash Potluck	HCH Club Field	4:00pm
★ Oct 16	Fall Clean Up	HCH Club Field	10:00am
★ Nov 7	Midwest R/C Swap Meet	Northville Senior Center	9:00am
★ Jan 1	Chili Fly	HCH Club Field	11:00am
★ Feb 28	HCH Annual Meeting	Holly VFW Hall	2:00pm

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