



The Field Box

All the news that fits (And other tall tails)

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What's Been Happening At The Field

Well another summer is drawing to a close and it seems the hot temperatures are still not ready to leave just yet. The next couple of months should provide some perfect flying weather here in West Tennessee. In spite of the high temperatures and shortage of rain fall this summer, the flying field looks to be in real good shape. One reason for the fields condition is the fact that what rain we did receive was courtesy of the sprinkler crews. There were only a few days that the sprinklers were not deployed this summer. The second reason for the excellent condition of the field is the group of club members who have put in the time riding the lawn mowers, repairing the lawn mowers, running the weed eater, and spraying the herbicide. This small group of individuals collectively made sure that we had an excellent place to come and enjoy our hobby each weekend.

The July, August, and September club meetings were held on the second Saturday of the respective months and attendance was low at each one. I am not sure why this is and would gladly entertain any ideas on how to increase our club participation and meeting attendance.

Our club hosted the second annual SSC Mid America Combat Championship in June with several big name combat veterans in attendance along with a good crop of rookies. The competition was tight along with the close camaraderie among the flyers. Participating in RC combat may not be for everyone but spectating can be done by all.

The club also hosted our first Mid America Helicopter Jamboree on September 29th. There were approximately 15 registered pilots with many more helicopters flying and/or on display. Now that we know what to expect and plan for, next years Jamboree should grow turn into one of the premiere helicopter events in the country.

Along with all of the events at the field, the club has gained several new members over the summer. There has been a crop of new pilots joining the club and taking to the air for the first time with their trainers under the tutelage of our club instructor pilots. I would be remiss for not mentioning Harry (our chief instructor

pilot) and the great job he has done as a trainer. He has flown with all of the new guys at one time or another and always has the right words of wisdom for guys just getting into the hobby.

The common denominator in all of the successes our club has had this year is the small core group of individuals that have taken it upon themselves to sacrifice their flying time to maintain our field and equipment, promote our club and its activities, train the new pilots (who are the clubs future by the way), and organize, participate, and work at the events. This winter is sure to be full of opportunities for every one to help prepare the field, the shed, and the equipment for next years flying season with plenty of time left over for flying and building.

From The Editor

As most everybody know, I am a big war bird fan (not to be confused with a propeller). On Saturday September 9th there was a full scale event held in Columbus Ohio called The Gathering of Mustangs and Legends, The Final Roundup. The Gathering had scheduled over 100 full scale P-51 mustangs along with various other war bird 'Heavy Iron'. The Lengends describe the men who flew the plane into combat or pulled maintained on those that returned. The event headlines told it all : "We owe it to ourselves to see them fly, we owe it to ourselves to hear their stories, we owe it to them to listen, one more time." For pictures and more information on this historic event, go to www.gml2007.com

Other Dates Of Interest

Dyersburg Fairgrounds Flyers Fall Fly-In - October 27. Contact Gary at alpaca100@cablone.net for directions to the field.



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