

In Memory – Adon “Pete” Brownell



Pete passed away April 12 after a long illness. He will be remembered for his quiet nature and innovative model designs.

April 2, 2009

Minutes of the Springfield R/C Club
By Justin Heath

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Howard at 7 p.m. with 17 members present. Everyone involved in Sparky’s memorial was thanked for all their help. Justin Heath read the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were approved as read. Bob Schwandt gave the treasurer’s report of \$11,591.10. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report as read.

New Business: There was concern voiced about ultra-lites flying over our flying field and down our runway. It was discussed and decided that the violators would be told to stay out of our air space for their own safety and the safety of our RC pilots.

A crack in the runway was brought up that needs to be repaired at Field Day. Bob S. said he would pick up cold pack asphalt for the repair.

Club trainer setup (plane and radio) was found among Sparky’s stuff and it was

decided to let it go along with Sparky’s other sale items because of its condition. Sparky’s family also donated a popup tent and various items to help continue the float fly. Justin H. is storing these items. Float fly was mentioned and Bob S. has it under control.

Swap meet was mentioned. It was a success with members of all local clubs attending and participating. Lots of items were bought and sold and some would like to organize another. Volunteers are needed for this task.

The helicopter hover area was discussed. It will be mowed and designated helicopter hovering area. Ron and Nancy shared some embroidered items with the club logo, all of which are for sale.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the April meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Field Maintenance Day Report

Our many thanks to those who showed up to help paint up and fix up the field April 18. Bob Schwandt came very early and organized the scraping painting of the north end of the shed. Scott Lacey filled the holes at the north end of the runway and came back a few days later to fill the crack in the center of the runway and paint the “X” marks at the ends. Bryon Scott spread bug and slug killer. Others who came out were George Ashley, Justin Heath and Mike Howard. Thanks guys!!!

The Flight of the Pawnee



As many of you know, Sparky bought and commissioned the building of a Hanger 9 Piper Pawnee in February. Once completed,

it became his pride and joy, to the point that, he had it displayed in Sleeth’s front window for many days. One week before he died, he took his precious Pawnee home with him by way of the flying field. We challenged him to fly it that day, but he was not ready for it to fly. Six days later, Sparky was gone. The family put Sparky’s models up for sale and the Pawnee was purchased by Tim McWhorter several days later. Tim very much wanted the Pawnee to fly at the Memorial Service for Sparky, but there was a cross wind at the time of the service and the model had never flown before. The engine hadn’t even been started. But, later in the day after most had gone and the wind died down, the engine was started for the first time, the model was checked out, and at about 6:40pm the Pawnee flew – for Sparky... He would be proud.

Next club meeting:
Thursday, May 7, 7 pm
Library Center
S. Campbell
Room A

Family Day
Saturday, May 23

Night Fly
Saturday May 9
Conditions Permitting

Club Logo Clothing
Custom embroidered hats, shirts, sweatshirts, etc with club logo. Contact Nancy Schanda 883-6469 or email at SchandaCreations@mchsi.com

A Tribute to a Fallen Comrade:



The last taxi for takeoff



Getting ready for words from the family



Models in Tribute



Many well wishers



A Large Gathering; a full parking lot



The Last Landing

Our many thanks to all those who helped prepare for and execute a very appropriate tribute to Sparky. The family is very grateful.

Our thanks to Steve Pennington for sharing these photos

General Rules of the Springfield R/C Club

1. All pilots must be members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, AMA. The rules and regulations of the AMA govern the operation of the aircraft flown here.
2. Only AMA legal transmitters are permitted at this field. This does not apply to transmitters operating on ham frequencies.
3. All pilots must take a frequency pin when available and insert your membership card on the frequency board according to the channel you will be flying on. If you are a guest your current AMA card should be placed on the frequency board according to the channel you fly on if available. If another pilot has the frequency pin then each pilot should rotate the frequency pin. No transmitter is to be turned on without first securing the appropriate frequency pin. Storing transmitter(s) in the impound box under the pavilion when not in use is optional, but is still a good idea.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages while anywhere at the field whether flying or not is prohibited.
5. Flying hours are 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with exception of quiet Electrics after 8:00 P.M.
6. Minors (under 16) have to be accompanied with a Parent.

Flight Line and Pit Safety Rules

1. Do not taxi in the pit area or to the runway between pilot stations. Do not approach the runway with a running model engine between or near occupied pilot stations.
2. Do not fly west of the runway (over pilot stations, or over the pit area).
3. The pit area is for pilots and guests accompanied by the pilots only.
4. Start all aircraft engines with the nose of the aircraft pointing towards the runway.
5. Be sure other pilots and spectators are clear of the propeller arc before starting engines.
6. Full throttle tests of the engines should be done on the flight line. New engine runs or break-ins should be conducted in the grassy area west of the parking area to minimize noise distraction to those who are on the flight line.
7. Announce to those on the flight line intentions to approach the runway (**on the field**) take off (**taking off**) or land (**landing**). When you are clear of the runway announce (**clear**). *When your engine is dead and you are landing announce dead stick (**dead stick**).*
8. Any pilot who declares they are **dead stick** has the right of way. All pilots should clear the runway immediately, and any landing approach that can be safely aborted should be done.
9. Glider and hand-launched aircraft must take off from the end of the flight line, and the end from which the prevailing wind is blowing. [Do not launch with initial flight path in front of other pilots.]
10. Do not walk in front of other pilots on the flight line at any time.
11. **Do not fly over or near the houses located on the south or north ends of our property boundaries. [There is a house in the woods to the east of the runway, so avoid flying over the woods to the east.]**
12. Each pilot should use the stations that have been positioned between the protective fences on the flight line. Only 3 model aircraft are allowed in the air at any time with the exception of a fourth being a glider.

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