

## The President's Corner

by P.J. Ash

I think it is safe to say that summer is here. I think we might hit 90 this week and I guess we should be careful what we wish for. It seems like only yesterday I was looking at ice and snow on the ground wishing for this. Well, here it is! I couldn't be happier.

I'm going to keep this short and to the point. We have a lot of great stuff inside this newsletter and I don't want to blab on. However, I've put much thought into this new competition called the "Trainer Banger".

I know many of you have said you will attend and many more very interested. The point is, I have not received one application. Not one. This is not like a regular fly in. We need to figure out flight slots, number of stations, number of judges, etc. I don't know why no one has entered, but I'm coming down to crunch time and I guess I need to make a decision.

I've decided for the first year to drop the entry fee from \$25.00 to \$15.00 and I will not be giving half of the donations to the diabetic research (this year). I know with the economy the way it is, it might be a little presumptuous to think that was fair. I felt that with two meals and trophies, it would be okay. It might be, but I can't plan an event without knowing who is going to attend. If this helps, then great.

Another idea I have is, if you are going to attend, please email me at [pilotpj@gmail.com](mailto:pilotpj@gmail.com) and let me know you are attending. I still need you to fill out the application and mail it to me, but if I know at least "X" amount of people are planning, that will be a huge help. Tell you what, you can even wait till the day of the event to pay your \$15.00. Some have felt that their ability isn't up to par with those who are flying. Please DON'T let that keep you from flying. This is designed to be fun and help you become a better pilot. This is going to be a great and fun event.

If you are part of the LMAC and have a trainer, I beg you at this point to email me and let me know you are going to attend. I've decided if I don't have at least 20 people by the end of the month, I'm going to have to cancel. This would be a shame because I've put a great deal of work into it and I think it could grow to be something fun. I would like to be able to donate a portion of the proceeds to diabetic research in my daughter Ellen's name who was diagnosed before Christmas as type 1. I would like to try to do this next year. I cannot do it alone. So, I don't know how else to ask, but I do hope you will let me know if you are going to attend.

Thank you and Happy Flying!

PJ



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## **Minutes from Last Club Meeting on March 10, 2011**

by Bob Cooper



The LMAC General Membership meeting was called to order by P.J.Ash at 7 PM on March 10, 2011 at the VA Medical Center auditorium.

### **Committee Reports**

- The previous meeting minutes from December 2010 meeting were distributed by the March newsletter and approved by the membership.
- The Treasurers Report was presented by Curtis Cox. The Club has a bank balance of \$18,796.69. The report was approved by the membership.
- Training report was presented by Bob Cooper. There are 2 new students and 1 carryover student from 2010 who need flight training beginning this flying season. We have 7 instructors who have signed up to assist with training.
- New member, Dalton Bailey was introduced at the meeting.

### **Old Business**

- There was discussion of LFUCG - LMAC business on the following topics.
  - Members are not permitted to trespass on Landfill property to retrieve aircraft without getting permission and assistance at the Landfill Scale House. When the Landfill is closed in the evenings and on weekends, no member shall trespass on Landfill property to retrieve aircraft. Leave the aircraft until the Landfill opens for business in order to get permission and assistance to retrieve aircraft.
    - Do not give electric gate code to non-members.
    - Curtis Cox and Mickey Breunig are working on getting LFUCG "No Trespassing" signs made up for the airfield
    - There will be a LFUCG - LMAC meeting Tuesday March 29th at 1 PM at the landfill office to discuss the situation and responsibilities concerning the electric gate and the road during hours when the landfill is closed. The objective is to get Hedger road opened for airfield visitor traffic after hours for special fly-in events such as the KY Fall Classic and others. The LFUCG people who have been involved throughout this effort include Joe Lyon, Mrs. Weems and Mr. Anderson. LMAC representatives at the meeting will be Dan Thompson, PJ Ash, Curtis Adams and Curtis Cox, as an alternate.
    - This LFUCG Landfill issue is also being worked by Curtis Adams through Jerry Hancock, Director of City Parks & Recreation Dept.
    - There was discussion on how the club could give something to sweeten negotiations with the Landfill. One idea was having the club picking up litter on Hedger lane similar to the "Adopt-a-highway" program and other ideas.

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- The Bluegrass Vintage Festival is scheduled for May 28 and 29. On Saturday, the field is for exclusive use from 8 AM to 4 PM. After 4 PM any one can fly anything, because activities will be winding down at that time. On Sunday, anyone can fly anything, all day. Some vintage will be there, but it is not an exclusive day.
- Announcement was made that Central Kentucky Float Flyers, Inc. signed the agreement with the City of Winchester and the Winchester Municipal Utilities for use of the 33 acre lake at Winchester for float flying. In addition to club flying, they are planning on a one day local area fly-in on a Saturday in June to introduce other flyers to float flying. The club has two planes to be used for introductory flights. A three day fly on Labor day weekend is planned to raise money for a Clark County charity. The CKFF has always been a limited membership club and new members must be sponsored by a full member and approved by the membership before joining. If anyone is interested in float flying this year, have them contact Dan Thompson for the particulars.
- Club History Report was presented by Bob Cooper. Dan Thompson has been a tremendous help by sharing with his old photos, newsletters from the Central KY Radio Control Club and photos of vintage radios. Lew McFarland helped with information on the club logo. Information is being requested from AMA on our original club charter. Effort continues in obtaining records and photos from senior members.
- The Club's Federal Tax Exemption status update was presented by Steve Campanelli. Since, the club was incorporated, the IRS has made numerous changes in the filing requirements for non-profit organizations. Action needs to be taken immediately to resolve this IRS issue by filing for IRS Code Section 507(c)(7) tax-exemption status. The AMA Document # 505-b on the AMA website has guidance and sample forms to help clubs through the documentation and IRS filing process. Steve is working on getting a copy of the Club Articles of Incorporation to submit to IRS. Curtis Cox to provide financial information for submittal to the IRS. Lee Wright volunteered his brother in-law who is a lawyer to assist with this effort.
- Conkwright Middle School "Inventing Flight" report was presented by Bob Cooper. The school program was conducted on February 16 & 17, 2011. The event consisted of six (6) classroom presentations on the first day followed by six (6) "NightVapor" buddy box flying sessions for each student in the Gym on day two. The program which had been established in 2006, was conducted very professionally, and was well received by the students and school staff.
- Membership report was presented by Curtis Cox. The membership level is current at 116 official paid members. The current number of members is down from 142 members in 2010, 185 members in 2009 and 167 in 2008. There was discussion about what can be done to stimulate growth in membership. Some of the ideas were have a Quarterly Airfield Open House event, Fayette County School program, Mall Show, Rupp Arena Show and Airshow Event for spectators.

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**March 2011 Meeting Minutes** - Continued from previous page**New Business**

- Jim Jackson was recognized on his quick recovery from a recent medical issue.
- PJ Ash brought everyone up to date about his daughters recent medical issue.
- Trainer Banger Competition overview was presented by PJ Ash. This is intended to be a fun 2-day club event in which all members can join in. The objective is to fly a series of basic maneuvers with a basic trainer plane, electric, glow or gas. The website has a competition manual to download for information on the maneuvers. For planning purposes, everyone needs to pre-register in order to compete. The cost for the two day event is \$25.00 which includes all pilot fees, two lunches, trophies, etc. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded. Check website for further updates and pre-registration.
- For the office of Vice President, PJ nominated Patrick Ash who has been a member from the Master station airfield days. The membership voted to unanimously approve the club VP nomination.
- The Budget for 2011 and mowing contract was approved by the membership. The mowing contract for the airfield was awarded to Jim Jackson.
- The Club event calendar was discussed as follows:
  - Bluegrass Vintage Festival (Dan Thompson).....(cancelled-May 28-29)
  - Cubs and Classics over the Bluegrass (Charles Brooks)...(revised to June 25)
  - LMAC Picnic (Jim Jackson).....July 9
  - Trainer Banger RC Competition (PJ Ash)..... July 16 -17
  - Control Line Fly-in (Kenny Stevens)..... July 30
  - IMAC Competition (Chris Woycke).....(cancelled - July 30, 31)
  - RC Electric Fly-in (Jim Jackson).....Aug 13
  - RC Helicopter Fly-in (Bill Pirschel)..... Sept 9, 10,11
  - KY Fall Classic (Gale Moore).....Sept 16, 17, 18
  - (KY Fall Classic may change dates to Sept 15,16,17 due to landfill issues )

**Planes of the Month** were presented as follows. See photos on following pages.

- Mickey Breunig presented his electric Stryker foam plane.
- Kenny Stevens presented his electric control line plane.

**Meeting Program**

The program presentation was postponed due to the length of the business meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next membership meeting is Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the VA Medical Center. Future meeting on Sept 8 and Dec 8 will be at the VA Medical Center.

**Meeting Adjourned**

With all business completed, the meeting was adjourned by PJ Ash at 8:40 pm.

# Treasurer's Report

by Curtis Cox



The club financial reports are submitted for your review as follows.

**Savings Account Balance on 6/1/2011 (No inflows or outflows in past month)...\$ 851.87****Income & Expense Report as of 6/1/2011**

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount
<b>BALANCE 5/2/2011</b>								<b>19,190.53</b>
5/4/2011	LMAC CHEC...2132		Cash	Raffle Planf...	Cash	Event ...	R	-159.00
5/4/2011	LMAC CHEC...2133		Jim Jackson	Mowing	Mowing	Field u...	R	-490.00
5/4/2011	LMAC CHEC...DEP		Membership ...	Membership	Membership ...		R	75.00
5/4/2011	LMAC CHEC...2134		A1 Portables	Toilet Rental	Utilities:Port...	Field u...	R	-89.04
5/12/2011	LMAC CHEC...DEP		Membership ...	Membership	Membership ...		R	153.00
5/12/2011	LMAC CHEC...2135		AMA	Sanction F...	Event	Sancti...		-20.00
5/23/2011	LMAC CHEC...2136		ku	Electric	Utilities:Gas ...		R	-20.37
5/23/2011	LMAC CHEC...		Deposit	Swap Meet	Event	Swap ...	R	75.00
6/1/2011	LMAC CHEC...DEP		Membership ...	Membership	Membership ...			-75.00
6/1/2011	LMAC CHEC...2137		A1 Portables	Toilet Rental	Utilities:Port...	Field u...		-89.04
<b>5/3/2011 - 6/1/2011</b>								<b>-639.45</b>
<b>BALANCE 6/1/2011</b>								<b>18,551.08</b>

**LMAC Bank Account – Reconciliation Report as of 6/1/2011**

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:				19,230.78
Checks and Payments	5	Items		-778.66
Deposits and Other Credits	3	Items		303.00
Service Charge	0	Items		0.00
Interest Earned	0	Items		0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:				18,755.12

YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:				18,755.12
Checks and Payments	4	Items		-204.04
Deposits and Other Credits	1	Item		0.00
Register Balance as of 6/1/2011:				18,551.08
Checks and Payments	0	Items		0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0	Items		0.00
Register Ending Balance:				18,551.08

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## **Update on LMAC Airfield Improvements**

by Curtis Cox



### 1. Update on Birds Roosting in Shelter

The bird repelling unit was sent to the manufacturer for repair, at no charge to us, except for shipping. It is ready to be placed back in to service after the shelter has been cleaned of existing bird nests and bird residue in the ceiling, floor and tables. This will require us to rent a 500 gallon water tank trailer at club expense and borrow a pressure washer. This cleaning process is absolutely required for the bird repelling unit to be effective.

It is critical for everyone to understand that the bird repelling unit must remain activated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year long. It can not be unplugged for any reason. If we can get through one year without turning the unit off, then we can turn down the volume so it will not be so annoying. If the unit is turned off, even for a short time, the birds will return and leave their residue. Once the birds leave their “mark”, the bird repelling unit will not repel the birds any more, and the cleaning process must be redone.

At this point, we need to get some volunteers to help with cleaning the shelter rafters, floor and tables. Contact Curtis Cox to sign up to help with cleaning the shelter.

### 2. Updated on No Trespassing Signs for Landfill Fence

The signs should be available for installation in the next two weeks.

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## **Latest News on the FAA Regulations**

by Rich Hanson, AMA Govt Relations Representative



On May 12th representatives of FAA's Unmanned Aircraft Program Office (UAPO) attended the Joe Nall fly-in at the Triple Tree Aerodrome and met with the attendees at the AMA annual meeting. For the most part they appeared very impressed with the professional manner in which the event was conducted and the level of safety achieved at the various venues and concurrent MA operations.

Thursday evening the FAA representatives provided a briefing on the status of the sUAS rulemaking process similar to the briefing presented during the AMA Expo in January. The information was very much the same and the sUAS rulemaking continues to be a work in progress. In an update on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) timeline, it was announced that the NPRM release date has slipped to late Fall 2011. The previously projected date of September 1st has now moved to late November or early December. Optimistically, the NPRM release could come before Thanksgiving, but if not, it would not be surprising to see the date slip into the New Year.

# Editor's Note

by Bob Cooper



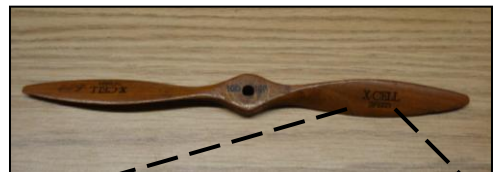
The LMAC History Project is making good progress. However, I would not like to count up all the many hours I have spent reading old newsletters and magazine articles to “connect the dots” on this LMAC history project. Screening and selecting the old photos for use in telling the story has been time consuming, as well. I hope you enjoy reading another installment on the roots of our club elsewhere in this newsletter.

By the way, I found some interesting information on the origin of Lew McFarland’s X-Cell team name, shop name and logo.

According to my conversations with Lew, the “X-Cell” name came from a propeller manufacturer. See the 1947 *Model Airplane News* advertisement below, and a photograph of the name stamped on an old propeller.

I also learned that the “X-Cell Models” logo was drawn up in the early 1970’s by Lester Roberts (LMAC member) when he was a young architect student. Back then, this logo was used as signage for Lew’s Hobby Shop at 504 Euclid Avenue, Lexington, KY. See the 1970 newspaper advertisement below.

I will see you at the airfield and in the Newsletter.....Bob



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- 8 inch diameter 8, 10, 12, 14 inch pitch.
- 9 inch diameter 8, 10, 12, 14 inch pitch.
- 11 inch diameter 8, 10, 12, 14 inch pitch.
- 11 inch diameter 8, 10, 12, 14 inch pitch.

The eight inch pitch propellers have been developed for those flying control line stunt models, and who want the best performance from their models.

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## Club History Project

by Bob Cooper



The Lexington Model Airplane Club is a great club with a rich heritage. And, it is my pleasure to bring you another chapter in our Club History book. This chapter has been condensed to make it appropriate length for the newsletter.

Before we get into this chapter, I want to give a “very special thanks” to our senior members for their help in gathering records of our heritage. We are blessed have a number of original charter members still with us, today. So, I encourage them to continue to make input, corrections, clarifications and additions to make this the most thorough and accurate account possible. I still have more leads to follow before this project is completed.

This month, I am presenting the timeline of flying fields that brought us to where we are today. As I review all of the old newsletters and old photos, I am humbled by at the enthusiasm, energy and effort that existed 50 years ago to build model aircraft, airfields and clubs. This was done in an age when everything was built from scratch with knowledge, skill and a lots of effort -- a stark comparison from the way we have things handed to us today. You will see that each new technological advancement in model aviation brought us a new group of individuals with common interests to share and enjoy the sport together.

### The History of Model Airplane Flying Fields in Central Kentucky

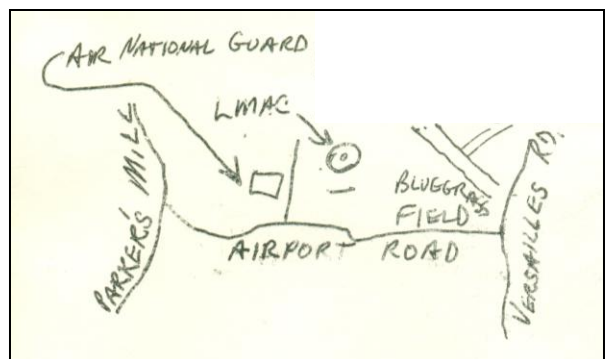
The seeds of the model airplane activity in Central Kentucky were sprouted back in the 1930’s with the “Lexington Thermaliers” Club. They were a free-flight model airplane club. The free-flight model aircraft used rubber or the newly invented miniature internal combustion engines to power the gliders of the day. The Thermaliers used large fields to fly their models on Mason Headley Road and at the University of Kentucky Experimental Station in south Lexington. This club fell victim to World War II. Another group called the “Lexington Valkyries” flew at in a field near where the railroad tracks crossed Loudon Ave in Lexington.

Another major technological advancement occurred in model aviation when the control line model airplane was developed in 1936 by Oba St. Clair. It used a bellcrank and two wires to control the model while it flew in a circle around the pilot. This advancement lead to a control line club being formed in the late 1940’s in Lexington called, “Lexington Prop Nuts” that existed until the early 1950’s.

Eventually, the Lexington Model Airplane Club (LMAC) was formed in 1959 by another group of control line enthusiasts. For it’s first two years, the Cardinal Valley Shopping Center parking lot was used as a flying site as well as various other sites around Central Kentucky.

A more permanent flying site for the LMAC was leased from Bluegrass Airport and located near the Air National Guard Army thanks to the help of the airport manager, Logan Gray.

To prepare the flying circle, Lew McFarland used his father’s pickup truck to haul asphalt to pave a take-off strip for their grass field control line flying circle. This site was used until sometime after Kearney Field was established.



Early Control Line Circle at Bluegrass Field --  
Diagram from 1970 LMAC Informational Handout

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During the early to mid 1960's, another venue for control line flying was at the Fourth of July Fireworks show at University of Kentucky's Stoll Field on Euclid Avenue. The X-Cell Team performed this demonstration, annually.

Kelly Field – 1963 to 1975

In the 1930's another technological advancement, Radio Control, was introduced to the model airplane community by Walt Good. The earliest radio controlled model airplane in Central Kentucky was built and flown by Art Morgan, Principal of the Central KY Vocational School in 1941.

With this growing interest in remote control modeling enthusiasts, the Central Kentucky Radio Control Club (CKRC) was formed in 1963, and leased a field on Dudley Kelly's farm on James lane just off of Military Pike in Jessamine county.

Dan Thompson was one of the CKRC charter members is shown in this 1964 photo taken at another popular flying field. It was in the race horse pasture / heliport behind the house on "The Grange Lane" next to the Lexington Country Club on Paris Pike. Dan and Dave Trapp flew RC planes at this location in North Lexington for several years.

The CKRC was involved with annual full scale fly-in's and model airplane fly-in's at Kelly Field. The Lexington Herald Leader published an article on the event on March 23,1969 which included the photo entitled, "Mini-Planes".

The CKRC had 33 members flying R/C planes in 1970. The usefulness of the Kelly Field flying site was threatened and eventually ended by KY Utilities power lines erected across the property in 1974 or 1975. The remaining members eventually joined in with the LMAC.



Dan Thompson, CKRC member – 1964 Photo



CKRC members at Kelly Field in 1970

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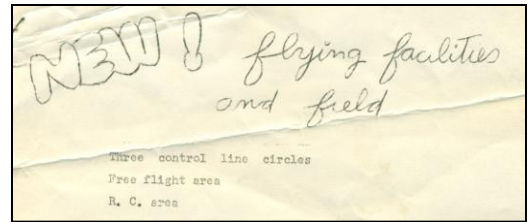
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Kearney Field - 1970 to 1987

In the late 1960's, the LMAC and CKRC clubs joined forces and in attempt to improve their flying site situation. It was in this time frame that Lexington – Fayette County Parks & Recreation Department acquired a large property on Kearney Road in northern Fayette County. A proposal was made to the Parks Board on April 1969 requesting the use of Kearney Park for a model airplane flying field. By Oct 1969, the Lexington City-County Parks Board authorized the use of 14.6 acres of the Kearney Road Park. By June of 1970, the Kearney Model Airfield was a reality. The Parks Department provided 50% of the money to install two black top control line circles and a asphalt runway for radio control airplanes. The club were obligated to cover the other 50% of the labor and material costs.

On September 6, 1970, the first Mid-American Championship event was held at Kearney Field. It was a huge success with a large number of contestants and spectators attending. And, to everyone's surprise, the proceeds from this one event covered the club's portion of the airfield construction costs.

The Kearney Field was a wonderful flying site with room enough for free flight, radio control and control line flying. Later improvements included a second runway and a small shelter. There were many events held at Kearney over the next decade and a half.



1<sup>st</sup> Kearney Field Event Announcement – Sept. 1970



Flying Event - Mid 1970's Photo

Then, in the late 1980's, the Lexington Division of Parks & Recreation decided a new golf course was needed. It was to be capable of hosting national PGA championships which required using all of the Kearney Park property. The flying site was soon lost to golf course construction that began in 1987 and the golf course opened on Oct. 13, 1989 in time to host the Kentucky PGA Championship that year.

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Masterson Station Airfield – 1987 to 1998

The city cordially helped the LMAC move to the Masterson Station park. This turned out to be an excellent flying site. The city paid for constructing the runway and control line circle. The club had to finance the building of a new shelter. On August 12, 1988, the club had its grand opening of the new airfield. At that time, the LMAC had 109 members. And the newsletter was called, “Exhaust Fumes”.

Annual Fly-in events were well attended by participants and visitors as shown by the photos from the late 1980’s.

By the 1990’s, model airplanes had become larger, faster and more sophisticated. In about 1996, the farm adjacent to Masterson was developed in to a residential subdivision. Soon, there were houses being built adjacent to the airfield boundary.



Masterson Station Fly-in Event – Late 1980’s



Masterson Station Airfield - Sept 1997

Then, on May 28, 1998 it happened. A large model airplane when out of control, and crashed on a house in the subdivision. The incident immediately hit the newspapers, and the city permanently closed the airfield.

Flying was continued at the Lawrenceburg Airfield until a new LMAC airfield was found.



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Hedger Lane Airfield – 1998 to Present

Within a month, the City owned Hedger Lane property was selected as the next LMAC flying field. The Club and the City worked together to make this a premiere flying site.

The asphalt runway and flying circle was paved in November, 1998 and the tall trees on the approach end of the runway were cut down. LMAC members immediately began using the airfield.

On May 22, 1999, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our new airfield was attended by Lexington Mayor, Pam Miller and Kentucky Governor, Ernie Fletcher as well as other officials.

The wooden shelter was build by the club members and completed in June 1999.



Since the beginning, the club continued to host a number of annual events that have drawn large crowds to the enjoyment of model airplane enthusiasts and spectators alike.

This closes another chapter in the Lexington Model Airplane Club history book. Due to limited space, I would simply like to give credit to all of the LMAC members who have freely shared their memories, old photos and newsletters as I write this account. A special thanks goes to Dan Thompson, Lew McFarland, Al Schroeder, John Peck, Leslie Combs and others for their support on this effort.



## Tech Notes -.40 sized Electric Escapade Build Up

by Roy Foushee

This is an article on how I built a Electric Great Planes Escapade .40 sport GP/EP ARF purchased from Tower Hobbies. It is my first outdoor electric. I liked the wingspan of 52.5 inches and it takes standard size servos. That's a plus because a lot of electrics this size call for mini servos. The completed Escapade weighted out at 6.2 lbs.

The motor is a Turnigy SK 42-60-500 rated at 1475W purchased from Hobby King. I am using a 12-6 electric prop which works well.

The ESC is a Turnigy Plush 80 with UBEC purchased from Hobby King. Its rated at 80A and UBEC means it has a power wire to your receiver. You can get ESC's without a power wire labeled OPTO which means no BEC to power the receiver. Even though I have a UBEC, I use a separate 4.8v receiver pack for my control surfaces. Folks I've talked to tell me they don't trust ESC's with higher voltage batteries. This is a good backup system. You could lose the battery or motor or ESC and still deadstick with the 4.8v backup on the control servos.

The battery is a GForce 30C 3300mah, 6S 22.2 volt lipo purchased from Value Hobby. It cost \$53.99 and has a Deans connector installed. Value Hobby also had the Imax B8 8-cell Li-PO/A123 Balance Charger and Imax B20 14V 16A Power Supply that I purchased. All Value Hobby shipping is just \$3.99.



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As a safety note I realized after 11 years of glow flying I had always associated DANGER with the noise of a glow engine. I could tweak and make adjustments on the glow engine as long as it wasn't running. My point is with electric the DANGER is there when the battery is plugged in and there is no noise of a running engine. Always plug and unplug from behind the aircraft. Plug in right before taxiing out and unplug immediately after landing before returning to the pits. On initial assembly I removed the prop while I was testing the motor for the right direction, the ESC and battery. It nice to be able to test run everything inside and not have exhaust issues, but remove the prop.

I must give credit to Joe Koehler for talking me into trying out electrics. He advised me on the above purchases and sized everything for me. Like a lot of folks I never got interested in larger electrics because I didn't know how to size motors, batteries, and speed controllers. This first electric has been a fun learning experience.

On it's maiden flight, it flew great. I had some good advice from Joe & David Cox on making a few adjustments. It was nose heavy and had too small of a prop. After tweaking and making the changes, it is real smooth. Plenty of power, good vertical performance, too. It does land hot like the Tiger 2. I got three 8 minute flights on the first time out. I probably could have gone longer flights on the batteries, but I didn't want to push it on the first flights. I'm really pleased with my first outdoor electric. I already have another electric in mind for float flying.



# CKFF Float Fly Event – June 25

by Dan Thompson



## Central Kentucky Float Flyers, Inc. presents an Brown Bag Open House Float Fly



When: June 25, 2011

Where: Winchester Kentucky, I64 exit 94

Just 12 miles East of Lexington, KY

Flying from 9 A.M. To Sunset

One of the best float flying lakes, no traffic

33 Acre lake 1800 x 800 feet

Provided by the Winchester Municipal Utilities Commission

No Trees or obstacles, Fly facing North, AMA required

Water retrieval provided. No Landing fee

Bring your own lunch and drinks

This is float fly for fun. Come get acquainted with the new lake.

Directions: I64 exit 94, take Rockwell Rd. to the West by the Shell Truck station. At bottom of hill turn right on Van Meter Rd. Go 1.4 miles, entrance on right. Follow the CKFF signs.

Coordinates = W 84 12' 34" N 38 02' 05.1" Address = 2033 Van Meter Rd. Winchester, KY 40391

Event Director, Dan Thompson [WB4GUK@AOL.COM](mailto:WB4GUK@AOL.COM) or 859-987-7791

Cell 859-221-8421 day of the fly in only

Web site <https://sites.google.com/site/ckffinc>



# Cubs & Classics Event – June 25th

by Charles Brooks



## Cubs & Classics over Bluegrass



# June 25th, 9am to 3pm

## Open to all classic aircraft

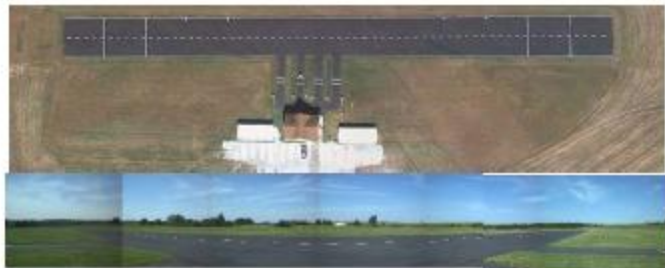
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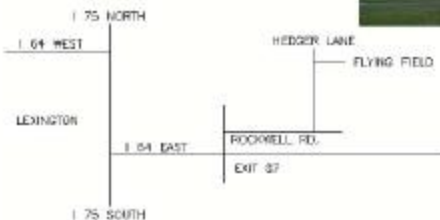
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Public invited and welcomed  
\$15, landing fee Reg 8:30am  
Food and soft drinks

The facility consists of a 650 ft. by 50 ft. blacktop main runway, a 650 ft by 60 ft. grass parallel runway



Field located less than two miles from I-64 exit 87



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## Flight Training Program – New Solo in May

by Bob Cooper



Congratulations, Hayden Young - Solo's !!

Hayden, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student and avid aviation enthusiast, soloed on May 12, 2011. His smooth hands on the sticks, and understanding of aviation technology enabled him to complete the flight program in record time. By the way, he is an active member of the KY Civil Air Patrol as “A Flight” Element Leader at the National Guard Armory, Bluegrass Field. To date, he has had 3 flights in a full scale aircraft, and 2 flights in a full scale glider. His goal is to become an airline pilot.



Training nights at the airfield are a bee hive of activity. I was able to capture some of the action in a photo of Slade Richmond, 4<sup>th</sup> Grader, under the able tutelage of Jeff Cummings. Slade is showing off his talent at making very smooth final approaches and landings.



The third photograph captures Dr. Galo Grijalva working on his landing patterns with instructor Jerry Thomas standing by.

We now have four students in the flight training program.

Our LMAC flight instructors are providing a wonderful model aviation experience for our students. Each instructor truly enjoys sharing his special talents with our new members. Many thanks to the LMAC instructors: Jeff Cummings, Jason Harris, Butch Krebs, David Price, Jerry Thomas and Gayle Yarnell.



# Calendar of Events



**Next LMAC Meeting:**  
**Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 PM**  
**VA Medical Center - Auditorium**  
**2250 Leestown Rd, Lexington, KY**

**2011 Meeting Calendar**  
**March 10, June 9, September 8, December 8**



## **Lexington Model Airplane Club** **2011 Events**

- Vintage Radio Control Society Fly-in..... \*\*\*Cancelled\*\*\***
- Cubs & Classics Fly-In...(note: this is a revised date).....June 25**
- LMAC Club Picnic.....July 9**
- LMAC Trainer 'Banger' Competition.....July 16,17**
- IMAC Meet/Fly-In..... \*\*\*Cancelled\*\*\***
- U-Control Fly-in.....Aug 1**
- Electric Fly-In.....August 13**
- Helicopter Fly-In.....September 9,10,11**
- Kentucky Fall Classic Fly-in.....September 16,17,18**
- Swap Meet.....November 12**

**Bluegrass Flyers of Danville**  
**2011 Events**

- Spring Swap meet& electric fun fly.....  
.....Saturday, March 26th 9am
- Memorial Day Fly –In .....May 28, 9am
- Octoberfest Fly-In / tailgate swap meet at  
Boyle County Airport... ..Oct 8, 9am

**Clark County R/C**  
**Barnstormers 2011 Events**

Thursday's Breakfast and Fly....8:45 AM every  
Thursday at Frisch's Big Boy Restr. with a  
10:00 AM fly at the YMCA gym. Event is only  
run while Clark County Schools are in session.

Spring Indoor Fly-in (YMCA Gym)...Apr 9  
Sailplane/Glider Fun Fly..... Jun 4  
Harold Brown Memorial Eat/Fly-in .Jun 18  
Brown Bag Fall Fun Fly.....Oct 1  
Fall Indoor fun fly (YMCA Gym) .....Nov 5

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