

The Trickle Charge Gazette

River City Radio Controllers NEWSLETTER

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Notes from the "Pres".

I can't believe that another year HAS come to an end. We had a safe and fun year of flying in 2005 and I'm hoping that everyone will be out to enjoy this year's flying season. Lot's of cool things in the planning stages. We have the CUB Fun Fly coming up in July again this year. It will be on July 16. The Warbird Fly In has been scheduled again for Sunday, July 29,2006. After last year's great success, we are expecting some terrific turnouts this year. **Something new** for 2006 is a Club Fun Fly, for **RCRC Members Only**. It should be great fun. There will be awards, door prizes, a raffle, and some great food. You don't have to fly to have a good time. Take the opportunity to come out and meet some of the other members.

Of course, the **Crusade “Wings for Kids” Air Show** is on the horizon and we need all we can get. It is Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, 2006. There are many chances for you to help. Please call one of the Board members listed above to volunteer. We need to know how many people we can count on this year.

The **Louisville Radio Control Club** has contacted me and expressed interest in helping us promote the Wings for Kids. They will provide some help from their members to put on the event. I will be meeting with their club on Tuesday March 7 to discuss their potential role. That's Exciting!!!

We have many pilots returning this year as well as several new ones. Thanks to **Gary McLeod, Tim Gladney and Doug Trent** on the chopper side, for all your help in the recruitment arena. I'm hoping that Scott Kimball will volunteer to be the 2006 “Air Boss” again this year. Everything ran so smoothly last year, I don't know how he can do any better.....but maybe if we all goad him a little, he re-up!! I'm counting on you Scott....

Special THANKS go out to Sandy Bender. Most of you probably don't know Sandy. Sandy lost her son, who was in his mid thirties, in the spring of 2005. She graciously donated JR's airplane equipment to the Junior Wings program. JR was just getting into the airplane part of the hobby, and hadn't had the opportunity to learn to fly yet. His stuff was mostly new. We gained much needed training equipment and field support equipment. We were also able to sell some items to raise money for fuel and other items. Way to go and **THANKS SANDY!!!!**

The 2006 Chili Fun Fly was a HUGE success. Even though I was unable to attend, I believe it was the first time we ran out of hot dogs and chili!! 50 or 60 people? That's a lot of folks out to enjoy flying on New Year's Day. Check out the photos....

We are working on new pricing for club member items. Tee shirts, hats, sweatshirts, jackets etc. Hopefully we'll have pricing and samples at the March club meeting.

NOTAM'S

Web Site: It's new!!! Check it out. Be patient, Tim says it is still under construction. It will be a lot easier for him to update from now on, as I understand it. There is more being added all the time. Please send any suggestions to Tim as he is striving to make our web site even better.

Calendar: If you know of any upcoming events such as fly-ins or swap meets etc., that would be of interest to other club members, please contact Tim Gladney or Bill Fluke and we will post it on the **Calendar on the web site**. I will also try and include them in the newsletter.

Safety Corner:

A note from the Safety Officer:

We need to bring to light a subject that we are bound to face in the future: "Throttle Failsafe". According to AMA magazine, all aircraft over 20 kg (about 22 lb.) are required to have it. I'm sure something similar is being discussed at the AMA. Most people are aware of the accidents where an aircraft went into a crowd at full throttle with radio failure. Lets think of the bad press this could cause at the Crusade. Fortunately most of our guest pilots already use this feature. It's time to consider our policy when crowds are present or we are operating large aircraft. To my knowledge all club helicopter pilots and some airplane pilots have this feature activated.

Throttle failsafe sends a signal to close the throttle with a loss of radio signal. All PCM radios have this feature and FM radios can use a small accessory for the same result (about \$20). Loss of signal is not uncommon. It can come from carbon fiber, spark ignition engines, loose crystals, transmitter problems, antennas, other TX's, and proximity to cell phone's ringing and use. That's why IMAC, IMAA, and other organizations have policies regarding this. It seems to be EXPECTED of responsible modelers with large airplanes or around crowds. I'm afraid many folks just never quite “get around to it”.

I'd like to toss this whole sticky issue out for discussion and debate. It's prudent now to have a club policy concerning large crowds and large airplanes. We're a club that leads the way and have an unusual circumstance of the “Wings for Kids” crowd. The Crusade planning continues as we speak. We need to address this quickly. I'd like to hear your thoughts and concerns.

Respectfully,
Doug Trent
RCRC Safety Officer

CALENDAR

Club Meetings: Wed, March 1, 2006, 7:30 PM at the Aero Club at Bowman Field Airport

Wed, April 5, 2006, 7:30 PM at the Aero Club at Bowman Field Airport

Wed, May 3, 2006, 7:30 PM at the Aero Club at Bowman Field Airport

Wed, June 7, 2006, 7:30 PM at the Aero Club at Bowman Field Airport

Board Meetings: Thurs, Feb 23, 2006, 7:00 PM at Tom Sawyer Park Office

Thurs, Mar 30, 2006, 7:00 PM at Tom Sawyer Park Office

Thurs, April 27, 2006, 7:00 PM at Tom Sawyer Park Office

Thurs, May 25, 2006, 7:00 PM at Tom Sawyer Park Office

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday March 1, 2006. It will be at the Aero Club located at Bowman Field Airport at **7:30 PM**.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THERE, CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR DIRECTIONS.

There will be two \$25.00 gift certificates to Scale Reproductions given away again that evening along with other door prizes.