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Message from the President

Folks,

It has come to pass that we will be raising the club dues to \$100.00 this upcoming year. This raise in dues is the first time in 25 years, "Yes!" that is correct it has been 25 years since we have had any changes in the cost of club membership. So here are the challenges we are facing as a flying club. Our sport requires a flying field. The flying field requires funding to keep it usable. These costs come in variety of forms and at various times. Cost like Trash, Port-A -Jon and Internet services which are all vendor delivered, to the internal cost of maintain the flying field using our own manpower.

- 1) Flying Field Maintenance: Our equipment is getting very old. The large John Deere mower is over 15 years old and showing its age more and more every day. As we purchased it second hand, it had a hard life before we got it. We have been putting a lot of time and money into maintaining it and the cost keeps going up. The smaller grass cutting John Deere mower is also getting quite old. It is 12 years old now and maintenance is constantly needed to keep it useful. Replacing the tractors will most likely bankrupt the club leaving us with vehicles that we could not use due to a shortage of funds to operate them. We have had our own members spending lots of time keeping them running while avoiding service calls to keep cost down.
- 2) The furniture and fixtures in the pavilion are getting rusted, old, and broken. The ceiling fans are breaking, and their usefulness is quite questionable, replacements are needed. The chairs are slowly being thrown away as they are breaking due to wear and exposure. The tables have seen better days, and some are on their last legs. These are every day usage items. I would hope that you would agree with me that we cannot let our flying club fall into disarray. These items need to be replaced to keep our flying environment welcoming, pleasant, and safe. The idea is to replace them gradually as to not incur a large cost upfront.

In closing the thought comes to mind that we have money, but money is only part of the solution. It takes people to participate in using the resources purchased by the club. Replacing fixtures and furniture, finding equipment, and performing other field maintenance as required. Our club members have shown great monetary support. One example is in funding the runway. Donations exceeded our expectations. If we can show the same support in giving some of our time and talents to the club, I am sure we all would benefit immensely.

Thank you and have a great flying day.

John Flood

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Outstanding Member !!!

A moment to thank Earl Rummel for all his hard work in keeping our flying field looking great. Earl spends countless hours keeping our field equipment running. Performing maintenance and tracking down great deals on parts keeping our two tractors running. He mows the grounds and keeps up with filling those pesky holes in our entrance road. His work is very appreciated. So next time you see Earl, take a moment and thank him for his time and efforts.



September Meeting Notes

- We are in need of people to help with brushing the runway to clear it of dirt and weeds. We have the brushes with a flat side to scrape off the weeds that are growing up into the runway.
- Please take a moment and say "Hello" to our new members as you meet them at the flying field. It is very important to the club that everyone feels welcome and has a great time in the club.
- Club dues will be raised to \$100.00 starting the first of the year.
- Next meeting will be at the airfield on October 16, 2021 at the airfield unless otherwise notified.



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Aircraft of the Month

Turbo Timber Evolution 1.5m

The E-flite Turbo Timber Evolution 1.5m has been evolved into the Smartest, most convenient, capable, and durable Timber yet! Popular features from the original Timber are all there: the shock-absorbing landing gear with oversized, tundra-style wheels; optional-use float set and leading edge slats; functional slotted flaps; and an LED lighting system with landing, navigation and strobe lights. So are the enhancements that gave the Turbo Timber more performance and capabilities, including a turboprop-styled nose, 3-blade prop and spinner, a more powerful 3S and 4S compatible power system, and a stiffer wing with durable, reliable metal-geared servos.



Manufactured by:



Key Features



🧙 Includes optional-use floats with steerable rudders for flying from water



🤺 Stronger, reinforced mounts plus shock-absorbing landing gear and oversized wheels/tires



🤺 Combined connectors make installing/removing the wing easier for more convenient storage and transport



More convenient top hatch with larger battery compartment to fit 3S 2200mAh to 4S 5000mAh batteries



🛖 The best "next step", everyday sport and STOL capable model for a wide range of pilots

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Take a moment and visit the following business if you are in need of their services. We are part of the community and growth is key to our enjoyment, longevity and success as a model airplane club. By furthering our relationships with folks who have businesses in our area we can promote our club and our enjoyment of RC Flying sport to our community.



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