



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Wow, what a GREAT first month it has been for the **South Fork Flyers**. There are so many things going on that we should ALL be excited about. The club has started off with a bang, with 15 RC enthusiasts showing up for our very first meeting.

First of all, check out the club logo on top of this page.....how great does that look? We all owe a great big thank you to **Micki Jenness** (Arlin's daughter) for taking time out of her very busy schedule to design this for us....and what a fantastic job she did!! Now, we are in the process of designing shirts with the logo on it, we just have to decide what process we want to use to do that. That point will be discussed at our next meeting, which will be February 22nd, 7pm at Keith's cabin near his house. **Note: Please remember to bring your AMA cards as well as your yearly club dues to the meeting!!**

Secondly, we now have our website up and running, and it looks great, don't you think? Again, we owe thanks to someone outside our club for the incredible effort in putting that together....Marshall R/C Park owner Keith Marshall's son-in-law, **Patrick Conley**. Between Keith and I (mostly I), I think we about ran Pat ragged putting this together.....moving things, putting new content, just tweaking it in general. And again, this was done as a kindness for our club. I've always said that the class of people in this hobby, and their families included, are some of the finest people you'll ever meet. It's part of what has always drawn me to this hobby over the years.

Keith has been busy putting together the upcoming season of car races together, as well as maintaining the R/C park. The new roof is finished over the top of the pilot area for the car races (above the concession stand), as well as the computer room to house the equipment for the lap counters, etc. Word has it that Clinton Woods has been helping Keith to get all the computer equipment up and running.

Poor Keith seems to spend much more time making things better for us than he does actually enjoying his creation! I know he really enjoys working on his project, and it shows, but I wish he'd take a breather now and again. We sure owe him our gratitude for all he has done for us.....we have the privilege of having one of, if not THE, finest R/C facilities anywhere around.

Keith, Jeremy Malecki, Tom Woods and Wes Marshall have all been working on the "hangar" at the field. Last time I talked to Keith, the siding was going on, so it sounds about finished. We should have some pictures on the website soon. That'll be a great finishing touch on what is already a beautiful place to fly.

We have the FunFly dates posted, and will be working on the event flyers soon. I have been in contact with the local AMA Charter Clubs regarding these, and the response has been very positive, so I look forward to a really good turnout. If you've never been to a FunFly before, I encourage you to set these dates aside and be sure to attend. There is nothing more fun than seeing other people's airplanes and flying skills on exhibit.....and the fellowship is always great. So, mark your calendars and bring the whole family, and plan on making a day out of it!!

I recently completed the Field Safety Rules, the South Fork Flyers bylaws, and all other club related (and AMA required) paperwork. Those in attendance will receive hard copies of all of these at the February meeting.

I am also working with Micki on general club flyers for us to post at local hobby shops or businesses....all in the name of trying to increase interest in the hobby. Our ultimate goal is to have FUN, but right behind this is to show and teach people what it is we're having so much fun doing! And if we're all good ambassadors for the sport, we WILL grow in memberships. But, the only way to do this is to advertise in whatever ways we can. The website is a great tool for that, but flyers and word of mouth will help a lot, too. Let's make this a group effort, and a priority!

If any of you have any suggestions, comments, complaints.....any input at all on how we can improve anything related to the club, please bring them up at the monthly meetings. This is **YOUR** club, so everyone should have a hand in it.

In the upcoming monthly newsletters, I would like to do a section each month highlighting a different member of the **South Fork Flyers**.....just a short article on each person. How they got into RC airplanes, how long they've been doing this, what they have "in the works" for this summer as far as plane projects, etc. It would really be nice to have some pictures to go along with it, so start snapping some of your planes/kits, etc.

Well, that about covers this month's happenings. I hope you're all getting pumped up about the upcoming flying season, as I have a feeling it is going to be spectacular. Everyone's predicting the hottest summer on record overall....and with the extremely mild winter we've had up to now (Jan. 13th), I tend to believe it.

To any of you nonmembers out there that happen to be reading this, please feel free to contact us, we'll be more than happy to answer any and all questions you may have. Or better yet, drop by our meeting.....attending one does not obligate you in any way to join, but would give you a great idea of just what we're all about. Email either Keith or Mike at the addresses below for more information. Until next month, take care!!

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