

Osceola Flyers Newsletter

March 2007



Annual General Meeting

The club's AGM was held on Saturday March 10th at the field.

The attendance at the meeting was en par with previous years, with only 26 members attending.

The election of officers resulted in the following members being elected:

President	Bob Vanderbrook
Vice President	Jerry Wiltse
Secretary	Jack Fisher
Treasurer	Joe King
Safety Officer	Lenny Perry.
Field Marshal	Kenny Bankston
Appointed Member	John Swilley

Congratulations

At a recent awards ceremony held at Orange County School District Headquarters. Lt Col Sharon Branch was presented with a Certificate of Merit for her outstanding commitment to the ROTC.

For those of you who don't know Sharon, she is the widow of the late John Branch, who was for many years the de facto Chief Test Pilot of the club, and then the formally accepted CFI.

He taught many of us to fly, he test flew all our new aircraft, and was always available for help and advice.

John is still, and always will be remembered with great fondness by all the people who knew him.

Member Details

We would like all members to ensure our membership roster is up to date.. Please confirm your personal details, including Telephone Number, E. mail etc ASAP. To Jack Fisher. Gofljf@aol.com.

Yoder & Frey

Well, as most members will have noticed, and despite us believing that Yoder & Frey would not be back, they turned up like the proverbial bad penny this year.

They certainly had more effect on the club than in previous years, taking over parking areas in our over-fly areas, and compromising the approach to both ends of the runway. Resulting in the club suspending flying for a week.

We also had a few instances of what appeared to be radio interference. Resulting in the loss of at least one aircraft.

We do not hold Yoder & Frey directly responsible for this interference, but more likely, the big rigs that are contracted to move the heavy equipment in and out of the field, being equipped with very large linear amplifiers, which can blanket all signals in the area..

Moral of the Story:

Fly a cheap aircraft whilst Yoder and Frey are here.

Missing Aircraft

Bob Mahovich has offered a \$50 reward for the return of his Blue Skyraider, which was lost in the trees at the East end of the runway.

Annual Club Fun-Fly

The club is holding it's annual Fun-Fly and picnic, on Saturday March 24. This is a closed event, to members and their families only. (There will be a nominal charge for food for any guests you bring). There will be flying and ground events, plus some great companionship.

Food is going to be "different" this year, we have moved from the standard burgers and dogs, toCome down and find out

Club Website

We have now reached the “Dizzy” heights, of having a grand total of 37 members registered on the club website.

On a separate note, if you haven’t visited the club website lately, it’s well worth a look. If you haven’t yet registered, take a few minutes and do so,

Doug Scott has done some tremendous work “re-vamping” the club website. It has a real professional look, and Doug improves it every week—Tnks Doug.

2007 Membership

So far, there have been 64 membership renewals, and quite a few new members. The treasury is in great shape.

If you haven’t yet renewed your 2007 membership, see any Board member, pay him your \$45, and you are set.

Remember, you cannot fly at the Fly-In, unless BOTH your membership and AMA are current.

More On Membership

Just another reminder to all members. We are a private club, and visiting pilots are only allowed THREE visits before they must become members.

We are **NOT** a test ground for both rotary and fixed wing pilots to come and test their models.