



Osceola Flyers... "A friendly, casual and safe atmosphere for the sport RC flyer"

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## FALL FLY-IN

The annual *Osceola Flyers* Fall Fly-In is this weekend October 13-14 from 9:00am—5:00pm. The weather forecast currently is indicating highs in the mid 80's and chance of rain low.

Several of the members have been busy sprucing up the field. Kenny cleaned up the shed (looks great), the mowing crews have done some great work with the field also mowing out a parking area. A new transmitter impound with frequency pins has been added. Jack, Joe and Howard have been busy making arrangements getting out invitations, coordinating flying demos and arranging for prizes from local hobby shops and manufacturers for the raffles.

Jerry Testa has created a great looking flyer that has been distributed various businesses and will also be in the Gazette this Thursday. Burgers and hot dogs will be available for lunch on both days. So what is left... just you! We need to all of the members come

on out, bring an airplane, your family and friends and enjoy a weekend of flying and fun.

We have three charity organizations that we are

supporting this year through the fly-in. First, we are welcoming back the "Give the Kids the World" organization. New to this years event is the Central Florida Blood Bank who will have a bus setup to take donations. And finally we will taking food donations in lieu of parking fees. So come on out and enjoy the festivities.



Howard and Jack focused on something other than the upcoming Fall Fly-In. (see back page photo for "The Rest of the Story")

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 13/14 - Fall Fly-In (9am-5pm)
- Nov 3 - U.S. Military Model Aircraft Display Tupperware (late afternoon details to follow)
- Nov 10 - Osceola Flyers Model Airplane Display at the Fall Festival of Solivita (9am-3pm)

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

**Tupperware** — Saturday, Nov. 3 the Osceola Flyers will display US Military aircraft. Jerry Testa is coordinating and will provide additional details

**Solivita Fall Festival** — Saturday, Nov. 10, the Osceola Flyers will participate in an community event displaying various models for a static

display. The event is from 9:00am to 3:00pm with setup of the display between 7:30am-8:30am. All model types are acceptable. This should provide the club with some great exposure. Joe Redan is coordinating this event.

**Club Banner**— A new club banner has been purchase that will allow us even better exposure at these events. The banner is quite large (4X7) with our club logo. We also now have a portable windsock for special events.

## THE REST OF THE STORY

So now that we draw out on the photo, you can see our intrepid flyers working a flying object with lots of air. These eagle eye aviators clearly are focus on the difficult task of not crashing. Simple enough, it light, buoyant, weightless, wispy, feathery (using the Thesaurus here)... what could go wrong one ask?

Yep, as you can see below they managed to crash up! Not a problem, wait a few days and wait for the helium to leak out.



So what has all this got to do with the Fly-In. Well I am glad you asked. A year ago, Jack brought out an “outdoor” version of the blimp. Bigger, much more expensive and yes flies much, much, much higher. I have heard the rumor that Jack will be bringing a new one out at the next Fly-In. Why did I use the word “new” one might ask? Well, I rather not go into the details... but if anyone has seen a large object circumventing the earth please contact Jack.

## CLUB HAPPENINGS(CONT)

**Club Dues**—Club dues for 2008 are now being accepted. Remember, pay before January 1 and pay only \$40 (normally \$45). Also new members joining after October 1 is good until December 31, 2008.

**Club Merchandise**— We have club branded polo shirts and hats in stock. The polo shirts are \$20/ea with the hats selling for \$10/ea. Great quality

and you help support the club with the proceeds. See Bob Vanderbrook for shirts/hats.

**Club Fuel**— We also stock club fuel for you convenience. See Dave Williams or any of the board members if you wish to purchase.

**Field Maintenance**—After the Fly-In we will be looking at some runway improvements. Leveling the sprinklers, filling in the low spots at the west end of the runway are a couple options being consid-

ered. Also as the winter approaches, we will be seeding the runway with winter rye and fertilizing. This keeps the grass green year round. It also keeps the mowers gainfully employed (not that we pay them with anything but our eternal gratitude. Next time you see one of the mower volunteers, give him a hug (or many just a thanks and a hand shake).

Until next time: May your landings equal your takeoffs

*Bob V.*