



THE LEADING EDGE

Newsletter of the
TRI-CITY Radio Control Modelers

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July '00

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, **July 19th**, 7 PM
Country Squire Clubhouse
Fisher and Hood Streets
Kennewick, Washington

2000 TCRCM Officers:

President:	Ron Gibby	946-5356
Vice President:	Jerry Wallis	967-5046
Secretary:	Rick Magnuson	946-5724
Treasurer:	Clee Childress	544-0838

President's Corner

by
Ron Gibby

Boy, the big fire was too close for comfort! Fred Fisher, who was one of the first ones at our field after the Hanford wild fire was declared under control on June 29, 2000, immediately called to tell me that our field had survived the fire's onslaught, although some of the grass was slightly singed. He also noted that we might consider introducing free flight in our club since the surrounding fields are now free of tall weeds and sagebrush. We should consider ourselves lucky when we contemplate what could have happened.

I am happy to announce that at our last club meeting the proposed change to the Club By-Laws was approved. The membership fee for junior members will now be 50% of that charged for a regular individual membership. In addition, the definition of a person eligible for a Junior membership now includes any full-time student 24 years old or younger with a permanent residency in the greater Tr-City area. Hopefully these changes will encourage young flyers to join our club and enjoy the benefits of flying at our field.

Remember that **Friday, July 21, 2000** between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. we will host our annual **Fun Day** for the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) at the ORV Park flying field. This is a big

undertaking and it will take everyone's best effort to make it a success. **Please contact Bill Greger at 735-3877** to let him know that you are willing and able to help.

Thanks to Bill Greger who filled in for George Vargo as CD for the club Float Plane Fly-in held June 24/25, 2000 at the Richland Wye. George was on travel and unable to attend but he organized everything before leaving. A special thanks to George's daughter, Mary, who barbequed some tasty hamburgers and hotdogs for all to enjoy. The weather was cooperative and everyone seemed to be having a good time. I totaled my Goldberg cub on the first day when the radio malfunctioned. An inspection of the receiver after the crash revealed the presence of two small worms in the location where the servos plug in. If that was the cause of the malfunction, I guess I can say that I crashed because of a computer bug or a worm virus.

Thanks to Dennis Cone for his efforts as CD of the club Pattern Contest held July 8/9, 2000. The wind tried to spoil the contest but the pattern fliers prevailed. Dennis noted that for some unknown reason the number of participants was down significantly from last year. Hey Dennis, maybe all our local talent is scaring everyone else away!

Thanks to Monte Stratton for updating the AMA Safety rules which are posted on the field bulletin board. I appreciate Monte for volunteering to keep the bulletin board current.

Congratulations to Ted Tanasse for successfully completing his solo flight!

For comments or questions about the club please contact me by phone at **946-5356** or by Email at **wrgibby@3-cities.com**.

Until next month, happy flying!

June '00 Meeting Minutes

by
Rick Magnuson

President Ron Gibby called the meeting to order with 17 members present including new member Val Ballard.

President Ron gave thanks to Fred Fisher for CDing the Big Bird Fly-In. The April meeting minutes were approved as published in *The Leading Edge*. There was no Treasurer's report as the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting.

The recent Othello pattern meet saw TCRCM members walked (flew) away with honors. Bill & Brett Bowen, Ron Opgenorth, Dennis Cone and Steve Sterling all placed. Congregations!

Terry Hane reported that the sun shield cover and that attaching cords needs replacement. Ron Gibby will check out how to contact the manufacturer about obtaining replacements. Terry also requested that the Club buy 10 new chairs for the field. President Ron Gibby asked for members to keep an eye out for a good buy, then give him a call. Ron will then authorize one member to buy the chairs. The grass is suffering from lack of water. This most likely is due to the key City employee being on vacation and there was some speculation that the recent sprint boat races took water to fill the racecourse from our watering times.

A short discussion on obtaining and installing electrical conduit under the parking area took place. The City of Richland will soon be laying down asphalt on the parking area. The City will assist in the installation of 3-inch conduit.

Bill Greger will fill in for George Vargo as CD for the Float Fly as George is out of town on business. All activities are on track for the July Pattern Contest.

Bill Greger reported that there might be a problem with the July ARC event scheduled for Friday, July

21st. The ARC group may be invited to watch the Air Force Thunderbirds practice on that Friday as the T'Birds prepare for the Air Show on Saturday and Sunday. The Club will have to wait and see until more information becomes available as what the Club needs to do to put on the ARC event.

Secretary Rick Magnuson reviewed the proposed By-Law changes regarding membership classifications and dues. Bill Bowen made a motion, seconded by Jerry Wallis, to accept the changes to the By-Laws. The motion passed.

Bill Bowen pointed out that the web based "listbot" was moving away from its intended purpose of a RC related forum and becoming what Terry Hane observed as a club destroying mechanism. After some discussion, Bill will put together listbot guidelines and then pass it onto Web master Steve Sterling.

Ron Opgenorth reported that the police in Washtucna have a program for troubled youths that involves RC. On July 4th, some 18 youths, who are building 9 planes, will have an event to celebrate their accomplishments. Our Club has been invited to participate: members could give a flying demonstration or assisting the youths in flying. Given that many members have already made plans for the holiday, any member interested should contact Rob. The Club's web site (<http://www.TCRCM.org>) and listbot will have more information.

Bill Peterson noted that the frequency chart is not up-to-date. Bill is willing to conduct a new survey of radio frequencies used by members. This will aid a member purchasing a new radio to avoid a heavily used channel.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Mowing Schedule for

July 7th:

Ted Tanasse
Chief McMahan 627-5317

Dennis Cone 943-5773
783-0241

July 21st:

967-3879
Marv Calkins

July 28th:

Bill Bowen
Brett Bowen dittoditto

Ron Wright 547-5013
946-9770

August 11th:

375-3335
Jerry Wallis

August 18th:

Larry Mitchell
Harvey Sevall 582-7116

Blake Spilman 586-3030
946-5724

And AGAIN: Thanks from

As some of you may know, a number of TCRCMers travelled to Washtucna on July 4th to flying demos for the locals in general and specifically for members of a police-sponsored youth project. As

from one of the Washtucna RCers:

Washtucna):

We would like to thank you from the bottom of time to come up to our little town and joining in on the festivities. You guys are a lot of fun to be

helicopters. what a fabulous show. I'm sure we won't have any trouble getting a bus load of kids,

Thanks so much for the invitation.

From one propnut to the other
David Baumann

TCRCMers Clean Up at Othello Pattern

(TCRCMers shown in **Bold**)

Sportsman— 1st: Steve Sterling
2nd: Incheol Park

1st:
2nd: Nate Dixon
3rd: Bill Cardell

1st: Gary Pugh
2nd: **Bill Bowen**

4th: **Rob Opgenorth**
5th: John Lees

7th: Tim Boyer

Masters—
2nd: Dave Villwock
3rd: Gary McLellan
5th: Michael Lance
6th: Ray McLellan

TRI-CITY RC MODELERS 2000 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Event	Date	Location	Contest Director
Spring Fun Fly	May 12	ORV Park Richland, WA	Bill Greger (509) 735-3877
Big Bird Fly-in	June 10/11	ORV Park Richland, WA	Fred Fisher (509) 946-9770
Fleet Plane Fly-in	June 24/25	Richland Y on Columbia River	George Vargo (509) 375-0098
ARC Fun Day	July 21	ORV Park Richland, WA	Bill Greger (509) 735-3877
Pattern Contest	July 8/9	ORV Park Richland, WA	Dennis Gons (509) 943-5773
Biplane Fly-in	August 19/20	ORV Park Richland, WA	John Hanson (509) 586-4843
Final Fling Fun Fly	October 7	ORV Park Richland, WA	Ron McMahan (509) 627-5317

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