

AVIATOR NEWS

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The official newsletter of the Hawks R/C Junior Aviators

April/May 2009

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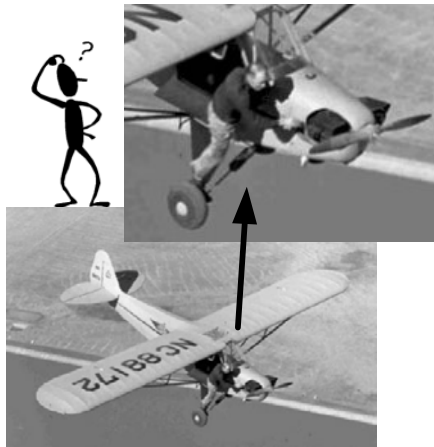
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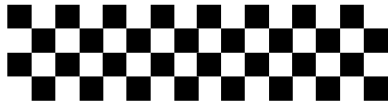
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DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME ok?



Get your AMA membership before you go flying. You can get your new AMA membership or renew it at RedneckRC. Check with Marty.

Coming up!

April 25 - Saturday, "Hawks Swap Meet and Auction", Marty is in charge of this one, Setup start time is 8:30, Swap Meet starts at 10am with the auction starting at noon and will continue until it's over. (ask Marty what YOU can do to help out)

May 23 - Saturday, "Fulton Memorial Day Parade", Saturday, Dennis Redhead is in charge of this, all Hawks students are encouraged to walk with the Hawk's float.

May 24 - Sunday, "Junior Aviators Day", 3rd annual, 10 to 4pm at Fort Ontario. If you haven't flown at the Fort then you're in for a treat. It is a beautiful location with a wide-open space to fly, plenty of grass, and an awesome view of the lake. This is a day for the kids. We try to get as many kids as we can to come to the Fort to try their hand at flying one of the Hawks trainers. Hawks students are encouraged to help out and also to get in some stick time themselves. Bring your friends and family. We always have a good time. ("Stick Time"? it means time spent on the transmitter flying)

June 2 - Tuesday, "Opening day" of the Hawks outdoor flying season, 6pm until dark at the Oswego Valley Modelaires field, off Chase Rd. in Fulton behind the Fulton Youth Soccer fields

June 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, & 30, every Tuesday and Thursday in June, Hawks flying night at the OVM field, 6pm until dark. (weather permitting of course)

July 4 - "Oswego 4th of July Parade", Saturday, Dennis is also in charge of this too, details to follow.

NEWSLETTER.

All postings are by Tim unless stated otherwise. Input from Hawks members would be appreciated. Thanks to Jeff St. Onge, our resident Webmaster, we now have the Hawk's newsletters on the Hawk's website.

www.junioraviators.org

GOOD news and BAD news

The **GOOD** news is that Sr. Flight Instructor Dennis Redhead will not be leaving the area after all and will be around all summer teaching you the finer points of flying.

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DONATIONS

The Hawks program runs on donations from businesses and people like you. The Hawks is a NY state registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational program. Donations of even a buck can be given directly to Tim, Dennis, or Marty at Redneck. I'll get a receipt to you if you request one. Thank you for your support.

THE OVM FIELD IS OPEN!

Went to the field recently and was surprised to find it just as we left it last year. Everything was there, no tire track on the runway, no fence posts knocked over. Lets go fly!
 (as a Hawks student you can't fly at the OVM field unless you are also an OVM member! You can only fly at the field on Hawks nights. However, joining the OVM club as a junior member only costs \$20 per year then you can fly 24/7 all year.)

Summer flying starts June 2nd 2009



Students flight cards



Ready to Launch - Elliott stretching the Hi-Start

Plan to be There!

Hawks Swap Meet & Auction

Sat, April 25 at

Setup 8:30
Swap Meet 10am
Auction 12pm

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RedneckRC Hobby Shop
AMA Membership and all your R/C needs. Call 532-6826 and ask for Marty.
A proud supporter of the Hawks program

Just a reminder for those of you who need it. (cut it out if it helps you)

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www.junioraviators.org

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SWAP SHOP:

The Swap Shop section I was going to add here this month got postponed due to the Hawk's having an Auction later this month (Apr 25). Look for the swap shop section to start later in future issues of the Hawks newsletter

HAWKS TRIVIA

The following are random snippets about the the Hawks program, the OVM club, and/or those who have been involved in the Program.

- The OVM club has had to relocate 4 times since 1986 (when I first joined). We've been at the current field on Chase Rd. since the fall of 2001.
- The 2003 and 2004 Hawk's seasons were written up in minute detail in a day by day accounting of the entire season. You can find on the AMA District 2 Website in the forum section under training. (You need to register to view any of the forums, it's free and it does make for some interesting reading.)

Mini Update:

We'll probably be presenting more "Bush Pilot" certificates as we begin the outdoor flying season. I think there are a few of you that qualify but the progress matrix is not up to date. So we'll try to evaluate you early on and update the matrix accordingly so you can get your certificate. Word is that we are approved for funding for 2009 by the Oswego Youth Bureau. I like that. The picture on the right shows the new carrying case with the 2 batteries, charger, and cables for the Funtana X-50, oh sorry, I mean for "School Girl". I tried soldering the heavier wire with the one temperature stick type soldering iron that we had and got frustrated so I purchased a soldering station for the Hawks room. The station is slick and worked great.

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HAS YOUR EMAIL CHANGED?
let Tim Pease know. Send Tim an email update to tpease1@twcny.rr.com (don't forget the number 1 after tpease)



New batteries, cables, and charger



Tim Pease, Bob Washer, and Marty Chipkin at RedneckRC in Fulton

Bob Washer - Bob is a behind the scenes guy and a long time supporter of the Hawks. He has opened his wallet in a big way these last few years and we're proud to be presenting one of our first certificates to him.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

We continue to play catch up with presenting the Hawk's "Certificate of Appreciation". These will be the final certificates to be awarded during our catchup phase. These people are difficult to meet with so I will work to get the certificates to them. The remaining certificates of appreciation are awarded to the following:

The Oswego YMCA c/o Mike Perkins - Mike is the Program Director at the Y and is also an R/C pilot. It was Mike's idea to use the Armory for indoor flying. Mike has been very supportive of our activities and has provided us with whatever we've asked for to make indoor flying an enjoyable experience for all.

The Oswego City/County Youth Bureau c/o Brian Chedney - Brian has also been very supportive of the Hawks' program. The Hawk's are funded in part by the youth bureau. Marty does all of our youth bureau paperwork and in cooperation with Brian processes through the youth bureau to get our funding.

Fort Ontario c/o Paul Lear - Paul is the Director at Fort Ontario. He has been very supportive of our flying activities there. We're grateful for the opportunity to use the facilities and we thank Paul for allowing us to use that beautiful location for our Junior Aviators Day and Harborfest events.

IMPORTANT LINKS

- Hawks R/C Junior Aviators - www.junioraviators.org
- Oswego Valley Modelaires - www.amadistrictii.org/ovm
- Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) - www.modelaircraft.org
- Academy of Model Aeronautics District 2 (D2) - www.amadistrictii.org

Hawk's Plane #12



"Big Tim"



Hawk's Plane #13

"School Girl"

THE NAME THE PLANE CONTEST IS OVER!

At the March 11th Hawks meeting we made a last call for names to be used on the Hawks planes. Billy and Elliott added more names at the meeting but Elliott went into over drive and submitted about 25 to 30 suggested names. These we added to the other suggestions by Ross, Anthony, and Cassie. We went through all the suggestions and whittled them down to the top 4 names and here are the results.

The Funtana X-50 electric 3D aircraft is now **"School Girl"**
The BTE Flyin King is now **"Big Tim"** (don't ask)

Third and fourth place names will be used on the two remaining SIG Kadet LT40 Hawk's trainers and they are as follows: **"Titan"** and **"Chuckles"**
These two will join "Sweat Pea III" as 2009 Hawk's aircraft.

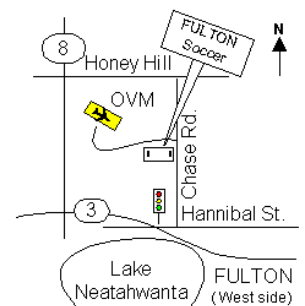
All the names chosen were submitted by Elliott Mills

Graphics for the two planes is being made by Phil from Aerographics - NYFlyer56@aol.com

Wanted

INSTRUCTORS

The Hawks is still looking for a pilot or two who would like to be a flight instructor with the Hawks this season.



Spectators welcome when field is open

Map to OVM field

WORKSHOP WRAPUP:

Duane has been working hard on getting the workshop ready. We now have shelves for a student's work in progress. If you're working on something in the Hawks room be sure to pick a shelf and put your name on it. This way is more organized and will hopefully prevent your stuff from getting mixed up with someone else's. We have eight sections of shelving to use. We'll be numbering the shelves from 1 to 8 and also there will be a small white box associated with each shelf. This box is for all your loose stuff like motors, servos, radios, hardware and such.



We hit the Flyin King (aka Big Tim) hard this workshop season but didn't get it finished. We did get a lot done on it though. The Funtana X-50 (aka "School Girl") is even closer to being finished. All that's needed is for the fuse to be modified to accommodate the big battery and ESC. This plane was set up for glow fuel but we're converting it to electric as we've mentioned earlier..

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CLUB AUCTIONS (How they usually work)
The First part of the Swap Meet & Auction will be the Swap Meet. What's a Swap Meet you ask? Well as you know in an auction people bring

items up for everyone to see and bid on. They usually get sold to the person who made the highest bid for that item. In a Swap Meet you can buy stuff before the Auction starts. Think of it like a flea market. The Swap Meet is between 10am and 12pm with the auction starting at 12. During the 2 hours of the Swap Meet you can look around at all the stuff for sale and make deals with the person selling the stuff. Stuff not sold during the Swap Meet usually ends up going up for bid at the auction. If you see something you like, before the auction then haggle with the seller and make them an offer right there. If you both agree on a price then the items is yours to take home and the item never goes to auction.

The Auction itself usually goes like this. Let's say you have an old plane you don't use any more. You want \$75 for it but you'll take \$60. The \$60 is what we call your reserve price, meaning that you won't take any less than \$60. The plane goes up to auction table where the auctioneer starts the bidding process by asking lets say \$40 for the plane. If the bidding goes above \$60 then it goes to the highest bidder. If however bidding only goes up to say \$55 bucks which is less than your reserve price the auctioneer will ask you to decide if \$55 is ok or not.

If you have things you want to sell then you can get a table or floor space from Marty at RedneckRC. You can start setting your stuff up around 8:30.

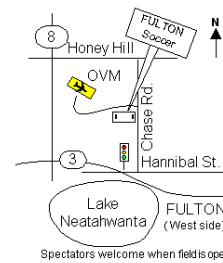


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NEW INSTRUCTOR

We also have a new Instructor stepping up to the flightline for Hawks nights. Trey Hellwig is going to be hooking up to the buddy box with you students this summer. Trey brings a lot of electric flying experience which will be very helpful especially with a new electric Hanger-9 Funtana X-50 aircraft in the Hawk's lineup this season. I'll give you all the stats on "School Girl" in next month's newsletter.



Map to OVM field



Trey working with Scotty at the Oswego Armory



Ross working on some 3D stuff

INDOOR FLYING is over for the season
We had a good run flying indoors on Tuesday nights at the Oswego YMCA in the Armory building. We flew every Tuesday until the last Tuesday in March with a Saturday thrown in every month for good measure. The Saturdays helped us pick up a few more bucks to get us through the season. Flying indoors is easy to do. More of you Hawks students should have participated you would have had a great time. The Hawks do have a "Vapor" and an "Ember II" for student use.



Words are so inadequate at times like these.

We'll begin flying indoors again starting October 6, 2009