# PLANE TALK NEWS



With this being Iowa, the weather is up and down. This past weekend the temps were in the 70s and light winds. It was a perfect weekend to help kick off the flying season. But as I am writing this I am watching it snow, really not cool.

After getting the dust off all of the planes and putting the first flights on each, I am really looking forward to this summer and spending it at the field. It was great to see some new faces and some that I had not seen in some time. I don't think there is a better place to be.

After I pulled my batteries out of storage to charge them up, I found that some of them had not made it through the off season. How do you dispose of your old or damaged batteries?

Make sure to puncture all of the cells in the lipos and let them sit for a few days before you dispose of them. This will prevent them from igniting in the trash. If you have a damaged or puffy battery that you don't feel safe taking home, please let one of the club officers know. Leaving these batteries just laying around the field is not safe. We will address this and the proper way to take care of these batteries.

Thursday night training night will be starting again by the end of the month. We are in need of ground support and pilots who would like to help out. This program allows anyone to come out and give RC flying a try.

See you at the field, Duane Meeting Minutes, Apr 2, 2013

7:00 PM. Bd of Dir Meeting:

Jim Lewis reported that the March Swap Meet had very limited attendance. He strongly suggested that someone else should take charge of that, who could devote more time to advertise another event. He also noted that there seemed to be more people there for the indoor-fly that day, and perhaps it should be just that, an indoor-fly event. It was also reported that only about 4 people brought food to the pot-luck social. Another suggested that if we had a place with bleachers, an auction might be better attended. We will also ask Hoover High School about using a gym at that location, for either event.

The Kybo at Westfield should be serviced or replaced shortly. The charging station at Westfield is now up and ready for the season. The driveway south of the clubhouse at EPJ should be checked to see of new gravel is needed. The rent at Westfield is #1275.00 for 2013, and has been paid. Jim also asked about the club helping with estate sales of RC equipment. It was generally agreed to continue this. Jim asked for volunteers to help with inventory, clean-up, repairs, and storage of these estate collections. Please contact Jim Lewis if you would like to help with this. In many cases, this would mean that the team members would have first pick of "stuff" to buy. Alan informed us that a fly=in is scheduled for Perry this August, and suggested a static display by our club.

The training program will be starting shortly. We need volunteers for ground crew, administration of check-in, and instructors.

7:30 PM. General membership meeting. 35 members present.

The above was reiterated to the general membership. Duane reminded all that the next meeting will be at EPJ field, and will include initial check-up of training planes and equipment.

Tom and Marissa from Hoover HS reported on their program of the Real World Design Challenge, in which our members provided technical guidance toward their project of designing a flying model to assist in locating a lost child in the country. As a follow-up, our club is also providing guidance in building models and is building a trainer ARF model aircraft. At least some of their students will also take flight instruction from us.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Show and tell followed.

#### Upcoming Events

May 7th, Club Meeting 7:30PM EPJ Field

May 11th, Multi Wing Fun Fly 10AM - 3PM West Field

June 4th, Club Meeting 7:30 PM West Field

June 8th, High Wing Fun Fly 10AM - 3PM EPJ Field

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