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From the President's Hangar

by Dave Agee

E-Jet

By all measurements, E-Jet was a huge success. Those of you that helped out, thank you. This event most certainly will become even bigger in years to come. I want to personally thank the organizing committee and especially Terry Nitsch and Kevin Petrilla for making this event the new standard for excellence in RC events. We will be talking about this event in some detail at our next club meeting. Please let the committee know what your thoughts are!

NOISE!!!!!!

In preparation for E-JET, Terry and I delivered good neighbor packs to our neighbors. As is our tradition we always ask them what they think about TORKS, the flying, etc. I have done this the past 3 years, twice this year. We normally hear nothing but good comments about the club during these visits. Last week, however, we heard from several different neighbors that they "**did not like the noise**". They did add positive comments though like they liked to watch the planes, etc. To my knowledge we haven't heard noise complaints before!

During the time that Terry and I were giving our presentation, a member was flying his very large aerobatic airplane. In my opinion it was very loud over at the houses where we were giving out good neighbor packs.

I have mentioned this concern to a few of you, but thought I would share it with all members. Some of us that have been in the hobby a long time know that one of the most common reasons for the loss of a flying field is noise! We have talked about noise concerns in the past, but have always shrugged it off by saying that the interstate noise is louder than our aircraft. I believe that now something is different. One thing that is different is that we have added a number of new members that fly giant scale, typically louder aircraft.

Our flying field has no restriction on noise. Some fields do. AMA does have a suggested noise limit. Some clubs go beyond that. I have discussed this with the AMA. They have confirmed that noise is a leading cause of lost flying fields, and has become an even bigger problem this year.

I am not suggesting that we just put a dB limit in place at the field. But I am looking for ideas from the group as to what you think we should do. We will discuss this issue in some detail at our next club meeting.



Message Cont.

If the majority would like to pursue this issue further, I would suggest a committee of 2 or 3 people to develop a plan to present to the membership. In my mind some things to consider would be:

1. Develop a noise baseline of our aircraft by dB measurement: On the ground, in the air, at neighbors houses, etc.
2. Develop a questionnaire to ask more specific questions to our neighbors to target possible solutions.

Note: As some of you may not know "Prop" noise usually creates the most noise on our aircraft due to the Prop tips approaching the speed of sound. This noise can be reduced significantly by using smaller diameter 3 bladed props!

See you Sunday October 26th at the TORK's Field of Dreams at 2:00 pm.

BBQ Meeting! See upcoming events!

This is usually the last meeting until January, so come on out!!

Editors Note:

My apologies for the members who receive the newsletter via USPS.

Last months issue was delayed due to the power outage at the Kinko's who prints them for us.

Sorry for the inconvenience!

Meeting Minutes

September 24th

Not much to report as it was set up time for the E-Jets.

1 new Member was voted in as a Probationary Member which we will report on in the next Newsletter.

Happy Flying
Matt Finley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday October 26th

Club Meeting 2:00 PM
at the
Field of Dreams!!!
Last Meeting of the Year!!



BBO Meeting!!

Ribs, Chicken, side dishes
and drinks from JP's!!

Be there at 12:30 PM!

Quickie Swap Shop

Bring any items to sell before
the winter sets in!

After the meeting!!!