



# Hanger Rat

Spillway Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Chapter #979

Founded 1972

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## Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Spillway Radio Control Club will be Sept. 11, 1997, 7:30 PM at the O.C.A.W. Union hall in Noroc. Hope to see you there.

## Old Business:

The minutes and treasury report were read and accepted by members present.

There were 12 members and one visitor present at the July meeting.

Al received bad news from the Corps it seems that the real-estate people want charge us a one time fee of \$750.00 fee for a structure (the water meter). And start charging a \$15.00 for use of the Spillway as a yearly lease fee. It seemed to Al that they were making up the rules as they went along.

Al is writing the Colonel and explaining the situation to see if there is anything he can do.

Most of the fence work is done with the exception of a few of the post needing to be replaced which will be done at a later date.

## New Business:

Lynn brought up the fact that someone has hit one of the post with something and bent it. Sidney is looking into it.

It was Sidney's duty to remove David Reitan from the roles of the Spillway Radio Control Club due to him not mowing the grass. This is a strictly followed by-law.

On this subject Tina Praesel made these comments. David's father was recently diagnosed with cancer and David is very up set over this. His thoughts were not on the club. I am not excusing his action. Or the right of the

club to remove him from the club however I think this is a subject that needs a closer look. We are not considering the elderly, sick, or those who work late hours that may not be able to control when those hours fall. I think we need to hire someone full time.

Garland Trepagnier apposed the comments thinking that Tina was defending David's action. The man knew the rules when he joined and he should have hired someone to cut his grass. The by-law is there for a reason, to protect the club. He brought up the fact that it might be better to stay a small club than to grow to be 150 members all waiting to fly their airplane. Originally we had a 25 member limit on this club.

Gus Praesel brought up the fact that times have changed. People work longer hours now making it harder for them to do the mowing. He mowed in the rain just to make sure that the field was mowed. We need to remember this is a hobby and should be fun. It cost us a flat fee of \$82.00 a year to be a member of another club where we do not mow. This year we will have to chose which club to stay with and mowing is an issue for us.

Sidney brought up the fact that several people have approached him on the subject of getting someone to mow the grass. Now that Carl Cantrelle has retired maybe he would be the one for the job. Pat McGehee has worked up a budget and what it would cost us. Also what the changes to our by-laws would be. This would not be a set thing, it would be left where if someone was not found to do the cutting, the grass cutting could be reinstated. Pat will explain at the next meeting how this works. It would cost us about \$50.00 extra dollars per person if the membership stays the same (It is likely to grow). This will not effect the membership dues. We will not vote on this at this meeting. It is something that needs to be discussed in more detail. People have told Sidney that because they have to cut grass they would not join this club.

Barry Bleakley brought up the fact that when a person comes to this club they are told that as a member they are to cut the grass. If a person does not want to mow there is the other club across the river. The deal we made with the Corps. was that we would cut our grass and that is why the by-law reads as it does. The grass was cut when there

where only 8 members. The grass should be cut whether you cut or you hire someone to cut it for you.

Loren Bailey said there were 2 reasons that having someone cut the grass would be good. One the field would be cut like it needed to be every time. Two the person on contract would have more chances in the day to cut the grass.

Sidney said this is something that will have to be discussed and something to think about. It is an important vote and we need to have another discussion on it and then decide if there will be a vote on it later.

We need as many members present at the next few meetings to hear how you feel and your ideas.

**Remember** whatever the number that shows up will vote on this and your idea may not be made known unless you come tell us.

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Prospective member Less Fisher (I am unsure of the spelling) was introduced. Years ago he belonged to this club so some people may remember him.

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It has been brought up that when you break a prop on the field remember to pick it up because it is hard on the lawnmowers.

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### **Solo:**

Lynn Veron soloed the first week in August. Congratulations Lynn may you have many years of happy flying.

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I found this article in the National Newsletter. I am printing only the most important part. Since builders tend to shut the doors to either cool off or to heat up the building they are in I felt this was important. Quoted from The Electric Model Flyer, Rod Campbell, Editor.

### **CA**

Pick up a small bottle, with a small tip, turn it upside down, holding the bottle a half a meter above the work table. Let one drop of glue come out on its own (free flowing). Do not force the glue out. Watch how much glue this is when it lands. This drop will glue one square inch on a piece of paper--that is the size of each surface that a drop of CA will properly glue together. The same applies to aliphatic resin wood glue; too much is used and ends up being wiped or sanded off.

Now, do you suppose that you are using too much glue? Remember, some of these items are dangerous when used properly, and they are even more dangerous when used improperly! Have you had a nagging cold lately, running nose, blurred vision, coughing up phlegm, difficulty breathing at times, seeing your doctor to get a cure? Sick to the point that you have to stop building? After a few

days you are getting better, and a couple of weeks go by and you are back building and you get another cold. Guess what. You have reached your tolerance for CA. Your body is reacting violently to the chemistry; it is trying to tell you something.

Let me tell you if you won't listen to yourself: you are pressing your luck. The next time you use CA may be your last. This happened to me. The last time I really thought I would not pull through and it was a week later that I finally discovered it was the chemistry. It took about 4 hours from exposure for the reaction to begin, so you may not think it was the chemistry. I didn't. Do I use CAs now? I have one small bottle, use it outside or in the garage, and leave the area immediately and stay away for a couple of hours after.

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### **FUMES CAN BE HAZARDOUS**

Let me warn you about those fumes,  
from paint or gas or glue  
The need for ventilation,  
Is something you should do.

'Cause if you don't, you just might find,  
Your judgement not quite right.  
When you always breathe that stuff,  
Some dangers you invite.

You mite just think that I.M. kidding,  
That brainsells never fale,  
I think ull find that jest ain't sew,  
Tem hable lab en snail.

Fixit Tie, dew llisten up,  
Thoes fewms ar seeming thik,  
Plees muve yur prockeck out uf doors,  
(I'm pheeling kinda sik.) Author Unkown

### **Editor's Postscript:**

In the June Hanger Rat I miss printed the MOM. It should read Louis Escoto won not Barry.

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