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FROM THE PREZ

I would like to mention a few things about the Largo Flying Club and how it came to be:

Approximately twelve (12) years ago, the idea of having an RC flying club in the middle of Pinellas County was discussed by Ray Hawkinson and Ed Rouisse. They started the difficult job of approaching the Largo Parks Division in order to get permission to have a flying field on a dump site that was full of all sorts of waste materials. They were both determined that it was possible to have an RC group at 8th Av. and Donegan Rd., just East and a little South of the Largo Middle School. There was no field at that site, but both Ray and Ed didn't see any problem in putting one there. After taking off from what is the road you drive into the field on today (yes, that was the first runway), they were able to take off from that road, with the personnel from the city doing a noise DB test. They checked it and were given the go-ahead to start a flying club. It was first named "The Pinellas Flying Club". I don't know the exact membership when it started. I personally joined the club in its third (3rd) year. It has since grown from a few members to today's ninety plus (90+) membership. Rules and By-Laws had to be drawn up and insurance on the property for 1.5 million had to be gotten from AMA following their sanctioning of the field. The insurance was required by the City of Largo, along with the rules and By-Laws. Also, every member needs to have insurance and be approved by AMA.

In about its fifth (5th) year, the name was changed to the "Largo Flying Club". The location of the runway has changed twice. The first time it was approximately 100 feet from the road and was later moved to its current location. The material for the runway came from Georgia. It was used as a conveyor belt in the paper industry. The first material was brought down from Georgia on a boat trailer. This is still the original material. The cost of the material was zero, but the leveling of the ground ran about \$6,000. A change was made about three (3) years ago. About ninety (90) feet were removed from the West side of the runway and added to the East end. This was done to try and get flyers to not fly over the houses on the West side.

Ray Hawkinson was the President for the first five (5) years. He turned over that position to Mike Silvernail, who held the position for three (3) years. I then became the President in his fourth (4th) year. I really want to thank Ray Hawkinson for his very hard work in convincing the City of Largo to let him have a RC flying club in Pinellas County. Ray will be missed very much. I personally had a very great time working with him and will miss his assistance.

DON

NAME THAT PLANE

Gene White has done it again. He has managed to take one of the finest designed high-wing RC designs and created an amazing, one of a kind, low-wing beauty,

In addition to repositioning the wing the engine bay is designed to allow the installation of either electric or nitro power plants. The plane has flown with both and is impressive either way.

The most amazing thing about this plane is how well it glides through the air without power. From a hundred feet or so it can circle the field two or three times before landing. You have to see it to believe it.

It also it very capable of doing nice easy loops, rolls and inverted flight.

If you haven't figured it out yet, this is a modified Sr. Kadet. Perhaps it should be called Super Sr. Kadet.

Nice Job Gene!!



MEMBER PROFILE: MIKE LIVERS



- **Hometown:**Santa Barbara, CA
- **Occupation:**Airline Pilot (USAir)
- **Years flying:** 25
- **First plane:**Andrews H-Ray
- **Current fav:**.....3DH EXTRA
- **Next model:**.....Another EXTRA
- **Radio gear:**Futaba 7C 2.4Gz
Futaba 6EXA chl 48
- **Gas or electric:**Electric
- **Years LFC member:**2 months
- **Overall Favorite:**.. MW Sweetstick
- **Years Modeling:**..... 25
- **Flying goals:**Develop better 3D & Aerobatic skills
- **Why RC:**Pleasure & stress relief
- **Other hobbies:**Sailing & music
- **How many crashes?**Stopped counting (plus one right after interview)
- **WISH I COULD:**Hover

NEW MEMBERS

Rubin Padova

WELCOME!!!!

ED SAYS

FOR MAY, 2008

Ed. Says for the month of June is, "The probability of survival is equal to the angle of arrival" (Anon).

What do you see when you are at the field? Do you see some who come to the field with a new plane every two or three weeks and some who still fly a particular aircraft for two, three or more years. Some, you kind of wish that they would get a new plane every now and again. They look so old and run down, but yet are quite capable of good flight. A

plane will last as long as someone is willing to repair and maintain them.

Let's look at the DC-3. This plane (and some are still flying), has a life of about 70 years. Again to stretch a point 70 years. Why? Well they are maintained and brought up to date as much as they can be.

Some people actually fall in love with their airplanes. They think of a good flying airplane as a very special, unique, mas-

terpiece. In the painting world, some like Van Goe's, creations (you know the painter), and pay unbelievable amounts of money to own them. Just to look at and own. While those who can hardly afford next weeks rent, think that their flying creation that they own, or built, or maintain, that will defy gravity, is their masterpiece. Their painting in the sky. Can you blame them?

Mr. Ed.



YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

At June's LFC meeting a controversial proposal for a change to the Bylaws was presented George Artzer (see below). The proposal stimulated vigorous debate both pro and con. The vote to determine whether or not to consider the proposal further turned out even (10 for and 10 against). Therefore the question was moved forward to the July meeting.

This proposal, if adopted, would be a significant change to the Bylaws. Therefore each member should take the time to clearly understand what it says and express their opinion to the club leaders, before the next meeting.

Published below is an exact copy of the proposal letter as well as an opposing view as express by Ed Rouisse. Please read both very carefully.

5/26/2008

New proposal for the bi-laws or rules.

First I would like to say this proposal would in **NO WAY affect current members**. But I do believe it may affect all members if it is not passed. From what I understand and I have only been flying for a couple years now, fields are being closed all over the U.S. due to noise complaints. We have had our share, and we have tried everything including changing boundaries and having a tree removed. The fact is, we are closer than we have ever been to loosing our field. We can continue to "Hope the issue goes away", or

My proposal is this, and as I said **will not effect current members**. Current members whether they fly gas or electric will be allowed to continue to do so if they wish at the same DB levels, same boundaries, and no changes what so ever. If one of these members has an immediate family member who decides to join they too will be grandfathered into gas flying. Example: Joe's son got interested in flying Joe Son's can fly gas too. Joe's wife after years of hating Joe at the field has decided to start flying she can also fly gas.

Largo-Flying Club - In the interest of public concern over noise will be converting to an all electric field over time. All new members will only be able to fly electric. All current members will be allowed to fly either gas or electric.

I have absolutely nothing against gas flyers. My soul purpose for this proposal is to insure the future existence of our club. I know this is a very controversial issue for many at our club. I didn't think of this overnight and I didn't think it would be fair to try and ram Electric Only at our field with the current members who do enjoy flying gas. I know a lot have considered it and I know many have worried about it. This would once and for all I think resolve the issue. I would also suggest attaching a list of current members to this and require a 2/3rds vote to over rule it in the future. This new rule / Bi-law would also be given to city or to all those concerned.

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Ed. has to say;

that last night we had a prime example. A prime example of incrementalism. Step by very small step they erode what this club has put together and established for 13 years. Step by very small step they end up taking full control of this club. Give in ones and you are condemned to repeat it many more small times to come. That is saying that the club officer and its BD just don't know what they are doing. They won't stop until they have taken over. They won't ever take a leadership position, oh no they don't have time for that, but take over the club, they will. They are against me this time but you are in their sights at a later date.

They sit on the sidelines and pull very small strings and pretty soon they will have the whole rope. They will hang us all. If they know they can frighten us once they will use this scare tactic to get everything they want.

Ed. Rouisse

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On the runway!!!



WHO SAYS DON NEVER FLY'S?



Heli



Mini-Pulse