



Largo Appreciation Day

Saturday Nov. 18, was Largo Appreciation Day at the field and what a turnout we had, at last count 26 members and many wife's were present. Many of the wife's helped with food preparation and directing traffic etc. What a team effort. All in all it was a very successful day with the wind and chilly weather everyone kept warm by sitting in the sun. Our headline flyers were Austin Brammer, Tim Reynolds, Robert Linabury, Matt Conser and Steve Close. Ron Melick did his bomb drop and Gene Henry and Ed Rouisse flew there Seniors. Dick Gifford got shut out do to the light attendance for which he had a skit planned for a crowd pleaser. Ron Schumacher and Barbara Henry did the honors of cooking with all the mem-

bers bringing in side dishes, the food went over well most went back for seconds. We the officers of the club would like to thank all the members who helped in the anticipation of a big attendance putting up signs, balloons setting up tables and all of the task that go into putting on the event. **THANK YOU**

For a preview of the flying at the event take a look at Photo-ops on our website www.largoflyingclub.com



Ron and Barbara
Watching the Pot



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Membership Dues

Membership dues are due by the end of the year. You still have time to save \$5 until our next meeting which is Dec. 5th . Renewals our going very well at the time of this writing we have 57% of the members who have sent in their dues.

Pictures from Appreciation day



From Your Chief Flight Instructor *Ed Says*

Ed. says this month words of wisdom for the month of December are those three little words. Remember when that song came out way back when, around the 1940's, "those three little words". Some of you have never heard that song but it went like this. " Three little words that's all I'll ever tell you, those three little words". Of course those three little words were, "I love you".

Well when you bring your planes to the field we should be saying these three little words to your planes. So much so that if anything and everything is not in total harmony and in good working condition we should be saying another three little word and they are, "wait another day".

If you say those three little words to your plane, you will be saying them to your plane, to your club, and to yourself. Another saying, and I'm sure you've heard is this, "a stitch in time saves nine". So the next time you come out to the field, for your planes sake, all your club friends sake, and for all who love where we are flying sake, be extra cautious and double check everything on that plane. After all you have already been waiting ten years to fly this aircraft, (it seems like it sometime), so another day won't hurt you or your plane.

Be fit. Be wise. Be complete. Remember that saying, (mine of course), "a sure flyer is a good flyer, and a good flyer is a complete flyer, and a complete flyer is a successful flyer. A sure flyer, a good flyer, a complete flyer, and a successful flyer will bring you much happiness, forever". If that plane is no longer there, your memories are!!! Don't let into your memories those bad times. Look ahead and be positive and you will be a happy, good , and a joyful flyer. Until next month.

Ed. R. Chief flight instructor.



Sir Lance A Lot

The winner of the Plane that we have been selling tickets on since last spring was finally won at the last meeting the winner was announced to be **Ron Schumacher**, Ron is a helicopter pilot so it has been said that it was sold on the spot to Dick Gifford at a greatly reduced price now can you imagine that? What a deal!!!!

The Big Winner

Austin Brammers View

Saturday my club had it's annual City of Largo appreciation day. The city of Largo provides us with an entire field and all we have to do is take care of our parking, pit and runway areas. Originally the field was Lake Largo, and then it became the Largo City dump, so you can imagine that the field started off ridiculously rough. The city has cleaned up all the areas that aren't ours and the club has done the rest.



We're still knocking off the sharp edges, but the field is more than acceptable for me. Actually, as you will see in the videos, it's quite a lovely and charming place with lush grass and beautiful palm trees. Well, the *big* palm tree has sucked in a plane or two, but it's still nice to have them in the background looking all pretty and Florida-like.

The event went off without a single hitch. No one crashed, despite 25mph wind gusts. We flew solid all day long until we were all too tired to go on. We had hot dogs, burgers, and all sorts of sugar goodies including some deadly brownies. Generally, we ate too much, got too sunburned and had too much fun.

The static display generated lots of interest from casual onlookers. Several people were very interested in starting flying, and I think we may have even signed up a few new folks.

Turnout from the city was a little disappointing, but we're planning a huge promotion next year. There were so many things going on in Largo this weekend that it was hard to choose what to do. For next year we will probably move the event away from the weekend before Thanksgiving. My suggestion will be to dovetail it into an Oktoberfest thing.

What *wasn't* disappointing was how many club members turned out. I think everyone on the roster stopped by, and since everyone had a blast, I expect some of the guys who have been sitting on their planes at home will probably dust them off for next weekend.

Here's the video page from my club website that has some of the weekend's activities. Our webmaster is still editing video, but we hope to have more electric stuff up soon.

<http://largoflyingclub.com/app06/app06.htm>

HOLLIDAY PARADE

The holiday parade will take place on Dec. 2nd and the club is going to have a float entered. John Lundahl loaned his trailer and the club will put together the float. Hopefully we will gain some interest from some of the on lookers in the parade route at least we will take part in a community function.