

OMAS

News Letter
May 2008



Pictured here is (Clean-up Day) ramp crew, Joe and Chris's project of the day was to build a much-needed ramp for the storage shed. Good job guys! All in all I think that the whole clean-up day was a success, everyone that showed up did a great job! Here is a list of volunteers that showed up to help, Joe Salus, Chris Elliott, Bob Flansburg, Stan Landeen, John VanLoo, Tom Coffey, Mike Rostal, Leon Arnaldi, Chris Arnesen, Cliff Yee, Joe Slivinski, these are folks I can remember and if I have left you out it was not intentional. Again it was a great day weather-wise and after we where done we fired up the grill and finished the day with some great burgers.

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Spring Greetings to our OMAS Members!

Well it seems to have been a very active Spring so far especially when you consider how yucky the weather has been. It seems that the weather is at its worst during the week and lightens up just enough over the weekend to have some enjoyable flying time at the field. Of course those of you who have to work during the weekend and only have weekdays off are probably cursing me right now! Oh well, I guess this makes up for all the lousy weekends we had last summer.

We had absolutely beautiful weather for the Field Day. I think the temperature maxed out somewhere around 80 that day. We had quite a crew show up and take care of business. Bob Flansburg, Cliff Yee, and crew pressure washed the runway and taxiways for us so there is no longer the mud bog to taxi through. Mud and glow fuel residue are always fun to clean off an airplane! We got Tom and Chris on the mowers and took care of the grass in record time. Mike Rostal and Stan Landeen manned weed eaters and axes and took care of the weeds on the south end of the runway. They also cut up all of the large remnants of the fallen tree that were strewn about the area. Kelvin was able to cut off a couple of the more obnoxious limbs hanging out towards the runway from the tree closest to the runway. And finally Joe Salus, Kelvin, and Myself built a nice ramp to the equipment shed. Now you can get the grill out without hiring a crew with a crane! After all of the hard work we grilled some burgers and had some fine flying opportunities. Thanks to all who showed up to help out. The field certainly reflects your hard work!

On the 19th we hosted the SkyKnights spring opener float fly. The weather could have been a little better but the rain held out until just after they had finished all of their activities. I had my doubts because when I came down the hill to open the place up, there was snow covering the place. It certainly could have been a lot worse! The SkyKnights were very appreciative of our allowing them use of the field. They had quite a little turn out. An informal count had about 20-25 people present. There were several beautiful scale airplanes present. Some very well done electric scale birds impressed me.

They had some interesting activities for the pilots. One activity was to attach a paper cup to the airplane, fill it with a certain number of dry beans, take off, do a loop, land, and see how many beans you came back with. The wind made this very challenging. There were several mishaps however I believe only two airplanes were damaged to the point that they couldn't fly later that day. All in all, I think it turned out to be a fine day for them. I have offered to have them come out for their Fall float fly as well. We look forward to it!

As mentioned above, we have been able to get a lot of flying in despite the weather. We have some members trickling out of the wood work. It would be really nice to see that new parking lot packed end to end with a bunch of flyers. We nearly had that this last weekend. Sunday really turned out to be a gem with temps in the 70's and very little wind. I think Tony brought out his whole fleet of really go fast airplanes. We were all whooting and hollering when he brought his F-18 within inches of the deck at what must have been 150mph. All I could think of was who was going to pick up all those balsa pieces? Luck (and skill!) was with him though and the airplane survived its harrowing experience. Unfortunately this was not the case for one of his other airplanes. It had an unfortunate meeting with Mike Rostals Ford Fliver. The amazing thing is after seeing the cloud of balsa in the air after the collision, the Fliver came flying out the other side no worse for the wear. Tony's airplane was destroyed with remnants floating in the pond and the Fliver lumbered on to a very uneventful landing. It must have steel leading edges! Oh well.....at least Tony got a little upper body exercise rowing the canoe to get his airplane!

Well.....another fine month has passed. Lets keep them in the air. Hope to see you all out there!

Chris Elliott

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The start of the Sky-Nights spring opener went well and the weather started out very nice, but the weather ended up very nasty with wind, rain showers and very cold.

The Sky-Nights even brought there own cheer leaders, I think the cheer leaders watched the news weather channel that morning and knew what was to come and dressed accordingly.



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This plane was scratch built and it not only looked nice but flew well also. It is 8 years old and is electric powered.

This here is a two for one special!



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