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Dear Member,

Sometimes, I have something burning to say and other times, I wish someone else would share a thought or two. Now I'm wondering why I would not have thoughts to share with my friends. Perhaps I cannot follow my own advice and get back to living my life- and I wonder why not? The news is still bombarding us with a steady stream of things beyond our control- things that still make us feel out of control. My Dad used to describe the feeling as being a cork floating in the ocean. Well isn't that a lovely thought- bobbing around not being able to get to the beach unless a wave happens to put you there. So if I am a cork, I can still visualize being in a bottle with something important to do, and we do

hear stories of bottles washing up on shore with messages inside. The message still matters because it might be of use to whoever finds the bottle. Belief in God or fate helps make preparing the message to share with someone important. You really never know when your words will be helpful to someone, so maybe it is still worth the effort. It is against a backdrop of the pandemic becoming more cold and flu like with authorities issuing ever changing rules, prices and availability of stuff we need being unpredictable, constant images of "David Vs Goliath" from Ukraine that we simply must find inspiration to just get back to life. I discovered that many of my friends are suffering in silence- and just having a conversation about nothing becomes therapy for both of us. Doesn't mater if you have some topic that needs attention- please just call a friend or two and renew your friendship, catch up, and dare to plan another call or visit together. You never know when that call amounts to the right message washing up on someone's beach. Just do it ! And Renew your club membership if you haven't already done it.

Cheers,

Jack

Now is the time to renew your club membership. Here is a link to download the renewal member form which has the address for sending your check and the form with any new contact information we might need. If you prefer to use PayPal for paying dues, email [Jack Rosemere](#) and ask him to send you a PayPal Invoice.

[Membership Renewal Form](#)

An Update about club member Jim Stewart

I received a call from Jim's wife to inquire if members would be interested in his free flight and control line airplanes. I was sure that members would appreciate the donated supplies and completed airplanes as well. Newer members

wouldn't know him- he is the member who we saw at events and on Sundays when he came to watch back at the previous field. He drove that hot black muscle car- Camaro, Trans-Am - forget, but it was ridiculous in an envious kind of way. Anyway, we reported previously that he had taken a fall, hit his head on some brick steps and was working his way back to health in the hospital and nursing home. His wife told me that he did recover mostly but couldn't drive and then took another fall which he didn't recover from. Jim passed in June.

I just wanted to share for those of you who knew him. (The past couple of years have had us all losing touch with each other.) The quality of his 'pile of stuff' is remarkable. When my turn comes, my stuff should go directly into the dumpster by comparison. I shared the carload with members at the field and we all agreed to put every single piece to good use either personally or we'll let someone have it at the next Control line event. Jim and his wife both raced model boats with Jim Coll back in the day. Small world, and our hobby can last a lifetime.



With the raising of new flag, the club field is open for business. Let the fun and carnage begin...

Club Business . . .

The Treasurer has reported balances of \$662.96 in checking and \$3,249.02 in savings and all bills are paid. There are 23 members paid up including 3 life members. With gas prices going nuts, we purchased 100 gallons and have it safely stored under lock and key away from the field. This should get us through most of the year without busting the bank.

I've heard a rumor that Handsell is working on purchasing more land behind their site. Midge had told me early on that they hoped to one day build a 'museum' where permanent displays would support their mission. The news isn't new, but it reminds us that our decisions of runway placement, orientation and size were done with some of these developments in mind. Skip has flags which represent a 'dead line' for IMAC competitions which put the flying out front of Handsell. We can re-orient the flight line to something like Skip has laid out whenever Handsell gets going on their new project. In the meantime- business as usual.

If members want to have an in-person meeting at the field in April- that wecond Wednesday would put it on April 13. If you are interested in having a meeting, please let me know. I'll be a couple weeks past hip replacement surgery, so I might be able to make the meeting.

That's it for now.

The Official 2022 Club Calendar- Check the website for any last minute schedule changes.

- January 1- First to Fly at the field
- April 13 - Meeting ??
- April 23 - Field Closed for Handsell Event
- May 11 - Meeting - 7pm at the field
- May 21-22 - Spring Fling Stunt Line Contest

- August 10 -- Meeting -- 7pm at the field
- August 13-14 - Jim Coll Stunt Contest
- August 27-28 - IMAC Competition
- September 14 - Meeting - 7pm at the field
- October 8 -- Field Closed for Handsell event

- June 8 - Meeting - 7pm at the field
- June 11-12 - IMAC Competition
- July 13 - Meeting - 7pm at the field

- October 12 - Meeting - 7pm at the field

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