



Wings and Things

CLUB INFORMATION

The Lodi Area Radio Control Club (LARCC) meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM. During the winter months the club meets at the Northern Edge in Lodi. During the summer, the club meets at Quarry Field.

If you have any questions about club activities please contact one of the following members or check the club's web site.

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The official web site of the Lodi Area Radio Control Club can be found by pointing your web browser to:

www.larcc.com

LARCC Secretary's Report

March 18, 2009

Submitted by Mark Johnson, Secretary

Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Secretary's report was approved as printed.

Old business

LARCC BANQUET: Hookers Resort on Saturday March 21st

LARCC SWAP MEET: The flyer has been added to the web page (thanks Larry).

CHECK BOOK: Kevin wasn't able to get to the bank to get added as a second signer.

SCRAP BOOK: Dave and his wife are working hard on this huge project.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO: next month

SIGN: next month

New Business

CLEAN UP DAY: April 26th at 9AM, wear long pants and bring a long sleeve shirt, we will be working on trimming the sumac trees. Second clean up day scheduled for May 3rd for general maintenance.

LEASE: Discussion followed. We will be requesting another 10 year lease with start flying time at 8AM, the rest of it is legal jargon.

PORT-A-POTTY: Mark brought the new contract from Country Plumber \$89 month, for 6 months. It was discussed and we are looking into purchasing our own port-a-potty.

REMINDERS

GLIDER FLY before the next meeting, bring your glow, electric or non-powered glider and help us show off this forgotten aspect of our wonderful hobby.

Show and Tell

Larry Barns excited us all with his glow powered ROCKET. 🚀

From Wiregrass RC, Enterprise, Alabama

Charging That New Battery

by Stan Grett and Jim Kale

In recent months, we have heard a lot of discussion on how to charge a new airborne battery or transmitter battery. Charge times have been recommended from 12-24 hours. Dave Thacker of Radical RC is the battery guy I listen to.

He recommends charging the new battery packs at 1/10 of the mAh, which is normally referred to as "C."

This rate is often referred to in magazine articles and manufacturers' directions as C/10. He recommends that rate for 16 hours. Most NiCD manufacturers also recommend this.

So, if your battery is rated at 1500 mAh; then charge it at 150 mAh for 16 hours.

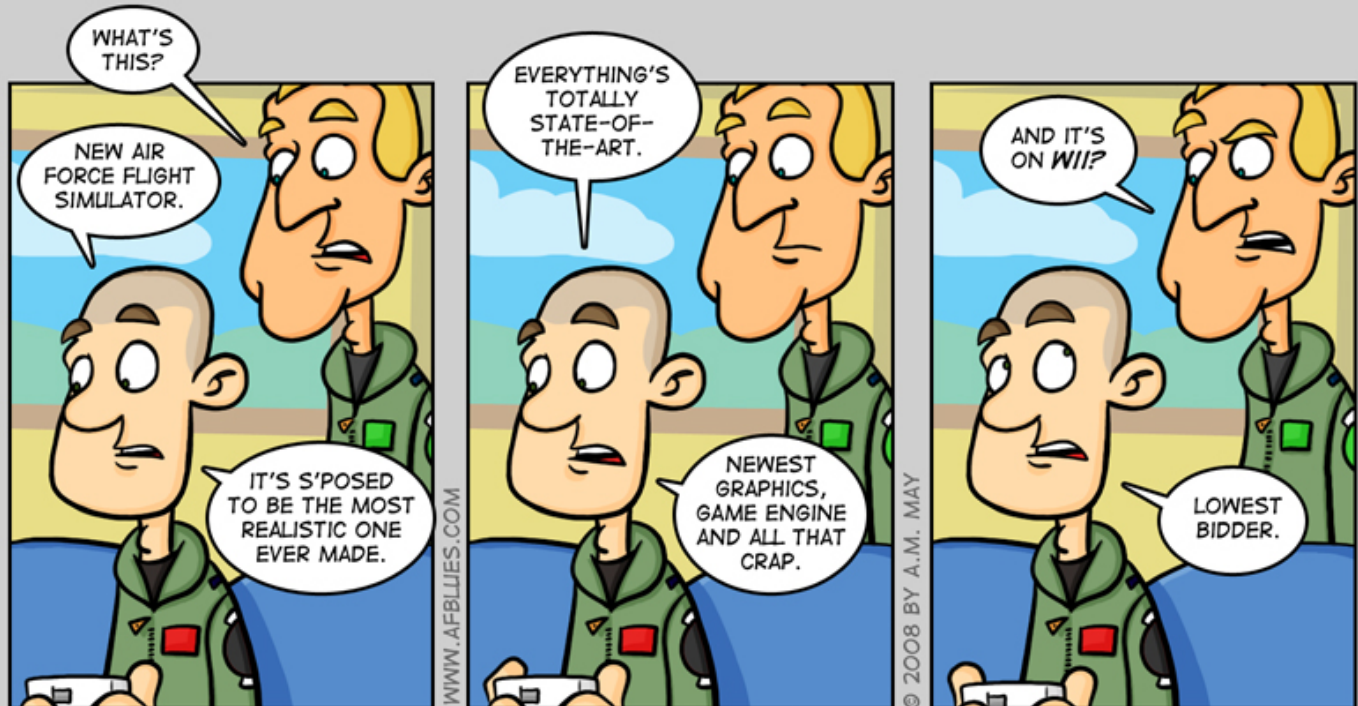
Be careful, if your charger charges at less than the C/10 rate, you will have to charge it longer. However, extremely long over charges are bad for the battery pack and will shorten its life. Also high charge rates can shorten the battery life if there is anything overcharging at all.

Cycling a new battery pack will help it get off to a good start in its new life. A good regiment to follow is to cycle it for three charge/discharge cycles over a week-long period. If it passes this test, it should give a good long life if maintained and charged properly.

Cycling a new battery pack before the start of each flying season and after the flying season will give you a good idea how the battery pack is holding up over a period of years.


Generally speaking, any battery that is more than three years old is on borrowed time. However, I do know of cases where battery packs lasted as long as seven years. You are betting your airplane though if you try to squeeze just a little more out of your battery pack than it has to give. Battery packs are cheap when compared to replacing airplanes. →


AIR FORCE BLUES by Staff Sergeant Austin "Farva" May,




Found at www.afblues.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

 **April 15, 2009:**
LARCC Monthly Meeting,
Quarry Field, Lodi, 7:00PM.
Bring your glider for glider flying
before the meeting.

 **April 26, 2009:**
LARCC Field Clean Up Day 1,
Quarry Field, Lodi, 9:00AM. Clean
up day to cut sumac trees. Bring a
chainsaw to help trim trees.

 **May 3, 2009:**
LARCC Field Clean Up Day 2,
Quarry Field, Lodi, 9:00AM.
General Maintenance. Change Oil
in Mowers, fill holes, clean sheds.
Bring Shovels and rakes.

 **May 17, 2009:**
LARCC Annual Swap/Auction,
Quarry Field, Lodi, 7:00PM.

 **May 20, 2009:**
LARCC Monthly Meeting,
Quarry Field, Lodi, 7:00PM

 **June 17, 2009:**
LARCC Monthly Meeting,
Quarry Field, Lodi, 7:00PM

 **June 20, 2009: Fond du Lac Fun**
Fly

REMINDER

If you have not paid your dues for 2009
this will be your last newsletter.

This year single member dues are \$40.
Dues can be paid at the next meeting or
sent to the club treasurer. His address
can be found on page 1 of the newsletter.



From The Prez

By Kevin Kopp

Happy Spring!!

Sorry for the newsletter being a little late. I thought I had another week before the meeting. Guess not.

We have a couple of field clean up days scheduled for the next couple of weeks. We need to cut down a bunch of the sumac trees over by the pine trees. This work is scheduled for the first clean up day on the 26th. The second work day is scheduled for the 3rd of May. This day is going to be for filling in small (or not so small holes) in the field, changing oil in the lawn mowers, and cleaning out the sheds. Please come out and help out, the more we get to help the quicker we can get some flying in.

Also this month's meeting is a glider flying day. If you have a glider or electric glider bring it out. We will be setting up the winch and a high start or two. Because the winch and high starts will be strung out flying that night is going to be restricted to gliders and electrics only. We don't want to have the powered stuff tangling up the lines. If it is a nice night out the meeting might start a little late to allow a little more flying time.

This month's meeting will be the final one before the swap meet. So this meeting will be used for the final planning. We also will be discussing the port-a-potty. Hope you can make it.

Did you notice the cartoon? This is a cartoon strip that I found on the internet called "Air Force Blues" The writer, Farva, is a Staff Sergeant on active duty in the U.S. Air Force. He gave permission to use in one of his daily posts, so I thought it was some what appropriate. There will be one of these from time to time in the newsletter, as appropriate. The main character is First Lieutenant Ken "Barbie" Dahl and is a F-15 pilot who desires to fly the F-22. Hope you like it.

That's all for this month. Hope you can make it to the meeting...bring a glider.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

ALTHOUGH POWERED AIRCRAFT MAY EXPRESS THE LANGUAGE OF FLIGHT,
SOARING IS ITS ELOQUENCE.

-Richard Miller, 1967

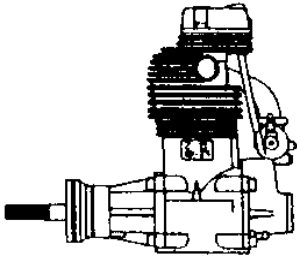
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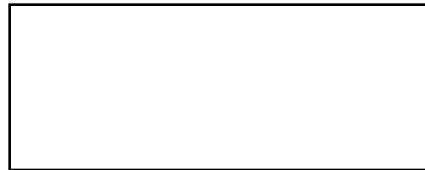
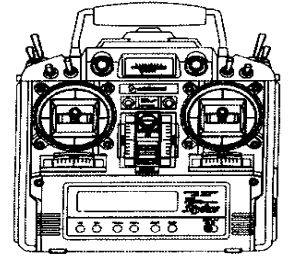
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Hours:

M-F 8AM-5PM



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