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# Wright Flyers e-Blast

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## October e-Blast

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This is the monthly e-Blast for the Wright Flyers Club. It contains a quick summary of events that occurred during the month as well as other noteworthy items.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 31 at the Hernwood Elementary School. This will be the last club meeting in 2017. There will be no meeting in November and December. After the October meeting, we will have our first 2018 meeting at the Hernwood Elementary School on January 30, 2018 (weather permitting).

### Club Picnic

The weather was not cooperative for this year's picnic; it was windy and cold. We still had a few brave souls who put their planes in the air.

Most of the members participated in the second most favorite club pastime, "shooting the breeze".



### Field Condition



Vandalism at the field during the past few months resulted in some ruts in the runway and pavilion area. Club members joined to fill in the ruff areas with a truck load of top soil which returned the field to a flyable status.

Club officers met with the local community association to discuss methods of preventing further vandalism issues in the community.

We hope that the vandals have found other more productive avenues to spend their time as no damage has been seen for several weeks.

We will be seeding the field before the Winter weather sets in and will roll the field in the spring.

### Fire! Fire! Fire!

One of the club members was flying the large E-Flite Carbon-Z T-28 and landed a little off the runway in the tall grass, which stopped the prop with the throttle still above shut-off. This essentially resulted in what is known as a "prop strike".



The plane had no visible damage and was placed on the runway for another flight. However, the motor sounded odd and did not have its normal power. After a few short circuits around the field, the pilot landed, and smoke was issuing from the plane. Within seconds of removing the hatch, the motor compartment of the plane was engulfed in flames.

It appears that the stock ESC for this model has no tolerance for a brief locked rotor condition and quickly overheats.

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