

# WRIGHT FLYERS

## SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

September 2017

The next Wright Flyers club meeting will be on **Saturday, September 30th at 12:00 Noon, at the WF Field.** The annual club picnic will follow the meeting.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Pease - October 17  
Noel Garcia - October 19  
Eddie Shehane - October 21

## MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING

- The WF meeting was called to order at the WF field on August 26th by Pres. Bob Chase.
- There were no minutes to read.
- Presumably, a treasury report was given. We currently have 43 members

## Old Business:

- Tom Reedy is our new contact at Solid Waste, replacing Keith Sutton.
- Ralph suggested we have a fire extinguisher or a bucket of sand at the field [was needed on Saturday, 16 September (see pictures "At The Field")].
- Discussed vandalism.
- We have a new guest membership category and landing fee for one time flyers.

## New Business:

- The club picnic is scheduled for Sept. 16 [**but has since been moved to Sept. 30**].
- We will seed the field in October and roll it in the spring. Roller is \$230 if we pick it up.
- Looking into a new tee shirt order. We need to know who wants one.
- Two members of the WF club [Bob and Nate] will attend the Sept. mtg. of the Greater Patapsco Community Assoc. in Granite, to join the discussion about the local ATV/dirt bike vandalism.

Meeting adjourned

## Show & Tell:

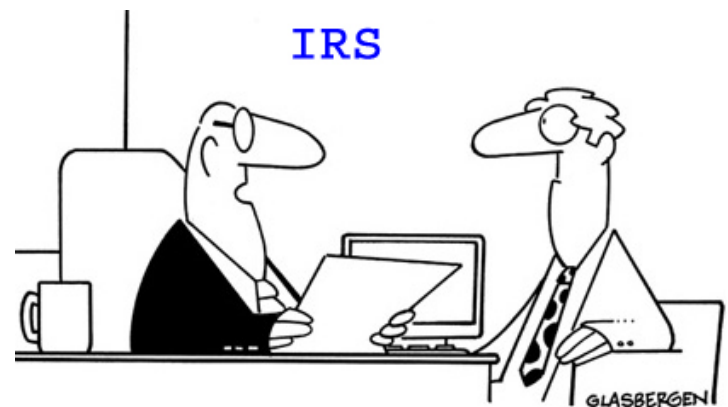
None.

## CLUB PICNIC

The annual picnic, family and friends welcome, will be Saturday, 30 September 2017, following a short meeting.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There's more credit and satisfaction in being a first-rate truck driver than a tenth-rate executive."  
(B. C. Forbes)



"The government is doing you a favor. If they didn't take most of your money, you'd have to find time in your busy schedule to spend it yourself."

## UP COMING EVENTS

- 10/14/2017 - 10/15/2017 -Gettysburg, PA- 14TH ANNUAL JJ KORNASKI CHILI FLY. Site: Blue & Gray Club Field. Visit: bluegrayrc.com, Sign in starts at 9am, flying 10am-5pm both days. Open flying times during event. Concessions open 11am-2pm both days. Turbines allowed with waivers, all types of planes welcome. Sponsor: BLUE & GRAY MINIATURE AIRCRAFT

## BLURB

A man traveling through the country stopped at a small roadside fruit stand and bought some apples. When he mentioned they were awfully small, the farmer replied, "Yup."

The man took a bite of one of the apples and exclaimed, "Not very flavorful, either."

"That's right," said the farmer. "Lucky they're small, ain't it?"

## TIP OF THE MONTH

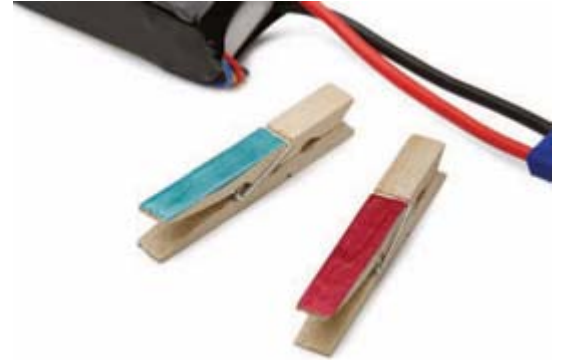
### 5 Unique Uses for Clothespins

by Debra Cleghorn – Published on [modelairplanenews.com](http://modelairplanenews.com)

The ordinary clothespin can do a lot more than hold sheets on a dryer line! Here are five of our favorite RC uses for them.

#### **CLIP TIP**

For electric RC pilots, keeping track of battery status at the field can be a challenge. It is easy to lose track of which packs have been discharged and which ones are ready to go. To solve this problem, get some wooden clothespins and paint some of them red and some of them green. When you remove the spent battery pack from an airplane, attach a red pin to its lead. When you have recharged the battery pack, remove the red clothespin and replace it with a green clothespin. You'll never install a dead battery again.



#### **CLOTHESPIN CLAMP**

It can be tough to securely clamp a shallow-angle glue joint. To make a clamp that won't shift, cut off the ends of a standard clothespin's jaws (where the taper ends). Through each end, drill a small hole just big enough to seat a pin, tack, or small nail. Position the pins approximately 1/8 inch to the inside of the clothespin's pegs. When you clamp the clothespin onto the joint, the pins will bite into the wood and prevent the clamp from shifting as the glue dries.

#### **SOLDERING CADDY**

Here's a great little soldering caddy that's made from a wooden box such as the ones once used for candies or cigars. I take the box (it can have either a hinged or sliding lid) and mount several clothespins around the top. Next, to prevent splintering, I pre-drill a hole in the base of each clothespin and then screw it to the top of the box in any arrangement that fits my needs. The one shown will accommodate different soldering situations, and the screw in each clothespin lets me reposition or easily replace the pin. The box can also store your soldering iron, heat sink and solder.



#### **LOCK DOWN**

In the past, I have been plagued by broken servo gears caused when I've bumped the control surface against a hard object while carrying the airplane. So, I took a clue from the full-sized aircraft control surface arrestors and made a model version out of plastic clothespins and some self-adhesive neoprene weather stripping. Two short neoprene strips are taped to the inside of the clothespin jaws. Now just clamp them to the control surface and any solid part of that surface to prevent that surface from moving.



### **BRISTLE BUDDY**

When you soak brushes in thinner, try using a clothespin to grip the paintbrush, then rest it on the edge of a small jar, so the bristles hang clear of the bottom. This will prevent the bristles from bending and getting damaged from the sediment in the bottom of the jar.

### **AT THE FIELD**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017



**FIRE! FIRE!...FIRE!** - Joe Litosky's big Carbon-Z T28 was flying beautifully. Then, Joe came down a little off the runway into the high grass, which stopped the prop. Joe moved the plane out of the rough with no apparent damage and then proceeded to takeoff again. The motor sounded like it had a knock and did not develop the power it previously displayed, but the plane did lift off. Joe made a couple of short circuits around the field and brought it back in. By the time Joe walked out to the plane smoke was exiting the plane. Within a second of removing the hatch,

flames were shooting skyward. Luckily, Nate Smallwood had a fire extinguisher and Paul Richter did the honors of putting out the fire with it. Joe noted he had previously lost a Carbon-Z T28, similarly, after a prop strike. It appears that the ESC included with this model has no tolerance for a brief locked rotor condition (motor blocked from rotation).





It was one of the nicest Saturdays, wind wise, that we had this summer, so we had a great turn out at the field that day. Besides the loss of the T28, Noel's Cessna went in due to a radio problem. Spectrum strikes again!

Below, Noel takes Mo's Stinson Reliant up for its maiden flight. After a few circuits around the field, Noel brought it in for a safe landing, but then took off again. From what I understand (I had left), during this continuation of the flight, the firewall pulled loose and prevented the throttle from being decreased. Mo was able to cut the ignition off and the plane was brought back in safely dead stick.



Above, Nate puts his new giant scale Extra 260 through its paces and I finally got to see it. Nate may become a fuel guy yet, but he's got to remember to add oil to that fuel. That error caused a bit of a flight delay this Saturday, until he could get the oil delivered.

Overall, "WHAT-A-DAY!"