

Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers



May Newsletter 2026

Prez Sez

April showers finally helped to put some water down on the ground, keeping things nice and green, but we all know that's about to change. May is just about here which means we have some great flying weather before things heat up. Here's what's happening:

South Taxi-Way: It's all graded, thanks to a dedicated group of helpers. Forrest will be heading up a work party on Saturday May 2 to put the fabric down and re-open this area. Please come out to support this. Many hands truly does make for lighter work.

Mow Crew: Miguel is heading up the mow crew and keeping things trimmed and looking good. If you want to help, he is the man to talk to, to get checked out.

Cutting of the tall field grass: This is coming soon, as the grass gets dried out enough to facilitate easier cutting. Jim Dahl and Chris Dellinger are coordinating the rental equipment and it usually takes a pretty good push to get this done. It takes a crew to rotate through and get the whole field cut, but its vital to protect against fire damage. Watch for notifications when this date locks down, there will be no flying while this is happening.

Irrigation: We will be putting the irrigation system back online in the next couple of weeks which will re-

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Jeff Lovitt

Miguel Halpern

Linda Welch

Forrest Barton

Rich Geertson

**The WDA General meeting is
scheduled for 10am SATURDAY May
16th AT THE FIELD.
Board Meeting 9am.
wdarc.org**

quire that we have individuals to turn on the system and manually close/open valves to irrigate specific sections. Usually we have a team of folks who pick a day or share a day to minimize their trips to the field in the evening. We water overnight to get the most water in the ground and minimize wind losses. Watch for emails on this coming.

If you aren't getting club emails, please contact me at jlovitt@sbcglobal.net to see if I can figure out what the error is.

We just finished a fun and relaxed float fly this past weekend. Some spring windy weather spoiled the fun a bit, but a good time was had.

Make plans to partake in the May Memorial Day weekend fly-in. It's a great get together whether you are camping/RVing or just flying.

That's all for now, looking forward to the next meeting at the field and hope to see you there.

Jeff

Below is the south taxiway work in progress -

We are expecting to complete the new Petromat install at the Saturday May 2nd work party



April 13th Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jeff, Chris, Mike, Miguel, Keith, Jim, Forrest

Meeting called to order by Forrest at 6:03p.m.

March minutes accepted, motion by Miguel, second by Mike, all in favor

President: Planning for Saturdays work party to rework the south taxiway

Extra material ordered and delivered to fix the parking lot as well

Vice President: Received donations from past members to help out at the swap meet. There is a Cadet Aero for use too.

Treasurer: Reviewed profit and loss sheets, no issues

Taxes done, insurance paid and the charter has been filed up to 103 members

Secretary: No report

Old Business:

- ◆ RC car area mowed, but no further work done
- ◆ All mowers are in service, parts bought to keep them running- no issues
- ◆ Parking lot bumpers all painted either yellow or blue. Will try and stake them in a straight line in the coming weeks.
The Jet Fly turn out was good, 18 entries, only 1 aircraft lost into the Orchards but recovered.
- ◆ The Swap meet had 17 paid tables. The club did well from the donated stuff from John's family and they did well also selling other items that were John's. A few members scored some nice aircraft.
- ◆ Mike Okane in contact with Johns family in regards to the yellow equipment at the field, nothing definitive.
- ◆ Forrest has a hard drive full of pictures from years past that John had taken. Will sort and in the future we would like to upload to the web site.
- ◆ Float -Fly planned for May 23, 24, 25.
- ◆ Electrical extension to the south shade structures completed and functioning
- ◆ Chris continues runway repair with patching material, north end done
- ◆ Water/Irrigation system needs to be set up and started- Doug and Miguel will begin repairs on Brocken hoses and come up with a schedule— volunteers are needed.
- ◆ Possible tractor rental in mid May for the entire field.
- ◆ Thinking about establishing a battery safety zone—comments welcome.

New Business:

A lengthy discussion on Toilets and servicing schedules. We may not be getting the best deal from our current provider. We own both port a potties, they are getting old and worn down. Jeff is reviewing other service providers bids, some which also included a new handicapped toilet. There is an increased cost to more servicing and the board will need to review more information before we can proceed.

Forrest will try and talk to Tim about what they are thinking as a possible purchase price for the field. Another lengthy discussion ensued about the pro's and con's of buying the field. The clubs past history with leases and the future of the field and club were talked about at great length. More information to come as it becomes available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28

April 13 2026 General Meeting

Jeff calls to order at 7:38

No minutes to approve since there was no general meeting last month

President: Jeff reported on the EAA show that Jeff and Forrest attended at SAC executive airport. A very good turn out and a lot of interest

The south taxiway fabric has been removed in preparations for A/B rock application

The work party was moved due to the weather and is coming up

Need to get the water system back in place and working, will need volunteers to come once a week and run a section.

Vice President: Continued to help John's family sort thru his stuff

Treasurer: Reviewed profit and loss statement, No issues

DOJ/Taxes and fees paid up. Club is at 103 members

Secretary: No report

- ◆ No Old business or New Business brought up since no other members arrived to the meeting since the board meeting and all discussions have been done
- ◆ Next meeting will be at the field May 16th
- ◆ Open House will be moved as there are many conflicts currently. TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15



WDA 2026 Events

Apr 23-23

Float Fly (Minden)

May 2

Work Party

May 23-25

Memorial Day Camp-Out

June 6-7

Pattern Contest

June 26-28

Wings of Victory

Sept 5-7

Labor Day Camp-Out

Oct 1-3

Float Fly (Minden)

Oct 9-11

NASA Scale Contest

Nov 7

Toy's 4 Tots

Lake Minden Float Fly April 23-26.

Linda Welch

There were 16 participants and 15 RVs at this event. All in all, a good turn-out and the weather was great on Thursday & Friday.. but blown out on Saturday. There was no shortage of hangar talk!



Jim's North Star with twin eDFs



Randy's fleet



One of many Dragonfly's at the event



Jim's 3D printed Polaris



Albatross left, twin Otter right

Our dinner Friday evening... Danny Winters and his wife Nancy, catered a really nice Spaghetti dinner for us all on Friday evening... The sauce was delicious!



L to R

Randy
Bill
Keith
Monty

As Linda
put it,

*“All mouth
-venting
for better
concentration”*



Modeler's Corner

I am pleased to report the maiden flight of the Balsa USA Aeronca "C1" was a success. The first flight was conducted in less than ideal conditions, as winds were upwards of 10 mph and shifting. It was immediately apparent the Aeronca needed quite a bit of down trim for hands-off flight at half throttle. Being a flat-bottom airfoil, added power/speed does result in a climb even when trimmed for level flight. A bit of right rudder

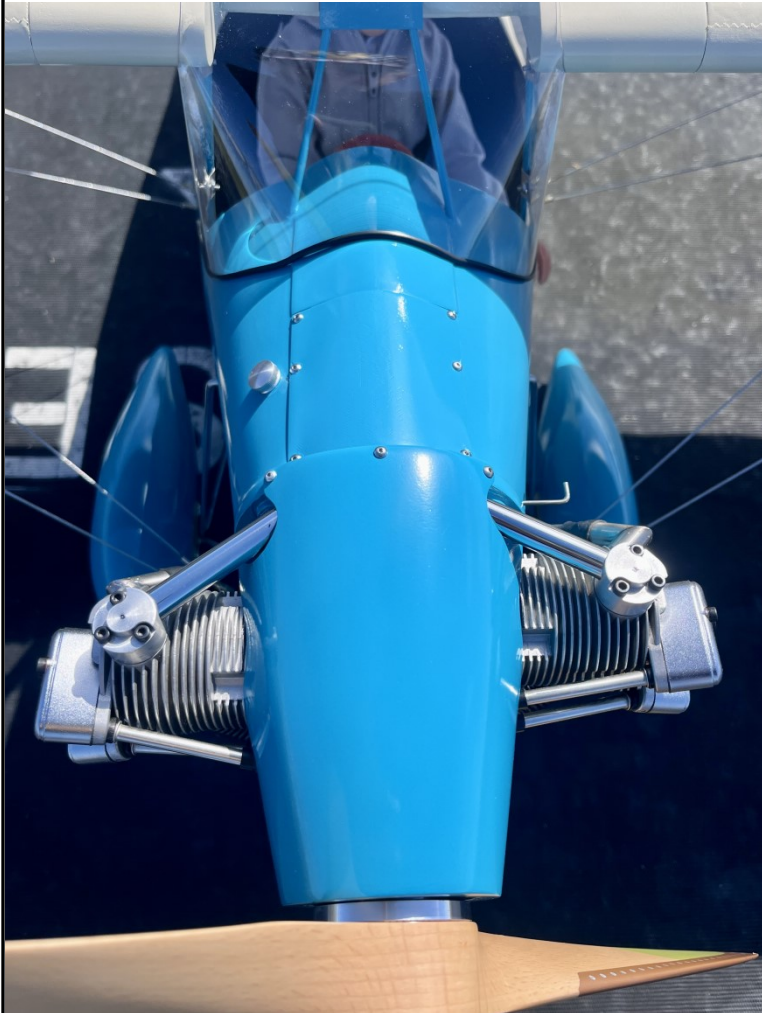


and it was flying nicely. In subsequent flights I have found the plane is NOT a "chop the throttle and settle in for landing" type, although from the looks of it, one might assume that it is. With the reduced span (from 107" down to 87") and added weight of a more scale finish, the plane will stall, losing elevator effectiveness if slowed too much, although the stall is straight ahead. The C1 isn't nearly as docile as the C3 it started out to be, but that is OK.. Actually, it is GREAT as I wanted something capable of some aerobatics.



With a span of 87" and a flying weight of 13.5 pounds, the wing loading came out at approx. 29 oz. per square foot. Despite that, this is NOT a "wind resistant" airplane. It handles best with zero wind. Finish is [Stits Light by F&M Enterprises](#). F&M also stocks the pinking tape. Wheelpants were purchased from [Fiberglass Specialties](#). Pilot was from [Premiere Pilots](#). Primer was DupliColor and paints are ACE hardware Antique White and Teal, rattle cans. Markings from [Callie Graphics](#). Aside from the scale accoutrements, what really MAKES this airplane (for me) is the beautiful looking (and

sounding) [Saito FG-41](#) gas twin engine. From the moment I first saw this engine, I had envisioned it in the nose of an Aeronca C1. It provides the right power and sound for this “aerobic” version of “the flying bathtub.” Not only is the engine smooth and quiet, but also very fuel efficient, though installing it in the nose of this airplane was NO SMALL FEAT! It was obvious Balsa USA really designed this plane to be electric powered. Prop is a [Falcon Civilian Style](#) 20x8.



As I may have mentioned previously when talking about the build of this kit, there were a few disappointments, mainly in the instructions. I will let you in on a little secret... although I have built far more complex models from kits and from plans, it doesn't mean I don't benefit from INSTRUCTIONS! Sometimes, I just want a relaxing build... one that does not require lots of head-scratching, pouring over plans, & sleepless nights! Sometimes I enjoy being led by the hand down the building path with no deviations or disappointments! The laser cutting of the kit was excellent... the builder's manual, not so much. But maybe that's just me and the preconceived expectations I had of what this build would entail..?

I am very pleased with the finished product. Perhaps my only remaining “gripe” would be the 8 flying wires that must be attached and detached before and after flying. While this can be done by one person, it does get a bit tricky to hold up a wing panel, connect the aileron servo, and attach the flying wires, so I made a portable wing support that acts as a second set of hands. Problem is, I keep FORGETTING the thing when I leave for the field! Arrghhh!

Well, until next month...

BUILD SOMETHING

Rich Geertson



NEXT kit on the building board is a veritable antique...

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