

SMAC NEWSLETTER
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The first fun fly at our new field has come and gone, and what a great event it was!! Once again, everyone pitched in to make it such a great success some, more than others, but all doing what they could.

I don't think any of us (men) really appreciated our lady members for what they were contributing to our group, until this event. Could anyone have imagined how indispensable the efforts of Linda Crawford and Jean Genton would have been? The job they did with the impound and the sign in of pilots and keeping everything running smooth. Did anyone notice that we never had one crisis or conflict of radio channels? And, Jean was recovering from surgery only about 3 days earlier. Men, I think we will all have to admit that none of us would, or could have done this.

The other ladies that are actually not members of our club, but are just as important to our group, were really carrying the load for us in the food department. Loujuana Roberts and Peggy Burris staffed the food wagon all day long. I never heard one complaint from anyone about the food or the service. Our hats are off to all the ladies of our club for their valuable help when it was so desperately needed. THANKS AGAIN LADIES.

The Commonwealth Journal gave our fun fly a really nice, full color spread, in the newspaper. They made us look like a group of people that have banded together to create something to have fun and enjoy our leisure time together with folks of similar interests, you know, I think they're right.

As I understand it, we're going to get a write up in Kentucky Living Magazine and a mini documentary about our club on Charter Communications Channel 8. WOW, have you all stopped to wonder how such good things have happened to us in such a short time. I believe it's less than a year ago that we hadn't even thought of, or even dreamed of having a field with a paved runway in a place with no trees or power lines or fences or soy beans or fields of corn or cows. Are we dreaming, will we wake up and find the entire group of us wandering through a field of corn eight feet

tall in a hopeless search for someone's plane? I think we should all pinch ourselves to make sure that it's all really true.

Some of us went to the Lexington Big Fly In yesterday, Sept. 25th, and what a Fly In it was. In years past they had a nationally recognized big models event every year that was second to none, anywhere. Then for some reason it just sort of faded away.

Well, Lexington is back, that was possibly the best fly in I have ever attended. They had such a good mix of model types, everything from WW1 to the present day jet age, and I mean jets, the type that have fire pouring out the tail pipe. One of those jets was so fast I had problems holding my video camera on it when he made low passes, it was incredible, sort of like trying to film a rifle bullet, I exaggerate of course, but it was the fastest thing I've ever seen in the modeling world!!

Sylvester Hale put on a show with his flying lawn mower that really wowed the crowd, especially some youngsters sitting nearby. They began to squeal and jump up and down and yell, "Look Daddy, lawn mowers can't do that, can they?"

Everything seemed to go with clockwork precision, no rough spots, no controversy, and just pure fun. After we left there was a mid air collision between two of the giant scale biplanes, it was reported to be spectacular, like an explosion with no big chunks left. That is sad, but as modelers, we know these things happen.

Robert has had 3 stints put in to open the arteries to his heart, and he is home and doing fine. He says that he is pretty sore and won't be able to come to the field for a few days, but all the chest pain is gone. Ok, Robert, as soon as you feel up to it, we all want to see you back out at the field boring big holes in the sky.

Our \$5.00 per month assessment to help pay for the runway is going really well. Everyone is stepping up and pitching in.

That's about it for this month, I'm sure I've left out some things, but my memory isn't what it used to be, so please send me things that you know ought to go in the news letter.

Until next time, let's all go to the field and **HAVE SOME FUN!!!**