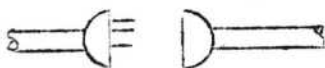

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THE PREZ SEZ: Terry Terrenoire

Another month has passed and I'm beginning to appreciate all the column writers in the magazines we read monthly, and the efforts of the past presidents.

Of the 41 members on the current roster, only 19 were present at the April general meeting. If you were there, thanks; if not, this is a reminder that our next meeting is coming up May 11.

FLASH *** The new FCC license is here and will be issued to those who need it at the next meeting. Note: It was decided by the Board, in keeping with the recommendation of the AMA, that everyone should have his own FCC license. Therefore, the club license will only be issued to new members good for a period of one year. Those licenses issued now to regular members will expire on December 31st of this year.

Saturday's work party and pancake breakfast were well attended and the field is now ready for use. To all of you who were there: my hearty thanks. For those of you who were unfortunate enough to miss it, don't feel bad, there will be many more opportunities before the year is over.

Just a reminder: In years past, Wednesday evenings have been unofficial flying evenings at the field. Let's do it again this year and have some fun. This is an especially good time for beginners as there are always qualified instructors present to help.

Thanks Don and Bob. You did a great job Saturday.

FOR SALE:

Ace 3 channel RC system with 3 servos, nicads, charger etc. Installed in well built model speedboat about 32 in. long. No engine, but with driveshaft installed (for .60 engine). Plus partially completed speedboat about 40 in. long. Total price for system plus two boats: \$110. Call Don Godfrey 722-1625 days; 724-6549 evenings.

STRCA MEET: Larry Taylor

The first STRCA MEET in 1976 will be held at Sayre, Pa on June 6. For details, call Larry Taylor - Newark Valley 642-8510.

AGS FUN FLY: Larry Taylor

The first AGS 1976 Fun Fly will be held Sunday, May 16, 2:00-5:00 pm at the Maine Field. There will be two team events. Entry fee is 25 cents.

Teams are:

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Allen	Donlon	Noll
Arnold	Garger	Rushanski, Mike
Bednar	Godfrey	Sanwald
Bitto	Grodevant	Sebesta
Bogaczyk	Jackson	Seitz
Cromer	Jaynes	Sitler
Farrell	Jennings	Stephens
Francavillo	Leaf	Taylor
Francavillo Jr.	Morrison	Terrenoire
Fisher	Riegal	Tomas ky
Frate	Royaux	Underkofler
Hamrick	Rushanski	Wallace
Hostetler	Rydzewski	Waterman

Alternate: Tom Cromer

Events will be Random Pylon and Slow Fly.

FCC PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE RC FREQUENCIES

The AMA has sent us information concerning the FCC proposal to take the 27 MHz band away from RC operators. The AMA is urging us to write letters of protest to the FCC in order to prevent this crime. Part of the AMA communication is given below. Anyone interested in reading the complete letter should contact Terry Terrenoire or Ralph Jackson.

FCC PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE 27 MHZ FREQUENCIES CAN AFFECT ALL OTHER RADIO CONTROL OPERATIONS

Everyone who currently enjoys Radio Control has a stake in the outcome of the FCC's Docket 20120. Exerpts from the docket are included along with this article. Although the docket is directly concerned only with the 27 MHz frequencies its result, if passed, is expected to seriously affect all RC operations. Here's why.

The elimination of 27 MHz RC activity will force those now using it to move into the other frequency areas. This will mean more crowding on the 72 MHz frequencies and also those in the 50-54 amateur band. It will also drastically affect competition activities by wiping out a major portion of the total RC spectrum -- Pylon, Scaring and Aerobatics competition will lose a big slice of the simultaneous flying activity which permits many people to fly at one time. Similarly, it will mean longer waiting lines to fly for fun at most club flying fields. The net result will be pressure for more flying sites; an already very large problem.

But aside from the overall effect, the direct impact on those who now operate on the 27 MHz frequencies is very serious. They will simply be forced out of RC activity within a year if they can't switch to other frequencies -- if they can make the switch, they will have to invest more money.

There are many other significant effects threatened by the FCC proposal, but the most aggravating is one which is a matter of principal. Our use of The RC frequencies over the years has been highlighted by compliance with FCC regulations. In short, the FCC has had little or no problem with RC'ers. By contrast, the FCC (and many RC'ers) have had a nightmare with CB operations.

Yet the CB'ers are apparently to be rewarded by legalization of much of the f_r activity and there is promise of many more frequencies to be made available to them.

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Thus we urge response to the FCC proposal, as called for by law. This means that all who have something to say concerning the proposal should do so as follows:

1. Comment in writing, including objections and constructive counter-proposals, in the manner prescribed by the FCC:

a. Send an original and eleven (required) copies to:
The Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Vincent J. Mullins, Secretary
Washington, DC 20554

b. Use the following heading:

COMMENT TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Revision of Operating Rules
for Class D stations in the
Citizens Radio Service

Docket 20120
RM-1508, 1592, 1733
1751, 1841, 1905, 1991
2052, 2084, 2132, 2300
2317, 2318

2. To be most effective, use typing rather than handwriting.
3. Send a copy also to AMA
4. Mail in time to be delivered to the ~~FCC~~ no later than ~~May 26, 1976~~