



# AIRMAIL

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## New for Spring: Starting Stands



James Parks adding last touches to 3new starting sands. Thanks James!

## Meet & Greet Days planned

To promote inter-club relationships, two "Meet & Greet" weekends have been designated between the Ozark Barnstormers and our club. These *just-for-fun* weekends are designed for the members of the two clubs to get to know each other and share experiences. We are invited to fly at the Ozark field May 21-22 at our convenience and members of their club have been invited to fly at our field Aug 27-28.

## FIELD MARSHAL FOCUS

It has been quite the hiatus, this winter, from the normal flying season we all so happily enjoy. With new events and a whole new goal, for the club, coming up, it is time to welcome all the members back to the field for an exciting year!

There are now eight starting stands available in the pits. This will make things so much easier, and somewhat nicer, for our pilots and their planes. Have a wonderful season and remember the first question you ask yourself:

Is it right to fly? All conditions should be favorable, as well as considered, before every flight. Wind; clouds; plane; batteries... one's own abilities... all things must be considered. This is what

keeps our hobby safe, and with as few mishaps as possible.

Thanks and happy landings.

--James Parks

## No Meeting Minutes for Feb 3:

[Meeting Cancelled due bad weather]

## 2011 Events

- April 9 – Field Maintenance Day
- April 16-17 – Float Fly
- May 7 – **Charity Fly**
- May 14 – Swap Meet/Electric Day
- May 21-22 – Meet & Greet at Ozark
- June 4 – Static Display
- June 12 – Open House
- June 25 – Family Day/Scale Model Day
- July 17 – Military & Jet Model Day
- Aug 21 – Big Model Day
- Aug 27-28 – Meet & Greet at our field
- Sept 17?-18? – Float Fly
- Oct 8 -- Swap Meet/Fun Scale Event

## Vice President to undergo surgery

Mark Copeland is scheduled for hip replacement surgery March 3 (no he isn't that old!). We hope and trust he has a speedy recovery.

## Meet a Board Member



**Justin Heath** got into model airplanes because his little brother was flying real planes and decided to take up R/C airplanes, so big brother of course joined in, (they taught themselves).

Now he's been flying models for around 25 years, and has been a member of our club for 7 or 8 years? (hasn't been counting). He flies all types of models, but 3D Profiles keep it interesting. He's currently working on a 65 Inch Sbach, and various night flying planes. His favorite model is his Mojo 65. He says he has enough kits to last a lifetime, but would love to finish the Sbach 65. He works in the heavy hauling and heavy construction equipment industry. His other interests include God, family, shooting, hunting, fishing, Ham radio, and list goes on and on. Justin has served as club Secretary and as a board member

**Next club meeting:**  
**Thursday, MAR 3, 7 pm**  
**>> Library Center <<**  
South Campbell  
**Story Hour Room**

**Night Fly**  
**Sat Mar 19**  
conditions permitting

**Field Maintenance Day**  
April 9  
Free lunch for workers!

**Float Fly**  
April 16-17

**Ski Fly**  
Anytime when snow  
conditions are available

## Ski Flying Feb 11

There was just a lone pilot at the field arriving around noon on this Friday. It was a bit cool, but the snow was perfect. The wind was a bit cross, but hey, there's no runway, or, maybe just one big take off and landing area. By 4p the wind went west and gusty – cross landings tricky.

## Ski Fly Feb 12

The snow at the field was deep in places but about 3-4 inches on the runway. The first pilot took to the air around 10:30a. Snow conditions were perfect and the wind was straight down the runway. The second pilot took to the air around 11a. Conditions still great. But, around 1p the surface snow melted enough to make it “sticky” and it was difficult for models to get off the snow. Some innovative engineering made for some “paths” in the snow to make it easier to get airborne (see below). The wind came up around 3:30p and everyone went home.



‘Ice Age’ takes to the air



Butch's high wing trainer



James on approach



Bryon's ICE AGE model (Four Star 40)  
how appropriate!



Butch's high wing trainer takes off  
(no that's not Butch)

Butch is on the next page pulling a boat!????!!!!?



Is that Mark Copeland? Sure enough it is!  
Mark's #1 on the runway. [What runway?]



Take off! For the Alpha 60



A tale of two Tigers



One big really white runway



What in the world are these guys doing?



We've had float planes fly off the snow, but boating  
in the snow??????

Maybe it's some sort of relay race....

Maybe it's a high energy work out...

Must be Float Fly boat retrieval practice (?)

You never know what you'll see at our field!!!

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