

The Windsock

Canyon
Crosswinds
October 5, 2017



Happy Halloween,

FLOAT FLY:

The Float Fly was held on Saturday September 30th at the lower lake. Weather couldn't have been better, warm, no wind in the morning, and a light breeze later in the day. I believe we had 27 paid flyers at the event and 11 other lunches sold. The Club may even have made a little "very little" money this time. Long time CCW member Dave Belcher drove in from Henderson NV for the event. It's always good to see Dave.

There was a lot of flying and A LOT of crashes this year that kept Kevin busy in the boat.

Lunch was good and we moved a good amount of hamburgers, hotdogs, and a special treat of beans that Bill made for the event.

There should be pictures showing up on the club's Facebook page, website, and who knows where else.

Thanks to the members who showed up to help out on Friday afternoon, Saturday during

the event, and with the cleanup. Thanks to Bob Awtry for setting this up, getting the trailer, and being the CD (sorry about your Cub). Thanks to Bill Ardizzone and Jack Allaway for manning the grill at lunch and thanks Bill for the Beans. Thanks to Lee Buchok, Amado Orellene, Doug Russel, and Ron Petrosky for musel and brains. Thanks to Tom Bougioukos, Jim Schwagel, and Chris Koharik for their help and picture taking abilities. Lastly and I wanted to be sure he got the thanks he deserved. Thanks to Kevin "Captain Jack Sparrow" Thompson for manning the boat all day for this event.

SPECIAL CLUB MEETING REMINDER:

There will be a special Club Meeting on Saturday October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon. The location is at the field. As stated in the earlier email we will be reviewing the proposed assessment, taking any questions, and having a club vote on this item. All Members invited and your input is needed for the future of the club.

Here's a reminder about the planned assessment for the repairs to the field.

Special Alert from Your Board of Directors
Dear Member,

After 30 years of continuous use, our runway, taxiways and pit area are in immediate need of refurbishment. The need is critical as last year's rain storms created significant damage and any additional erosion will require complete removal and replacement at a cost that will exceed the Club and members financial capability.

At the Club Meeting held on September 27th, approximately 30 club members received a detailed explanation of the problem, what created our financial dilemma and the Board's proposals for resolution. At the conclusion of the meeting all members present were polled as to their support or disapproval of the Board's recommendations. All in attendance demonstrated their support by a show of hands.

For those members who were not able to attend that meeting, there will be a second informational meeting at a date and time to be announced.

The following are bullet points of the proposal:

- Cost of asphalt refurbishment is \$37,750.00 for 1 1/2 inch overlay all areas.
- Club savings account amount (all funds) \$12,000.00
- Balance of \$25,750 to be paid via member assessment.
- Currently 126 members, equates to \$204.00 per member.
- Additionally, all members who submit the assessment fee will have their dues for calendar year (2018) reduced to \$60.00!
- For 2019 club dues shall be increased to \$25.00 per month (\$300) annually, payable in two installments over the year. That is for ALL Members!

This is necessary to meet the demands of increased annual fixed costs (annual lease payment to lake has increased from \$800 to \$2400 with no dues increase along with several other items that have been added to yearly operating costs with no pass through to the membership.

The dues increase will provide funding for timely crack filling and seal coat to the new asphalt areas thus resisting damage and providing additional longevity. This will also preclude the necessity of imposing assessments in the future.

Funding will also provide

for long desired enhancements to our field such as full sun shades over the pit area, artificial turf in the infield areas, night lighting and more.

The Board fully expects to and will reduce the annual dues over the next couple of years to a level in the 200.00 to 250.00 range.

Please understand the Board takes no pleasure in asking your cooperation and participation in the assessment costs, however we have no choice as no flyable runway equates to loss of field and no more club!

Per the CCW Constitution, any member not paying the "assessment" costs becomes a member no longer in "Good Standing" and will have their membership revoked. This is in fairness to those who do participate.

Additionally, as soon as construction commences, all locks will be changed. New keys will be issued to those members in good standing upon reopening of the field. Any member not participating and who loses his or her membership can be reinstated during calendar year 2018 by submitting the assessment amount and the reduced dues amount of \$60.00. After 2018, any member currently on the CCW roster who declines to pay the assessment fee will not be eligible for membership in the future unless he or she submits the full assessment amount and the increased dues amount.

At the next scheduled

meeting or "Special Meeting" (October 14, 2017) all this information will be repeated in detail and the Board will be available to address concerns and answer any questions.

At the conclusion of said meeting a final vote will be taken and if the measure passes, we will proceed. If the proposal fails, we will fly 'till facility is no longer useable and simply walk away, as foolish as that would be, as there will never be another location comparable to the site we have all enjoyed over the last 30 years!

CLUB FUEL UPDATE:

We have fuel again. See a Club Officer to get yours. Price is still \$20.00 a gallon.

We will be having two meetings this month.

The Special Assessment Meeting Saturday October 14, 2017 at 12:00 PM (noon), and the regular Board-General Meeting will be at Mimi's Café, 24201 W Magic Mountain Parkway on Wednesday October 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Come join us for dinner or a piece of cake or muffin and visiting. We meet at 6:00 P.M. for dinner. All members are invited. Hope to see you there.

That's it for now.

Take care and stay safe,

Jim Desautels

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I've included a few photos illustrating the state of the runway. In a couple of photos a golf ball is included to give scale to the photo.

Additional photos can be found on our Facebook page, courtesy of Chris Koharik... (Included are some great Float Fly photos!)

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Jim Schwagle