

# The Flagstaff Flier



NEWSLETTER OF THE FLAGSTAFF FLYERS R/C AIRPLANE CLUB

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## Beat The Heat

by Fred Tretta

This years' Beat the Heat was a little different than years past. We decided not to charge admission nor advertize, and we did away with the drawings and giveaways completely. Food was provided by Big John's Barbeque all day Saturday and part of Sunday instead of us cooking, and there was no impound area, though we did use the 72Mhz frequency board up. We didn't bother to set up any music, and the only time we used the PA system was to make about 2 minutes of announcements on Saturday. The first people starting showing up Thursday evening and the place was pretty full by Friday evening. The largest group was, once again, the Gilbert boys who brought up 20+ people. They're a fine bunch of guys.

Obviously, there were very few expenses associated with the event, but little revenue either. So instead of a fund raiser, I guess it was more just a good old fun fly. All of our people who came out seemed to really have a ball, and we enjoyed an event that appears to have been a great success in everyone's eyes. The turnout was superb, we were treated to some magnificent flying, the food was great, and every person I talked to was having a great time. There were no disagreements, no hassles, no collisions, and absolute cooperation. Many said this one seemed like the best one they could recall, and the feedback from our friends down in the valley has all been extremely positive. We put out a contribution jar to help take care of our very few expenses, and our guests were kind enough to put over \$100 in it! We had asked each of the clubs present to help us maintain order, and things went very smoothly indeed.

The highlights of the event was probably the large number of ducted fan jets we had out here this year, seven of them flying together at one point on Saturday, as well as some magnificent flying by **Bill Hempel** flying his 60% Piper Cub. Here's a link to a video of him flying that beautiful plane at Beat The Heat. <http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=greenseaships#p/u> He flies it like a 3D plane!

While we didn't do an official count, Meredith wandered off and came back with an estimated 60+ people present, and 50+ pilots. By the way, 70% of them flew electric, 80% of them were on 2.4Ghz. And when the dust finally settled, we were missing nothing, nothing was broken, and the place looked like no one had ever even been there, it was that tidy. There was even some chatter about the possibility of doing this more than once a season.

Someone DID leave a very nice white plastic pipe plane stand out there, this one a little different in that it had 3 uprights on each end instead of the usual two. We left it on one of the pit tables in case someone comes by to claim it.

Special thanks to Darron who gave up his time to help preparing the field, Bill Young who was there to get things rolling both Friday and Saturday morning, and Harold Hasse who was everywhere, doing anything and everything that seemed to need doing. We have a lot to think about as we decide what to do for next year.

The Gilbert Quite Flyers have posted a video of their experience at Beat The Heat on You Tube. Here is the link. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWr2k8U3WS8>

To see pictures go to this link: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1253688>





Thanks to the Gilbert Quite Flyers for posting and sharing their pictures and videos.

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## OFF THE HANGER WALL

### Been Awhile

by Durwood Cline - Editor

Well its been awhile since I've put out a newsletter but that's what happens when nothing is happening.



Last April the Spring soaring event was held at lower shelf of Sheba Crater. Only three members attended and two gentleman from Phoenix. Paul Salvagni, Harold Hasse and myself were the three club members. Paul spent most of the morning looking for his plane that was caught by some bad wind and taken off to the east of the crater. At one point we saw him trying to drive up the road and was sliding somewhat sideways down the road. Harold got his call from the BNSF and had to leave early. I kept an eye out for Paul but never saw him and figured he found his plane and called it quits. It was later that I found out that he parked at the bottom out of our sight, walked up and found his plane. I flew with the Phoenix gentleman for awhile and left around 11:30. Paul told me that after finding his plane he did return to the shelf and flew with the Phoenix guys. The wind was up and flying was good.

The annual Zagie day at Mormon Lake was a no show. If I recall Harold Hasse did make the trip out but no one was there.

On other club happenings we did not participate in the annual Flagstaff 4th of July parade this year. Monthly meetings have been held with little or no attendance, so I have nothing to report on those.

Coming up events include the annual Soaring in the Pines on August 29th. It will once again be held at the meadow east of Mountaineer. For information contact Bill Young at 522-0155.

On September 12th our last scheduled event for the year is the float fly at Lake Mary. More information on that will be passed along later.

A note on field maintenance. Thanks to Fred Tretta and Derron Smith for dragging and rolling the field. It was a long wait for the rain to finally show up but it did in the nick of time. The rain showed up the day before water was going to be ordered at a cost of \$250.00 and it made the field perfect for Beat The Heat.