



MARCH 2023

HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

CLUB PRESIDENT-MIKE FEITINGER

Finally we are having some warmer weather to enjoy! I am happy to report that the runway is mostly clear now after being a glacier for the last three months. Hopefully you are able to get some flying in soon.

Gate code has changed!....

If you renewed your dues, you should have received an email from our treasurer, Bill Howlin, with this years code. If not, shoot him an email or call him at (720)988-6336.

Another in person meeting...

Thanks again to Jack Dunkle for hosting our in-person monthly meeting again at his neighborhood clubhouse. We had a fair turn out but certainly not a good representation of the membership. Folks many things are decided on at these meetings that affect you and the membership costs. We need your input to be sure you are okay with what's happening!

Port-o-Potties update....

Big thanks to Mark Nicastle for finding us a vendor to clean the lavs only when we need them to! That really helps out the budget.

Mark Nicastle to join the Board...

Mark Nicastle has graciously filled a vacant Board member position.

Happy Flying!, Mike

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

NEXT MEETING MARCH 23RD

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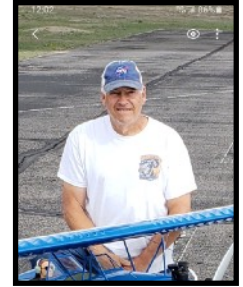
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No submission.

CLUB TREASURER-BILL HOWLIN

The gate code has changed! **IF** you paid your dues you should have received an email from me with the new gate code. **DO NOT SHARE THE CODE WITH ANYONE!!** Even if you think they paid their dues. Have them call me at (720) 988-6336.

Our budget is seriously under funded this year as we only have slightly more than 20 renewed members at this time. We need you to commit to renewing if you intend on flying at the field this year. We value your membership and want you to continue to be a member! Please take a moment to renew now, or if you know another member who has not renewed yet invite them to do so at their earliest convenience. Thank you!

February Club Meeting 2023



You're missing out! Come join the meetings!



SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS**LiPo Battery Safety**

Unfortunately, LiPo battery safety wasn't exactly high on the list of priorities when we first began using them to power our RC airplanes.

We've seen a lot of fires and destroyed homes because people used the wrong chargers, maybe tried to charge their batteries with too much current, or simply made the mistake of leaving their batteries charging unattended.

There's no need to be scared of LiPo's. They are perfectly safe as long as you know what you are doing, and you *respect* them.

Safe Battery Techniques

The majority of LiPo fires happen while charging the battery. If you're new to LiPo's, take a minute to educate yourself about LiPo battery charging.

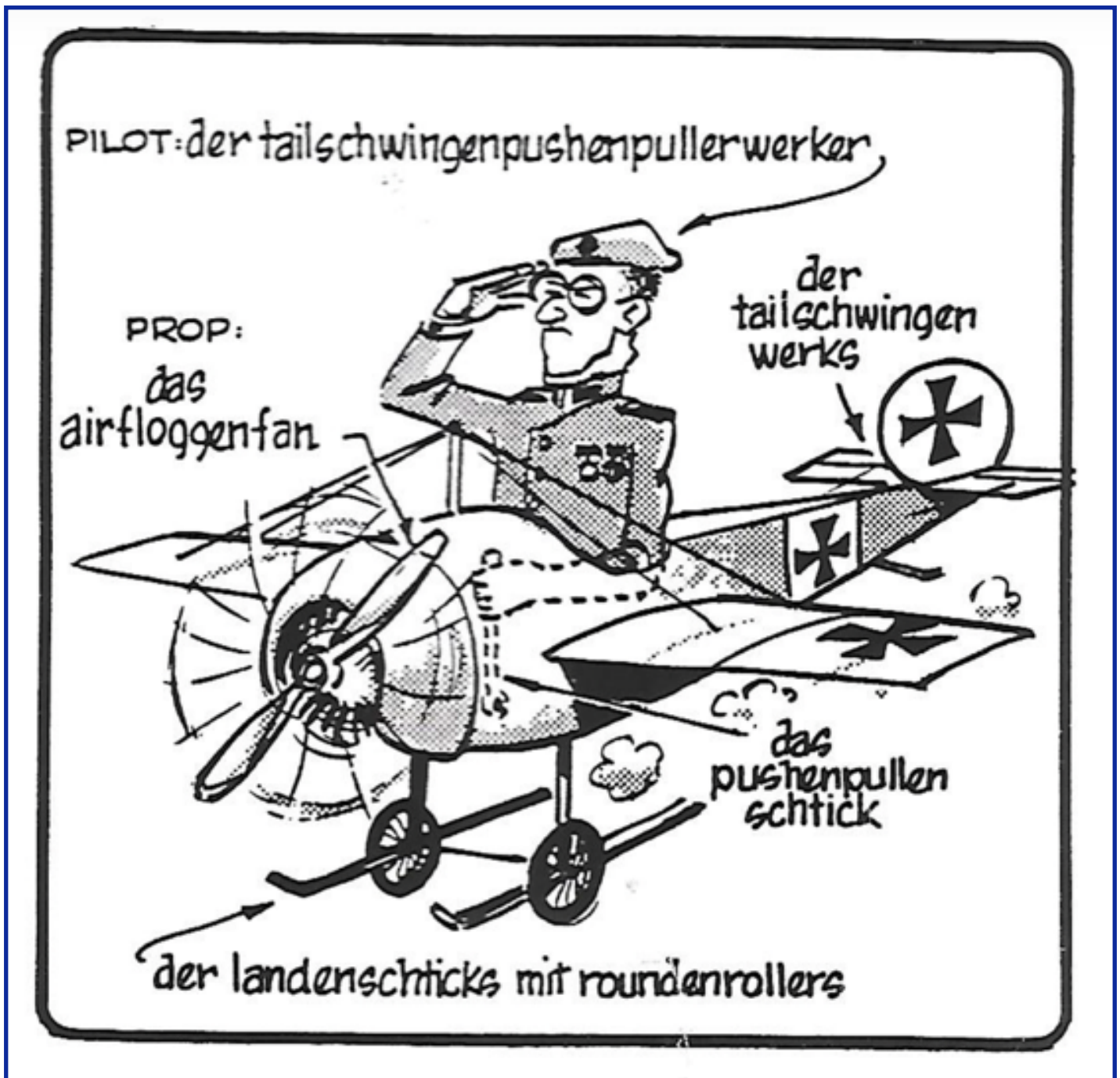
LiPo fires usually happen when inexperienced modelers either use the wrong type of charger, use the wrong settings on their charger, or try to charge their batteries too quickly. It's pretty spectacular. The kind of fireworks you DON'T want to see in your house or workshop!

Following the below LiPo battery safety guidelines will greatly reduce the chances of having a fire.

- **Always let your LiPo batteries cool to ambient temperature after a flight before charging.**
- **Make sure your charger is designed specifically for LiPo battery packs.**
- **Double check that your charger has counted the cells correctly and is charging at or below 1C charge rate.**
- **Always charge your batteries on a solid non-flammable surface in a well ventilated area.**
- **Always keep a fire extinguisher nearby while charging your LiPo batteries.**
- **Always check your LiPo batteries for any damage after a crash. If the LiPo pack is punctured or damaged in any way, don't use it.**
- **Never leave your batteries charging unattended.**

Fly Safe, Live Safe, Have Fun!

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Meeting Minutes / Feb 2023

- Meeting held in person on Feb 23rd, 2023.
- Meeting Called to order by President Mike Feitinger at 6:45pm.

- President Michael Feitinger-present
Vice President Jack Dunkle-present
Treasurer Bill Howlin- present
Safety Officer Ken Roberts- not present
Board member Lee Overholt- not present
Board member Bob Salmon-present

- Attendees-8

- Treasurer's Report: Given by Bill Howlin. Currently only 22 renewals thus far. If you know members that have not renewed yet, reach out to them and mention it is time. We need people to renew!

- Old business:
 - Port-o-potties: Cleaning cost is extremely high for what we need. If an alternative is not found we may need to discontinue using them.
 - Dues are due: Bill Howlin stressed how important it is that members renew. We are seriously under funded for FY 2023's budget. Talks are under way for potentially raising the dues in 2024 and cutting some other budget items.
 - Gate code changing Feb 28th. **DO NOT SHARE THE CODE WITH ANYONE!!** If you are asked to share, refer them to either Bill Howlin or Jack or Mike.
 - State Noxious Weed Program is still being pursued. State has referred us to Adams County.

- New Business:
 - No items.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 7:22pm.