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May 2026 Sixty-Eight Years of RC Model Flying Vol. 68 Issue 4

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Next Board/Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 26th
Hummel/WORKS Field
5:30PM

2026 has started off with some great weather!

Conditions at the field are great thanks to our dedicated mowers and the surprise field rolling by Chuck Shields, many thanks Chuck!



The mowing schedule is attached, and any changes should be sent to me or Tommie Walters. **As a courtesy to all flyers, please be proactive in letting the membership know your weekly day/time that you and your partner will be mowing.** Please also adhere to the mowing height chart that is in the storage container.

We welcomed five (5) new members

at the last meeting. Dave Chambers, Clifton Lamb and Chuck Shields, with his sons Wayon Shields, Jase Pogue and Waston Pogue. Four of them will be going through our new training program with hopes of getting them in the air solo very soon. Welcome to all!! Our roster is now set with 61 members and all dues are paid.

Speaking of the training program, it's now in full force. John Lucke is the coordinator, and the attached roster has all the instructors noted in the "I" Instructor column. The website will soon be updated with the information. Remember, even if you're a proficient flyer, we can find someone to help with any flying aspect you may have trouble with.

Our new security camera is working very well and produces pictures each time movement is detected. It is primarily aimed at the "sarcophagus" (storage of our training equipment) for its protection.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 26th at the FIELD. Chef Greg will be cooking if the weather allows. Food ready by 5:30pm, meeting soon thereafter!

That's all for now folks! I am traveling for the next two weeks so I'll miss this month's meeting. Have a great Memorial Day weekend. Kim



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What's Happening in the Club?

- Next meeting Tuesday, May 26th at the Hummel/WORKS Field at 5:30PM
- New security camera working well, it even detects animal on the field.
- Chef Greg continues to feed us well! Look for his emails if he cancels.
- Our roster is complete with 61 members, great to see you all back! Updated roster attached with five (5) new members
- Mowers are mowing, thanks for the weekly alerts about your date/time that you plan to mow!

2026 Officers and Board Members and Term

President – Tom Hapner (2026)
Vice President – John Boyko (2026)
Treasurer – Greg Newman (2026)
Secretary – Kim Birdseye (2026)
Board Member – Danny Barnett (2025-2026)
Board Member – Shawn Kappner (2025-2026)
Board Member – Gary Streifthau (2026-2027)
Board Member – Doug Manson (2026-2027)

Mark your Calendars

May Meeting – May 26th – 5:30PM-Hummel/WORKS Field

Dawn Patrol & Golden Era Fly - Saturday, June 6th - 9AM till ???

June Meeting – June 30th – 5:30PM-Hummel/WORKS Field

Super Scale Fun Fly - Sunday, September 27th 9AM till ???





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WORKS Flying Club 2026 Mowing Schedule As of: March 26, 2026

Week	Dates	Mowers
1	04/05 - 04/11	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
2	04/12 - 04/18	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
3	04/19 - 04/25	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
4	04/26 - 05/02	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
5	05/03 - 05/09	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett
6	05/10 - 05/16	Kim Birdseye & Jim Milthaler
7	05/17 - 05/23	Steve Richardson & Brian Bremer
8	05/24 - 05/30	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
9	05/31 - 06/06	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
10	06/07 - 06/13	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
11	06/14 - 06/20	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
12	06/21 - 06/27	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett
13	06/28 - 07/04	Steve Richardson & Brian Bremer
14	07/05 - 07/11	Kim Birdseye & Jim Milthaler
15	07/12 - 07/18	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
16	07/19 - 07/25	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
17	07/26 - 08/01	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
18	08/02 - 08/08	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
19	08/09 - 08/15	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett
20	08/16 - 08/22	Steve Richardson & Brian Bremer
21	08/23 - 08/29	Kim Birdseye & Jim Milthaler
22	08/30 - 09/05	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
23	09/06 - 09/12	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
24	09/13 - 09/19	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
25	09/20 - 09/26	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
26	09/27 - 10/03	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett
27	10/04 - 10/10	Steve Richardson & Brian Bremer
28	10/11 - 10/17	Kim Birdseye & Jim Milthaler
29	10/18 - 10/24	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
30	10/25 - 10/31	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
31	11/01 - 11/07	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
32	11/08 - 11/14	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
33	11/15 - 11/21	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett

Alternate: Kim Birdseye 937-477-7009
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As a courtesy, please email the membership of your planned date/time of mowing. If you need help doing so, email Kim at kmbirdseye@aol.com or 937-477-7009 and he will publish.



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(I'm repeating this safety alert as I found three of my batteries swollen!)

Safety-Safety-Safety

At last month's meeting there was a lengthy discussion of the dangers of Lithium polymer (LiPo) batteries, the handling and charging. Several member relived some of the harrowing experiences they have had with these batteries and how unpredictable they can be. **It was generally agreed that all LiPo batteries will go bad sometime!** LiPo batteries are prone to swelling and thermal runaway if punctured or overheated. Proper handling, specialized chargers, and avoiding physical damage are essential for safe operation.

Key Safety Precautions:

- **Never Leave Charging Unattended:** Always monitor LiPo batteries during charging, ideally charging them in a fireproof container.
- **Use Proper Chargers:** Always use a charger designed for LiPo batteries and use balance charging.
- **Inspect Regularly:** Check for damage, swelling ("puffing"), or loose wires before use.
- **Store Safely:** Keep batteries at a "storage charge" (roughly 3.8V-3.85V per cell) when not in use for long periods.
- **Avoid Physical Damage:** Do not puncture, crush, or subject the batteries to shock.

If a battery is swollen, punctured, or damaged, it should be treated as dangerous and disposed of at a proper recycling facility.

There are many safety containers on the market as well as simple ammo boxes to use for storage and charging. These batteries are primarily at risk when charging or discharging so consider storing them in approved containers.



It is recommended to store LiPo batteries at 50–60% capacity (3.8V – 3.85V per cell) in a cool (40 – 80°F), dry, fireproof container (like an ammo can or LiPo bag). Keep them away from flammable materials and direct sunlight, ideally inspecting them regularly for damage or swelling.

(I still haven't figured out how to get the wires through the opening on my BAT-Box!)



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Our last meeting had great attendance, even some instruction for our new students!





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Thanks to David Gehron for the great pictures!

