



# Flight Lines

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## Ken's Corner Club President

January is here and with it brings not only a new year, but also the start of our third year as a club. Our first two years have been really great in my opinion, and I think that we will only improve on that as we go forward in our third year and beyond. We have a great group of people that form our club and we should be proud of what we do together and individually, so give yourself a big pat on the back.



As the new year rolls in the first thing you'll notice is that we now have a newsletter. We talked about this several months ago and I've been trying to get one put together and out to the club. With a new year on us I figured this would be the perfect time to get a newsletter out to everybody. I'm hoping that having a newsletter will help to keep everybody better informed as to what's going on. I'll be the first to admit that reading those minutes from the meetings can be a bit dry, and we don't always get a feel for what's going on from them. And I also realize that it's easy to miss a meeting or two and lose track of what's going on with the club. Hopefully getting a newsletter in the mailbox every month will help everybody stay "in tune" with what's going on with the club. In addition to any news from the club that's going on I'll also be including a classified area to buy or sell items, the minutes from the previous meeting, technical articles, news of upcoming events, technical articles, "How-to's", and anything else of interest to the club. Of course I'll gladly accept any articles that anybody out there would like to submit to the newsletter. And for anything else dealing with the newsletter feel free email me, my email address is [webmaster@infinityok.com](mailto:webmaster@infinityok.com). Please feel free to give me any suggestions that you might have for this newsletter. Also, if anybody wants to help me with getting the newsletter out each month I'll gladly accept the help.

We've got a lot being planned for the next year so it should be an event filled year. Some of the things that we've talked about for the year are a "Club Only" Fly-in, a TAG (Take-Off And Grow) event with the local Boy and Cub Scouts, a display or show for the public, and a possible Fly-in to invite other clubs to attend. As we get closer to these events I'll make sure we get articles here to let you know what's going on.

So here's to having a great 2010!!

Ken

Last year the club made the decision to purchase a carport cover to be installed at the field as a shade shelter. We ordered the shelter and then waited to get word back for an installation date to get the shelter set up at the field. As winter approached we decided to delay the installation until Spring 2010 as the shelter wouldn't be used during the winter. We contacted the company to delay the installation but unfortunately we weren't able to get it delay, so the shelter was installed at the field. That is the good news, the shelter is in place and ready for the 2010 flying season.

Unfortunately the bad news is the Christmas Eve blizzard did damage the shelter. The 60+ mph winds lifted up a brace of the shelter and damaged a portion of the metal ....

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## Good News & Bad News

Shade Shelter Damaged By Christmas Storm



New Shelter Completed At Flying Field

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# LAFFS 1st Annual Polar Bear Fly-in

In years past before LAFFS was created some of the fliers would try to go out and fly on New Year's day in hopes for bringing good "weather luck" for the upcoming year. However this practice fell out of favor for the last few years with nobody trying to go out and fly. In hopes of bringing better weather for upcoming year LAFFS members decided to try and fly on New Year's Day 2010.

The decision was made to fly "no matter what", some vowed to fly regardless of the weather. With their determination set members waited for the new year to come. However, the Christmas Eve Blizzard of a week prior threatened to cancel the event. Eight plus inches of snow had turned the road into the field into a muddy mess that was nearly impassible, and because of this the event was almost cancelled. Even on the day before the event LAFFS' President almost got stuck in the mud trying

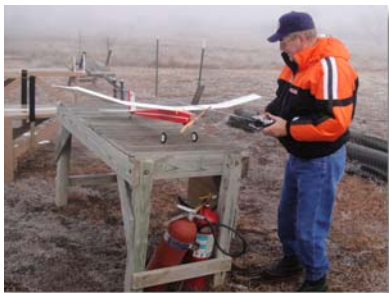


A hot cup of coffee and the Ember has Paul all set for the day

to see how bad it was. The event was placed on a "we'll see what it looks like" basis. However, several members had decided that if nothing else was possible they would park across the street and walk into the flying field and carry along with them electric planes to fly so that they could get flying in regardless. Everybody charged up the night before and waited for the New Year to ring in so that they could go flying.



Steve takes to the foggy skies with his trainer



Larry preps for flight. Unfortunately a dead transmitter battery kept him grounded

When the members arrived at the field they were surprised to find that the freezing temperatures had frozen the road hard enough to drive in to the parking area. With access to the field restored Ken Isaac, Larry Kruse, Paul Phillips, Kris Frost, Steve Jakubiszyn, and Jerry Knight headed in to fly. As the morning started out the fog was so thick that it was difficult to see from the pits to the end of the runway, but that didn't stop the crowd from flying. As most had small electric park flyer sized planes they were put up in the fog and flown. Paul lacking any appropriate electrics for outdoor flying choose to bring out his Parkzone Ember indoor flyer and got a short flight out of it. Steve was the only pilot to have a "wet powered" plane with his trainer. After finally getting the engine running Steve got up into the air as the fog started lifting. Kris took to the air with his indoor 3D foamy profile plane. Larry had a small setback in that he had forgotten to charge his transmitter the night before, but he spirits were



Morning fog made it hard to see to the end of the runway

still high and he encouraged everybody else to fly their planes. Jerry didn't bring anything to fly, but rather rode down to the field on his 4-wheeler in case anybody got stuck in the mud at the field.

As the fog started lifting the day actually became very nice, and everybody would have liked to stay longer and get more flying in. However, rising temperatures were quickly melting out the frozen road into the field. Because of this everybody decided to beat a hasty retreat from the field while they could still get out.

While the 1st Annual LAFFS Polar Bear Fly-in only lasted about an hour it was easily a huge success. Every effort is going to be made to make this an annual event, so everybody should mark their calendar for next year and make plans to get out and ring in 2011 in the air!!



Steve gets his trainer fired up and ready to fly



SPAD XIII flies into a fog bank



Kris hand launches his foamy plane

## Good News & Bad News

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sheeting on the roof of the building. Jerry Knight has looked

at the damage and he feels that it should be reasonably easy to repair. Current plans are to get several people together to go out and put the shelter back together and decide if any replacement sheet metal will need to be purchased for the roof. An email

will be sent out to all club members as the weather permits for a work crew to repair the shelter. 3-5 people should be able to get it back into shape pretty easily so that it's ready to go as we get ready for flying season.



Shelter Damaged by Christmas Eve blizzard.

### New Members

January brought us 3 new members. Please welcome them to the club!

Ken Reistma      Wichita Falls, Tx  
 Bob McFadden    Blair, Ok  
 Scott Hottois     Flint, Mi  
 (Scott is a contractor at Ft Sill and will be with us for 2010)



As this is the first issue of the newsletter there isn't anything for sale here yet. However, I'm placing this here to let everybody know that this will be available. Items that this area include:

- Items you have for sale
- Wanted ads for items you are looking for
- Give away items you have
- Anything else that you would find in Classified Ads can go here

To place a classified ad place send your info to me (Ken Isaac). I can print pictures of your items if you send them to me as well. Please include your contact info, pricing, and any other info you have on your items.

Email me your info at [webmaster@infinityok.com](mailto:webmaster@infinityok.com).

### Volunteers Needed

LAFFS is planning on holding a "Club Only" Fun

Fly this spring. Ron Hipp has stepped up to organize this event. However, he's going to need a few people to help him out with the event, so he's looking for volunteers. He's going to need 1 or 2 people to help him officiate the events and 1 or 2 people to help with the food for the event. If any members, or their family members, are interested in helping out contact Ron Hipp, (580)351-4268 or [rhipp@onlineok.com](mailto:rhipp@onlineok.com)

## Field Boundries

Be careful where you fly

As we gear up getting ready for a new year we need to think about how and where we fly at the field. Last year we had a noise complaint that came from the neighborhood to the East of the field. While a Sheriff's deputy did come out to the field there was no action to take as the only plane in the air at that time was too small to be a noise hazard. However, this should serve as an example that we do need to be considerate of our neighbors at the field. We definitely don't need any enemies out there so let's try and be careful to not fly over any of the houses close to the field. We should all consider the Eastern boundary of the field to be a hard off limits. The East boundary is the fence next to the trailer we use as a storage shed. We all need to work together and keep good relations with the neighbors so we can enjoy our field for a long time to come.

## Classifieds

### What do you think?

I want to know what you think of the newsletter. What do you like? What you don't like? What you would like to see!

Email me at [webmaster@infinityok.com](mailto:webmaster@infinityok.com)  
 If anybody would like to help with the newsletter, or just write an article, please let me know!!! Ken



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## Pictures From January Indoor Flying



# Meeting Minutes

## January 4, 2010

By Larry Kruse, Club Secretary

### Members in Attendance:

Gene Elkins	Corky Fain	Gary Fletcher	Ken Isaac
Steve Jakubiszyn	Jerry Knight	Larry Kruse	Dan Nicar
Don Pflueger	Paul Phillips	Gene Wallock	Clem Wehner
Scott Hottos	Guests: Ken Reitsma, Tony Breyen, Frank Jarratt,		
Bob McFadden			

President Ken Isaac called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Minutes from the Dec. 2009 were approved on a motion by Clem Wehner, seconded by Gene Wallock. In the absence of Treasurer Brent Brennan, President Isaac presented the Treasurer's report indicating that the club's bank balance was \$2057.12 with all bills paid, including the field lease for 2010. The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Gene Wallock and a second by Corky Fain.

### Old Business:

1. Polar Bear Fly—President Isaac reported that the inaugural "Polar Bear Fly", held the morning of January 1, 2010, came off despite foggy conditions and a muddy field, with flights being put up with electric models and one intrepid glow flyer, Steve Jakubiszyn. President Isaac assured everyone that the effort was sufficient to appease the weather gods, and that we would have good flying conditions the rest of the year.
2. 2010 Activity ideas—Discussion resumed from the December meeting concerning potential club activities for the New Year. Two activities received consensus approval: the first a fun fly for club members, now called the "Just Us Fly-In"; and depending on the success of that endeavor, an invitational fun fly for area clubs. The date for the JUF was set for "Aprilish" with the potential date for the invitational event pending. Since he was absent, the consensus was that Ron Hipp would do a good job in setting up events and running the club fly-in. Gene Wallock volunteered for any score keeping that might be needed. President Isaac agreed to contact Ron and seek his agreement to head the event.

### New Business:

1. Shelter repair—Photos were circulated showing the damage to the newly erected shelter and discussion ensued concerning the repair. Initial efforts will be to contact the installer. That failing, a work day will be set up to determine what repairs will be necessary and to move forward in getting the shelter repaired as soon as weather permits.
2. By-Laws technical correction—a wording error in the copy of the club By-Laws adopted and adapted from the old LAFFS club stated that club membership would be limited to "Lawton residents residing in the surrounding communities". Since the wording presented both physical and logical impossibilities, Larry Kruse moved that a technical correction be made and that the wording be changed to "Lawton residents and those residing in the surrounding communities." Military members are already covered under Article IV, Section 2. The motion passed unanimously.
3. By-Laws review—Since several inconsistencies and typos have shown up in the club's "Constitution and By-Laws" due principally to re-typing, cutting and pasting, and other means of reproducing copies of the document over the years, Larry Kruse volunteered to review the document in detail and bring back to the club any errors that might need to be corrected. President Isaac appointed him to do so.
4. Mall show no show—At the December meeting, Larry Kruse said he felt he might have worked out a possible trade-off with the management of Central Mall whereby the club would sponsor an activity for the Mall's "Kids World" program and the club would be accorded space for a second Mall Show at no cost. Upon direct experience with one of the "Kid's World" activities taking place in the month of December, Larry said the venue was not conducive to the kinds of things the club might offer, and that he would not pursue the idea any further.
5. Discussion then centered around the possibility of working with other existing youth groups such as the Boy Scouts in connection with an activity at the flying field. Several members offered to explore those possibilities and report at a subsequent meeting.

### Show and Tell:

Ken Isaac brought part of his Christmas present from Santa and others, a MLD 28 gas engine intended for a Sig "Four Star 120" which also showed up under his tree. Ken said some thought would need to go into exactly how the engine and its ignition system would need to be mounted on the plane.

Larry Kruse brought two diesel engines to show club members who had not had experience with that type of power. Larry had an "Indian" Mills .75 mounted in a Vic Smeed designed "Tomboy" sport model and demonstrated the timer and dethermalizer function incorporated in the plane. He also brought a P.A.W. DS 149 twin ball bearing diesel set up for high rpms and competition models.

### Raffle Winners and Adjournment:

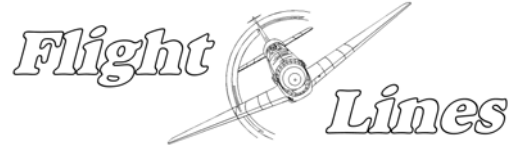
This month's raffle winners were:

- Don Pflueger—6 channel Futaba radio with Tx, Rx, servos and batteries (Kruse donation)
- Mike Light—Dremel tool (club purchase)
- Jerry Knight—4 channel Tower Hobbies radio with Tx, Rx, and batteries (Kruse donation)

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



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## Upcoming Events

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February Club Meeting  
Feb 2nd, 2010. 6 P.M.  
Lawton Public Library, Meeting Room #1  
110 SW 4th St. Lawton, Ok 73501

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February Indoor Flying  
Feb 6th, 2010. 6 – 10 P.M.  
Cameron Student Fitness Center

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