

# Sparks Newsletter



## Who does that?

You may not realize how much effort goes into keeping our club and field running and looking nice. There are a number of people who take time and pride in helping accomplish this. The field marshal is Bob Shadroui. Not only does he mow, trim and blow all the surfaces clean, he also maintains all the equipment. So next time you come out to fly and you notice how nice it looks give a tip of your hat and a thank you to him.



In the last year Jack Daniels has helped Bob by moving the stands and the tables and keeping the area clear so Bob can mow without having to stop and move all the items. Seems easy to do these things at this time of year but when it gets hot and humid and it has to be mowed almost every week it is a large effort.

There is another job which gets little notice. Being on a dump we have a real ant problem. And we fight it all the time. Jim Lewis is our "ant man". Boy do the ants multiply. There are new mounds all the time.

Jim is responsible for canvassing the grounds and applying ant killer. He is out there almost every week. Many people don't realize he does this job because he tries to go when it is windy and/or when there are not many people flying. He can't always do it when no one is around so if he is out there give him a break and don't fly while he is out on the field. Don't be shy about thanking Jim either.



Think about it.. as long as they are doing these jobs you don't have to worry about the field and you get to enjoy the flying. These are few of the people making our club what it is today.

## Briefs

- Next club meeting is in June (First Wednesday at the library)
- Don't forget the Open house is on Saturday May 25th. I will be sending out a newsletter next week with info on the event. This is the first time in a long time we have made concerted effort to bring visitors to our site. We have put together a good effort to publicize the event through various media and signs that will go up. It is hard for us to know how many people will show up for the event. We hope "too many"!
- Channel 10 came to SPARKS to do a video piece on our club and flying. Following is the letter about the visit to the SPARKS board members.

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### **To the board of SPARKS:**

Sean Streicher of Channel 10 news was the contact and reporter. We think it went well. They spent 2 plus hours at sparks and seemed to have a good time to boot. They got video of planes flying and taking off from their drone and of our people flying from the drone. Also got a lot of video of the planes standing still and going by at a high rate of speed. They interviewed me about sparks and also interviewed a few other people.

I want to thank all the people who came out and made it successful. We had a variety of aircraft available and flying despite a good breeze. The intent from Sean (Channel 10) is to air it the week prior to our open house (on Monday the 19th I think). In addition to that airing, a copy will be on their website to view if you miss the broadcast. They will also mention the open house and times (And in the interview he specifically asked me about the event details).

Sean Streicher will send me an email when broadcast date and time are firm and I will share with all. The video will be available on their web site after the broadcast in case anyone wants to see it. The only loss today was the trainer which went wacko while I was buddy boxing with Sean of Channel 10.

Again, thanks much and let's hope it generates some good press and interest.

Bill Cessna

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## Miscellaneous

Vic Tyber is looking for anyone in the club who has a FMS PC-21 to share experience and tips! Don't have his contact info? Check in the office!

## Pictures ....

Is it the Easter Bunny drone ?

Nope, it is Ollie Parker testing a candy drop drone.. Hopefully to be used at the ay 25th Open House. Looking good Ollie. Love the ears. Nice touch!

Storm damage and repair work... Thanks Bob Shadroui and Gary Chavey for the repairs.



Our favorite cooks at an event. Mike Valletti and Jack Hartmetz. Keeping us well fed !

## Tech questions:

- Any member with questions send them in an email to [sparksrc1@gmail.com](mailto:sparksrc1@gmail.com) and we will reply in the next SPARKS Newsletter

## For Sale:

- Send your for sale and want ads to [sparksrc1@gmail.com](mailto:sparksrc1@gmail.com) and we will send them to the club members

## Useful links:

- Interested in learning to fly R/C and joining SPARKS: <https://www.sparksrc.org/resources/useful-information>
- New pilots check here: <https://www.sparksrc.org/resources/2016-06-09-19-26-17>
- Field location: <https://www.sparksrc.org/about-us/flying-field/our-location>
- Club by-laws: <https://www.sparksrc.org/about-us/membership-information/club-by-laws>
- Current weather at the field: <https://www.sparksrc.org/weather/index.htm>