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From the President,

Hey, been flying lately? Last week I had the pleasure of showing up at the field on Monday morning and the weather was absolutely beautiful. You know, one of those days when the wind was jus about non-existent. It was sunny but with big fluffy clouds just enough to get an occasionally break from the hot sun. I was there with a new member, Steve, who had said to me on the way over, "I think I would like to work on the square pattern today." I just told him that it would be good to practice that. Of course, when we got there and the weather was so good and we were the only ones there, I figured that take off and landing practice was in order. The only thing was, he had only taken off a couple of times and hadn't even thought of doing anything close to landing yet. Well, what he didn't know, wouldn't hurt him. First up and 9:04 AM I gave him control and told him to taxi out and take off. The look on his face was priceless. He stepped up the challenge and take off he did, with a little help. As soon as he got up in the air I told him I had it and brought it right around and landed. Ok, do it again.. It went like that for a bit and then it was his turn to bring it around and line up for landing. Several time doing that and he was getting it on the ground in one piece. By the time we ended the flying session he had taken off many times and landed at least 4 times. Not bad for someone who thought they were going to practice the square pattern. Sometimes it is better to have someone do something rather than have them worry about doing it before they need to. We looked forward to doing it again the following Sunday and things were looking good until we got to New Gloucester. The wind was blowing steady at about 20 to 25. Not good for an LT 40. It stayed in the car. It was enjoyable to watch the other guys fly the big birds and even got to see a jet fly all while tinkering on my old Extra 300 ARF by Hobbico. It was one pain in the @\$ after another. By the time I had to leave, the fuel tank was ripped out of it where we found a torn clunk tubing and dirt in the tank. That was all after the nightmare of trying to get the onboard glow power to warm up the plug. Sometimes it isn't easy to not be overcome with frustration.

There has been progress with getting quotes on runway repairs. All the numbers have been coming in between 3 to 4 thousand. Some members are thinking out of the box to come up with a more long lasting solution. More to come on that, stay tuned.

I don't know why the road hasn't been worked on yet near the parking lot. Maybe we will hear from the field marshal on that soon.

Don't forget the Scale Shoot Out coming up this month. It is usually a great event that you wouldn't want to miss. Plan to attend this year and support the club by visiting the concession stand.

See you at the next meeting Wednesday at the field.

Nelson Frost