

# EAST SIDE HANGER

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**SAFETY FIRST**  
EVERY MEMBER IS A  
DEPUTY SAFETY OFFICER



Next Meeting is Oct 9<sup>th</sup>  
at the flying field  
3 PM

## Flying Proficiency

Full scale pilot, or Radio Control pilot...flying airplanes can be dangerous. Your flying ability can have a fatal impact on you and others.



I do not know what caused the accident above. I do know however, that this pilot's "flying proficiency" was not up to par. My guess is that he paid for his mistake with his life. Hopefully no one else was injured – other than the fellow in the red coat (probably needed a change of undies after this scare). At times RC flying can be just as dangerous.

"Flying proficiency" depends on a combination of factors that include but are not limited to:

- The quality of your training.
- Your personal eye-hand coordination.
- Your health.
- Your self discipline and judgment.
- Your commitment to safety.
- Your "flying currency." For example, when was the last time you flew? How much have you flown lately? Is your flying proficiency getting "rusty" due to lack of flying?

## 2006 Club Elections

It's that time of year, nominations for club officers will be made at the October meeting. All club members are eligible and encouraged to run for office. An informal pole indicates that our President, Secretary and Treasure have agreed to serve next year if reelected. Our VP will not run for reelection so that position is open.

Winter Meetings -- Beginning in Nov, our meetings will be held at the Glen Carbon Senior Citizens Center. No change in time or day, all meeting will be on the second Sunday and 3PM.

Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	April 9 <sup>th</sup>

Remember to bring in your winter building projects.

## Aviation Truism (*mostly true*)

"Airspeed, altitude and brains. All three are needed to successfully complete the flight."

*Unknown*

## CLUB OFFICERS

President	Scott Calvin	346-0885
Vice President	Steve Teeple	345-5478
Treasurer	Ron Moidel	288-7070
Secretary	Earl Westergom	288-6214
Safety Officer	Darron Johnson	345-1783
Membership	Cliff Wisser	656-4213

## Board members

Roger Watson  
Dwight Hayen  
Cliff Wisser  
Tom King

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As you all know, “**flying proficiency**” is a major concern for the FAA, commercial airlines, and the military services. They all require a minimum number of landings, instrument approaches, and flying hours each quarter to ensure the full scale pilot is “**safe to fly.**” If minimum requirements are not met, the pilot is grounded. To regain “currency” the pilot must fly with an Instructor Pilot until the required flying events are accomplished satisfactorily. The fun does not end here, they must also pass several flight evaluations (check rides) and from one to two demanding flight physicals each year to remain on flying status.

Fortunately, this is a hobby and R/C pilots are not regulated by the AMA in this manner. We simply solo and are then assumed to be **proficient pilots** for as long as we choose to participate in the hobby. It is important to remember however, **that our flying proficiency can decrease when we are not able to fly on a regular basis.** We all get busy at work, we go on vacations, we become involved in home projects and the next thing you know, we have not been to the RC flying field in over a month. **Our challenge is to be “self regulating.” Only we know if we are rusty!**

At our recent Fun Fly several “routine” crashes occurred on landing or in the “outfield” and fortunately only the models were damaged. One incident however, was not routine. One RC pilot lost control of his aircraft and came awfully close to hitting several club members while they stood in the pits, backs to the flight line. Yes, we have all lost control of our aircraft at one time on another (I know I have). Fortunately everyone was lucky that day.

### **Ok, so what can I do to safely reestablish my RC flying proficiency?**

1. The first and most important step is for you to recognize you are rusty – then do something about it.
2. The best option is to call a club instructor and take a couple of flights on the buddy box until you are comfortable with your ability. (Embarrassed? Simply schedule your IP flight in the morning so no one sees you). No worries, instructors are sworn to secrecy.
3. No way you’re going to fly with an IP!!? OK, fly with a buddy earlier in the day when the field is not crowded. That way there will be less human targets in the area.
4. **Bottom line is to enjoy the hobby -- think of the other guy – fly safely.**

**Our web site is**  
**[www.eastsidercclub.com](http://www.eastsidercclub.com)**

**SOLO’S - NONE REPORTED FOR 2005.**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Remember to wear your 2005 membership cards at the field! It’s the only way we can tell whose AMA and ESRC membership are current. Membership card holders are available from several of the club officers, so ask for one the next time you see them. If you have not yet renewed, please consider doing so – we value your membership.

**Safety - Have you purchased your First Aid Kit Yet?** It is always a good thing to have in your car.

**A Reminder** - if you change your email or mailing address, you must let the secretary know. Email news letters save the club over \$300 a year.

### **Calendar of Events**

**October** - New joint ESRC/Belleville club flying event. The date TBA & this event should be fun.

**Christmas Party** – Anyone interested in hosting?

**Track Schedule** - Use good judgment while flying when setup is taking place. Safety dictates that **flying is not authorized during track events.**

- Monday, 10/17 Finale Invitational, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/22, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/29, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### **Club Instructors**

All new members should contact an instructor to complete their training and obtain approval for solo flight.

#### **Fixed Wing Training**

Tom King	288-5021
Earl Westergom	288-6214
Andy McKellar	667-8378
Ron Moidel	288-7070
Scott Calvin	346-0885

#### **Helicopter Training**

Scott Fitzgerald	558-8064
Ryan VonTalg	407-2920

*These people deserve a special thank you for teaching so many of us to fly.*