



The Sunbeam

President's Column

Mark Taylor

Almost by definition, spring is here, because I first cut the grass/dandelions six days ago. Tom did an excellent trimming job at a speed that made me suspect he's a pro.

As I've bragged before, we now have two good working mowers, a Weedwhacker, and a secure place to put them.

It would be nice to have a team of half a dozen people or so, with some potential substitutes (everybody needs a strong bench, in the NBA and on the flight field), signed up for at least a month or two in advance so that the burden of mowing the field every week doesn't fall to a few heroic individuals. Team applications accepted

We also have a nice clean, functional porta potty just installed this week, which costs about \$70 per month and has so far been privately sponsored by a couple of club members. So, think of them every time the potty saves you from a hasty run to town, and if you find yourself thinking you've done your share to support the club this year, consider yourself probably wrong.

If you ever find yourself trying to think of ways to help the club, always think "Patch the Runway." It's simple and easy with the tough black Flex Tape and you will always get runway priority over anybody who wants to fly. Also, if you really believe you've never put a hole in the runway, then I would like to shake your hand, if only to disbelieve you.

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Club Calendar

May 14 Flying and Meeting at the field.
Meeting at 7:00,
so come out to fly beforehand.

Andrew will be bringing a gas grill to the field for the next meeting (Tuesday the 14th) He intends to fire up the grill to make hotdogs or burgers or whatever anyone wants to bring for the rest of the meetings at the field this year. Bring your own drink and table service, maybe something to share, too? Rain or shine, Andrew will be bringing hotdogs for the 14th.



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Andrew and Wayne deserve Air Medals for setting up tandem “group contact” vectors for rapid communication among most of the active pilots in the club, in my opinion, critical to increasing training, camaraderie and crowd numbers, especially on suddenly pretty days like yesterday (*May 10*) when you’re only one little text tone away from having several good friends out at the field with you. There is no implied preference of text versus email technique, we just have both to maximally include people who use one or the other but perhaps not both. In addition to group invites whenever you’re heading out to the field, these formats are great for telling stories or showing pictures after the events of the day. We would ask that you use standard etiquette, i.e. no texts before 7 AM or after 10 PM and avoid any content you wouldn’t want your seven-year-old daughter to read. Sometimes, events of the day might require violation of those rules, and I certainly have no compunctions against that, just do it privately with people you know won’t be offended or awakened.

Next Month: KLUDGE, and how to resist its EVIL effects on your aviation/life success. Personal true stories will be gratefully received and duly referenced.

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We have an email group! If you'd like to get more frequent / candid updates on the comings and goings at the field please consider joining our email group. For many folks this works better to share photos, stories, etc. than the text messaging group.

To be enrolled send an email to andrew.albinger@gmail.com and Andrew will get you electronically invited to the list.



Photos by Tom Carey



The Scrap Bin

by Denny Goodrich

Last year I bought Chuck Wilson's planes, as he has had to stop flying. Two of them are 40-size pattern planes. A Sterling Rimfire that was not quite complete, and an El Gringo. Both are set up for K&B 40's. Not having a working one I went on an eBay buying spree getting several so I have some parts to work with, if nothing else. Well, most of them looked kind of shabby, all tarnished and stained and all. So,, how to make aluminum look like it came from the factory?

While searching on the internet for polishing aluminum, I noticed that "cleaning" was also another search term. After seeing the caustic acids sometimes used for polishing, I realized that cleaning was what I was after.

The video on Youtube that I found most appealing was about using Bar Keeper's Friend to scrub aluminum. The only proviso mentioned was not to use on cadmium plated items as this contains Boric acid. By the way, Simple Green is hazardous to magnesium items. Some engines have magnesium parts embedded, so, beware.

Here are a few pics to show you it is not hard to get good results from the Bar Keeper's Friend, a toothbrush, Skotchbrite pad and a pointed bamboo stick for scraping at detail areas. Keep it away from openings, plug them, or disassemble completely. A mask would be good, too. I found myself leaning in close sometimes and could smell (or taste?) it slightly.



Un de-tarnished!



After Simple Green and ScotchBrite pad.



Finished product.

**Clean or
polish your
aluminum
parts to look
good again!**



Detailing remains.



Polished with
rubbing compound
and Dremel.

Cleaned with
Bar Keeper's Friend
and toothbrush.

Mower and Container Fundraising Campaign

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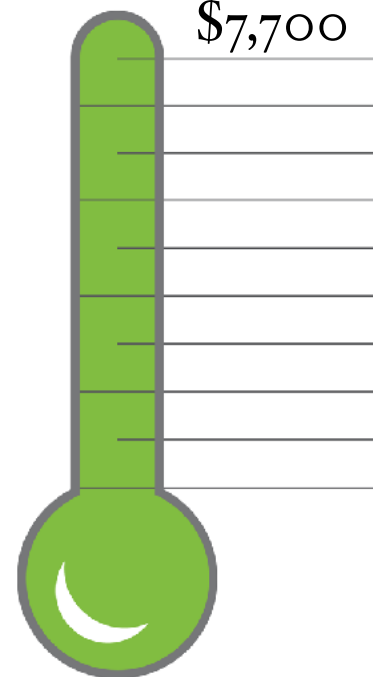
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