

FLINT HILLS FLYER



November 2009

Upcoming FHF Events

November 7—Jim Clark impromptu fly-in at Prairie Cottage airstrip southeast of Chapman at noon. Jim says the weather is too nice to pass up the opportunity to have a fly-in so he is providing brats, drink, etc. You may bring a side dish if you wish...or not. Fly in or drive in and enjoy the event.

November 14—Caley's Chili Feed at noon, Bob and Bev Caley's airstrip in Green. Chili and all the fixin's will be provided. If you would like to contribute a dish to the meal you are welcome to bring something, but Bev says there will be plenty for everyone, so we'll see you there!

January 2—Holiday Party at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville. 6 p.m. social hour, dinner at 7 p.m. We will meet in the new, big banquet room and everyone can order off of the menu. Please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Riley Food Pantry in memory of Leo Walter.

News Update

by Charlotte Doyle

FALL IS SLIPPING BY FAST!

We are getting this issue out now because Bob Caley is having his annual fly-in on Saturday, November 14th! Put this date on your calendar! I just called him on his cell phone to get the details; he was in his dump truck at the quarry. He will serve chili at noon, but when quizzed, he did say you can bring desserts or anything else to add to the festivities. If you don't know where his strip is, he says he is just south-east of Green KS (in the same section!). If you are driving, he says his place is 1/2 mile south and 1/4 mile east of Green.

Kent and Kathy Foster, Frank and Karen Klein, and Chuck and Ruth Hall hosted a very successful Leo's Chili Fly-in last Saturday. It was a beautiful day for around 45 folks to enjoy chili, cornbread, salads and a wide variety of desserts. Kent and Frank resurrected Leo's tradition of using a tripod and cast iron kettle to heat the chili. Kent was gracious enough to dip the chili out and put it in each person's bowl!

Those flying in were Jim Clark who brought Steve Stacey; Maurice Sharp; Larry Moon; Kevin and Lorene McKeeman; Trevor McKeeman (Leah drove in); and Dan Wild. Others attending were Bob More, Paula Vining, John Vining; Bob and Jessie Foster; Ron, Jill and Leo Grieve; Bob and Bev Caley; Ron and Linda Frey; Sherry Moon with her daughter,

Area Events

1st Saturday of every month—Ponca City, OK and York, NE Fly-In Breakfast

2nd Saturday of every month—Beaumont Hotel All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

3rd Saturday of every month—Benton, KS and Alva, OK Fly-in Breakfast

4th Saturday of every month—Augusta, KS and Enid, OK Breakfast

4th Sunday of every month—Cottonwood Falls, KS Breakfast

Dawn, and two grandsons; Darren, Dalton, Trenton, and Jayda Juenemann; Dan, Rosanna, Sonia and Lucas Manly; Jack Schrader and son Jay and his girlfriend Sadie. I was there too, but Eddie was in Yakima, Washington.

And also remember the Holiday Party at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville on January 2nd. I have reserved the big private room so we can have a program without being interrupted. You will be able to order from the menu, but I may try to get a count after we return from Mexico in December. More on that party later.

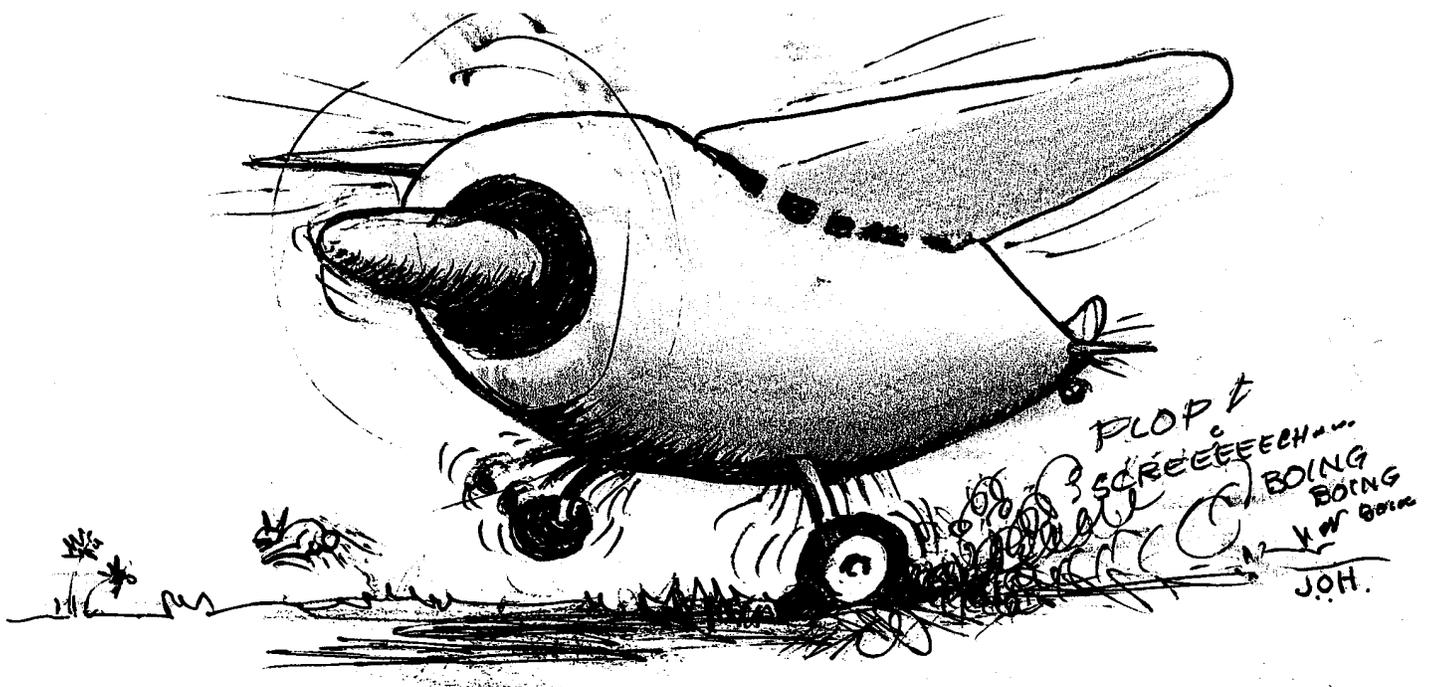
I'm sure you all agree...aviation enthusiasts are the greatest folks. We are so fortunate to have so many members pitch in and provide a wide range of activities for the Flint Hills Flyers.

Highway Pick-Up October 18

The final highway pick-up of the year was accomplished by 11 FHF members on a windy Sunday morning—thanks to Charlotte Doyle, Dan Wild, Ron Grieve, Dick Clark, Joe Sexton, Kent and Kathy Foster, Chuck and Ruth Hall, Trevor and Leah McKeeman for showing up to help keep our stretch of the highway clean. We will kick off next year's highway pick-up activities in April.

Special thanks to Dick Clark for the cord coiling seminar he presented before the group went to brunch at Nelson's Landing.

The *Flint Hills Flyer* is pleased to publish a selection of original aviation sketches drawn by charter member Jack Hankammer of Topeka. The first in the series appears below. Thanks, Jack—keep 'em comin'!



A SPOT
LANDING = (3 SPOTS)
(MORE-ER-LESS) ...

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Leo's Chili Feed, October 31

by Kathy Foster

Leo Walter's spirit lives on and provided a beautiful day for the revival of the Leo's Chili Feed on Saturday, October 31. More than 40 people and 6 airplanes gathered to enjoy a big pot of chili cooked the way Leo used to—over the open campfire. Many thanks to the following FHF members for helping to make the day a success: Ruth Hall and Karen Klein, chili makers; Kent Foster and Frank Klein, tripod builders; Dan Wild, master fire builder; Charlotte Doyle, Halloween decorator; Kevin McKeeman and Chuck Hall, clean up crew; Jim Clark and Maurice Sharp, Young Eagles pilots. Welcome to new FHF member Helen Stucky Risdon of Blue Rapids who was driving by, saw the festivities and decided she wanted to be part of our group.



After Kent Foster and Frank Klein set up the tripod, Dan Wild (left) arrived early Saturday morning to get the fire started. After a nice bed of coals developed (above center), chili makers Ruth Hall and Karen Klein (above right) gave the OK for the chili to be added to the kettle, so Dan Wild and Kent Foster did the honors (right).



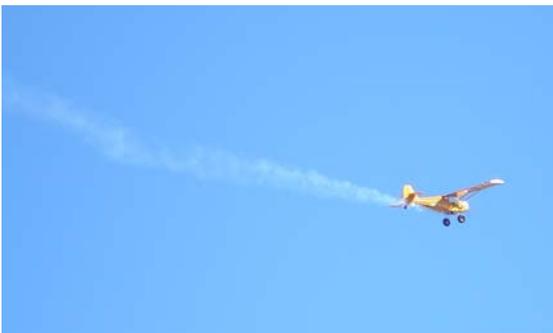
Charlotte Doyle (left) set the mood with Halloween decorations, and plenty of ghouls and goblins arrived for trick or treat (below).



Leo's Chili Feed, October 3!



It was a beautiful day for talking airplanes (above left). And there was a wide assortment of food to choose from to go along with the chili (above right). Some people enjoyed eating outside (below left) while others gathered inside the hangar to have lunch (below right).



Above left, Dan Wild was smokin'!



At right and below, Jim Clark and Maurice Sharp provided Young Eagle flights to some of the youngsters in attendance. Maurice flew his 2003 Rans and Jim flew his 1946 J-3 Cub.

