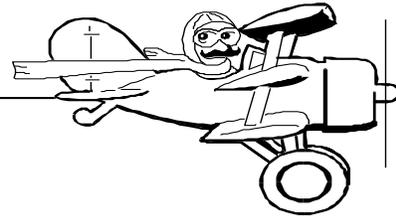


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**** Our next meeting will be on May 21st at 8 PM *****

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FIELD SEARCH - NEWS

As of the writing of this newsletter, I have no updates on the new field. Please attend the meeting to find out the latest news. →

STARPOINT FLYERS



Update on the progress of the Starpoint Flyers; 5 foam EZ-Cruisers have been built. It's been an interesting journey of teaching, patience, understanding student's capabilities, frustration and pure enjoyment.

The students are limited to one: 40 minute class per week. This proved to be a challenge in time management. This after school program conflicted with other afterschool activities resulting in mixed attendance for our class. The effect of this was that each student was building at a different rate with different stages of completion during each class. We had to go between students and assist them in the next step of the process. It was a challenge, considering the limited time available to work one on one with each student. Weeks passed and some of the students were able to stay a little longer and we began to make headway. The concept of component placement to achieve the correct CG was interesting. We put a "T" pin on the wing over the correct CG and hung the planes from a long string. By moving the components we could "see" where the CG was moving by shifting the components. This also checked the lateral balance. When the plane was slightly nose down we hot glued them in place.

We had an opportunity to test fly the planes inside a gym. Not the best location for beginner pilots flying an untested airplane in a confined space, but we had 3 out of 3 successful flights on the first trial. Honestly the flights were short due to the size of the Gym but they did fly and were controllable.

Without the generous donations from our club members this would not have happened. Thank You to Dick Brazell for his capable assistance and guidance during this building experience. Without his support the program would not have been as successful. Hats off to Peter Sewert, the Starpoint faculty member, for having the insight to establish a RC flying club and reaching out to Brauer's Aviators for assistance.

The returning students are looking forward to flying their EZ Cruiser outside. Next year's project will be either a foam F6F four channel warbird or racing Quads.

Always Land Wheel Side Down,

Brian →