

An Owl cannot fly without ...

Flight Feathers

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MEETINGS

FIRST
SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH

NO MEETINGS
JULY/AUGUST

NEXT MEETING:
SEPTEMBER 5TH

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OUR FIELD

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Memorial Day Flight ...by Charles

The Williston Owl's One Wing Low Squadron held their usual Saturday morning fly-in on Memorial Day Weekend. The flag was proudly flown to honor those that gave all to keep us a free and sovereign Nation.

In attendance were Squadron members, Fernando, Charles Snyder, George, Dave, Art, and myself. Two new members, Ed and Merv were also with us.



Extra excitement was provided by Charles Snyder flying his new model for the first time. He and Ed built the model from scratch using foam-board. His first landing was perfect.



What a surprise to see Mike and Shawn at our June meeting. Mike is on the mend from two years of medical issues and feels great.

Master builder that he is, Mike has found that building has help with the arthritis in his hands. He displayed and flew several of his free-flight models.



We see all types and sizes of planes at the field. Here is one of Mike's free-flight models next to Rick's big boy.

This virus is turning me into my dog. I take naps all day, get yelled at for getting too close to anyone, roam the house looking for food, and get excited over the thought of a car ride.

Went to the store the other day. At the checkout line the cashier pointed to a large X on the floor and told me to stand there. I don't think so! I've seen WAY to many roadrunner cartoons to fall for that.

A Message from Our Vice President

"In June the OWLS received a generous donation of RC items from a former club member. The donor of the items has a pet camel. At one time the camel provided rides to fairgoers. Now the camel enjoys Florida retirement with his new owner."

Fernando Mesa, Vice President



Puffed Battery Remedies

...from Ed Centanni

And now mateys, let's all sing it out, what do we do with a puffed up bat-tree ear-lye in the mor-nin'g. Well the answer is -- not much.

Poking a hole to let the gas out will (if you're REAL LUCKY and don't have to call the fire dept) only let air and humidity in and make things worse. Freezing or cooling only contracts the gas until it warms back up. I tried that. Bottom line, once it's puffed, there's no going back that I'm aware of. You need to decide if you want to continue to use a puffed battery or discard it.

There are several opinions on whether continuing to use it is safe or not. I don't have a dog in that fight so I won't recommend one or the other. If you do after all decide to use it, you can, IF IT WAS A WELL-MANUFACTURED BATTERY TO BEGIN WITH, simply take it out of your Hotliner and put it in your Old Timer.

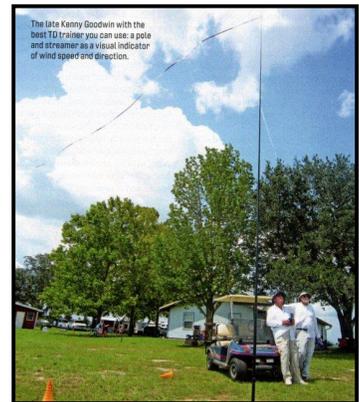
Reducing the discharge load will often stop the puffing from getting worse and result in a usable battery for less demanding applications. Oh yeah, and keep it away from HEAT.

Ed is a member of the OTOW R/C Flyers and new member of the OWLS. He has authored a series of articles for the Flyers and has given permission to edit and publish them in our newsletter.

If you are looking for a place to dispose of your puffed batteries, Batteries Plus Bulbs accepts them at no charge located across from Sam's Club (3950 SW College Rd #101, Ocala).

In Case You Missed It

Our good friend Gordon Buckland used this photo of Kenny and Art in his soaring article "Making a Thermal Plan" published in the March 2020 issue of Model Aviation.



The late Kenny Goodwin with the best TD trainer you can use: a pole and streamer as a visual indicator of wind speed and direction.

History Remembered: Sir Ross Macpherson Smith

...by Editor & Ed Centanni

"An exquisite community grows up between machine and pilot; each, as it were, merges into the other. The machine is rudimentary and the pilot the intellectual force. The levers and controls are the nervous system of the machine, through which the will of the pilot may be expressed-and expressed to an infinitely fine degree. A flying-machine is something entirely apart from and above all other contrivances of man's ingenuity.

"The aeroplane is the nearest thing to animate life that man has created. In the air a machine ceases indeed to be a mere piece of mechanism; it becomes animate and is capable not only of primary guidance and control, but actually of expressing a pilot's temperament." ...Sir Ross Smith

Smith enlisted in 1914 in the 3rd Light Horse Regiment, landing at Gallipoli 13 May 1915. In 1917, he volunteered for the Australian Flying Corps. He was later twice awarded the Military Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross three times, becoming an air ace with 11 confirmed aerial victories.

Smith was pilot for T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) and fought in aerial combat missions in the Middle East. He is mentioned several times in Lawrence's book, *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, Chapter 114.

Smith was killed (along with the recently commissioned Lieutenant Bennett) while testing a Vickers Viking amphibian aircraft which crashed in Byfleet soon after taking off from Brooklands on 13 April 1922. The same aircraft type eventually also killed John Alcock, another WW1 veteran and pioneering long-distance aviator. Captain Stanley Cockerell, test pilot for Vickers, had flown Smith and Bennett as passengers on the aircraft's maiden flight earlier that day and testified to the inquest that the machine seemed to be in perfect working order. The jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ross_Macpherson_Smith

