

An Owl cannot fly without ...

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Flight Feathers

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Pictures from the February Meeting

MEETINGS

FIRST
SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH
AT 11AM

NO MEETINGS
JULY/AUGUST

NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 2nd

EMERGENCY
CALLS FROM
OUR FIELD

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The vertical fins you see on the wings and the tail surfaces of the above aircraft, are called fences. They also appear on the wings the Mig-15 fighter. At some time in the future, I will present an article that explains these devices and how they can be helpful at low speeds.



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Field Upgrade News:

From Fern:

In February, we purchased two truckloads of sand or about 34 cubic yards. The sand is premixed with clay and is commonly referred to as clay sand. The goal was to improve the runway conditions from deterioration that normally occurs over time. The maintenance work focused on the center of the runway from east to west. RC pilots with delicate planes or retracts should aim for the center of the runway for smoothest possible landings.

In the photo, Rick is using a bucket tractor to spread the sand over the runway. Ron is using his truck to pull a chain drag harrow to level the sand. The tractor was generously loaned to the club by George.



From Bert:

Ben has been learning to fly under Fernando's wings and went solo about 2 weeks ago.

Flying still happens with help of the Spectrum safe feature but as you can see in the pictures, this feature does not prevent you from reducing your airplane in size. But no sweat, Ben already ordered a replacement fuselage and also decided to take another start by purchasing a Horizon Hobby glider. Ben, welcome once more to OWLS. It is great to have people like you, new to the hobby, showing the will to succeed and taking your first crash with a big smile.

