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**R/C Modelers**

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**WHAT'S UP**  
**Quarterly Newsletter of the Owatonna RC Modelers**  
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Weather through the months of April, May and the first part of June kept the number of nice flying days to a relatively low number. Wind, rain, intense heat and various combinations of the three made flying a challenge. Lots of rain meant the grass grew at a record rate so keeping up with mowing was also a challenge. Regardless, the field is in great shape. Some of the maintenance projects have been completed such as adding the new 275 gallon rain water collection system, and moving the two-barrel system behind the big shed. These two systems alone provide nearly 400 gallons of water for weed control spraying, pressure washing and moderate fire protection.

Major events began with the 3D RC event which was followed by the first of two club fun fly events. Weather impacted the 3D RC event so turnout was disappointing but as we all know, weather cannot be guaranteed except for the fact that we will have some! The most serious incident involved the total loss of Layne Johnsons Sukhoi after the wings collapsed. It was reported that it took two buckets of dirt to fill the hole left in the runway. Even the engine was destroyed. There is always next year folks.

We had perfect weather for the club fun fly. Japanese beetles were abundant and bothersome but we dealt with them. Things got off to a shaky start when Dale poked a hole in the ground with his Big Stik during a takeoff issue. That was followed by Greg doing almost the same thing with his Big Stik. To add to the misery, Greg lost an engine on takeoff with his Four Star and had to make a trek into the weeds to recover it. Then yours truly, while throwing around my Hangar 9 Twist 3D got too far out for my aging eyes, lost orientation and the craft came down nose first between the corn and the road. Expecting the worst, once pried out of the mud, the old girl was not damaged except for a broken prop. But it took a couple hours to get the dirt and grass out of nose. Happily, except for installation of the new prop she is ready to go again. After the initial carnage, everyone settled down and flying went on as it should.

Sharon Soukup and her family brought out a collection of her husband Roger's RC stuff including some airplanes, radio equipment and other bits and pieces. Several planes and much of the equipment was bought or in some cases given to the club members.

The next major event is the SledWorks Aero-Tow in July. We look forward to that event.