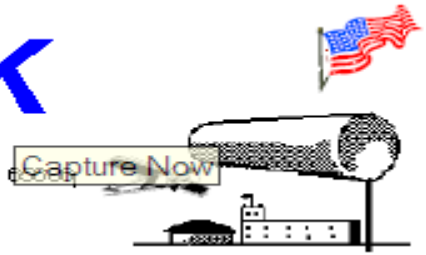


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WHY THE NEWSLETTER IS LATE (and short)

In the event you are one of the few who may not have heard, our editor, Don Johnson, was in a serious car accident on the way home from the field after the cub scout fun fly event on August 1st. He is still hospitalized but recovering from a variety of injuries. It is going to be awhile before he's back in full swing again. Both Don and Marge appreciate all of your concern and prayers.

When it comes to newsletter, Don is a "Master of the Universe." Until Don is able to take back the newsletter reins, we will try to keep everyone as current as possible with our "makeshift" reporting. Most of all, we wish Don a speedy recovery so he can resume flying his fleet of beautiful model planes—and creating interesting and informative club newsletters.

Don planned on having a full report covering the LUC Boys event held in July. We had 11 boys plus one guest. The boys from the ranch plus the scouts from Pack 163 all had a chance to attend ground school and take at least one flight with one of our intro-pilot instructors. Pictures of each event appear on the next page.

Brush Hogging (or is it Bush Hog'n)

We owe Jim Haney a **big "thank you"** for the 4 hours he spent last month running that whirling blade contraption behind his tractor through all the tall grass growing next to the runway and parking area. From the "clunks" that were heard when he ran over the many rocks, Jim probably had to replace his blade after the work was done. Thanks to Jim, retrieving downed aircraft from the peripheral areas will be a lot easier.

**Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch
Fun Fly—July 2009**



Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Sid Beckham, Jon Edward, Dray Alford, Bud Austin, Chance Dupuis, Howard Shire, Brock Cross, Don Johnson, Treston Robertson, Rob Whitley, Tom McKenzie, Chris Berg, Reeder Jones, Mike Morris, John Woods, Jack McEvoy Front Row: L-R Jorge Blair, Joseph Alexander, Ethan Williams, Jacob Swoboda, Fritz Corbin, Jeff Pruitt

**Cub Scout Pack 163
Fun Fly — August 1st, 2009**



Armadillo Alert

Several holes recently observed in the runway turf indicate that at least one of those pesky critters has found its way over (or under) the electric fence—which is activated 24/7 these days. Fritz says he will monitor this activity closely to discover precisely how the critters are entering the fenced area. Meanwhile, the live trap has been set up next to the electric fence—on the outside—in an effort to catch the offending critters.

August 15 Fun Fly

Don Johnson, in addition to creating our newsletters, has been the ramrod of the club's fun flies for the past two years—another reason to wish him a speedy recovery. Don usually creates or coordinates the contest events for each fun fly. Needless to say, without Don, the August 15 fun fly could turn out to be a case study for haphazardness. However, the **“usual suspects”** (those guys who usually participate in fun flies) have promised to coordinate amongst themselves and come up with three good events. Hopefully, someone will be around with the required implements to accurately record outcomes—which, along with pictures, will be published in September's newsletter. Lunch, consisting of hot dogs, pop, chips, and whatever folks bring, will start at 11:30; the pilot's meeting and flying start at 12:30.

The Potty

Starting during the last weeks of July, Don Johnson, Erwin Rohde, Fritz Corbin, and Howard Shire undertook to rehabilitate the porta potty. It was cracked in a number of places and the tank was sagging. It took several work sessions to finish the job—applying resin, metal straps, screws, a spring, and paint. It's now stronger and looks nicer, but the smell is the same.