

WHAT THIS IS

This is a special edition of the PropWash. If I had gone flying first on Sunday, and then written the newsletter, this would have been my editorial. Since the problem I am addressing is time-sensitive, and since it costs the club nothing for me to put out this special edition, I am taking advantage of our electronic media to say my piece.

WHAT HAPPENED

Yesterday at the field I listened as several members discussed the upcoming votes on field improvements, specifically the proposed porta-john and generator. They were all in agreement. Since I did not agree, I went over to talk to them. In very vulgar language I was told not only that I was wrong, but that I should not be trying to persuade other club members to my point of view. Neither of these actions is acceptable.

MY ANALYSIS

Let's take the two problems separately. I understand that vulgar language may be the norm for some members of the club. When I taught high school and heard students using foul language, I pointed out to them that it was not so much shocking as it was lazy. English has the largest vocabulary of any modern language. Reducing yourself to one all-purpose four-letter word limits your ability to express yourself.



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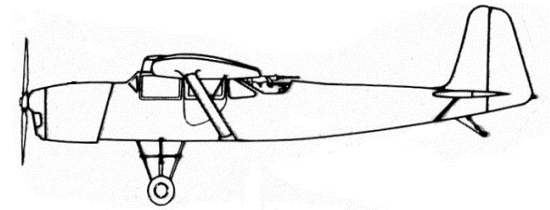
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On the other hand, using foul language as an attack tactic, to shout down opposing views, is not acceptable behavior, ever. It is especially not acceptable in a democracy.

That brings me to the second problem. The members at the field told me that it was underhanded and sneaky for someone in the club to voice his opinion to another (unless it happened to agree with their opinion).

In a democracy, each member has a right to an opinion, a right to voice that opinion, and a right to attempt to persuade others of the correctness of that opinion. Each member has a right to vote on that issue. He does **NOT** have the right to prevent opposing views from being heard.



MY OPINION

I'm not going to tell you which side of the issue I am on. I think that it makes no difference to the points I am trying to make. I urge those of you who have an opinion on the proposed field improvements to make your voices heard, whether you are for it or against it. I further urge you to come to the June meeting and let your opinion be counted. If nothing else, we should have a great fireworks display a month before Independence Day!

Signed, **Michael Joseph Cuba**, editor

Rouge Rescue	6/5	noon
Business meeting	6/8	7 p.m.
Helicopter Fun Fly	6/25-28	
Business meeting	7/13	7 p.m.
Electric Fun Fly	7/17-18	
IMAA Fun Fly	7/31-8-1	
Business meeting	8/1	7 p.m.