

In Memory of Joe Owens



I would like to pass some information along to the group. Joe Owens passed away on Saturday. I would have got this news to you sooner but have been trying to deal with his loss in my own way as well. I met Joe



through Bill S and got to fly with him many times he was a wonderful man and became a great friend and flying buddy. I know some of you have known Joe for many years and feel the same way. Once in a while someone comes into your life and by example teaches you how to be a great friend and Joe became a special friend to me. He had a great kindness to his mannerism and I felt it

every time I was around him his friendship was true and genuine.

I have a plaque being made in his Honor and will bring it to the next Club Meeting at the field and we will hang it in the hanger in his honor and Bill S asked if I would say a few words on his behalf and I would ask anyone else that knew him to do the same.

I would hope that we could have a good turn out to the meeting as this is a very special time to honor such a wonderful man (Joe Owens).

He is being moved to Utah to be buried with family the last I heard.

Regards, Rod Madison

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Hello, my name is Michael Owens and I am the nephew of Joe Owens. My Uncle spoke highly of you and the club and how beautiful it was up there to fly. I am a RC pilot myself and always wanted to go up and fly at your field with my Uncle Joe. We always had such great times flying together.

I remember one time in Vegas, I had helped Joe finish a Senior Falcon and my Uncle Kim and I told Joe to meet us at the field to fly it at lunch. Well he got hung up at the shop and was late getting there, so my Uncle and I decided to fly it and trim it out so when Joe showed up it would be set for him. I was flying it and it was great, trimmed out nice and was just a nice flying plane so I asked Kim if he wanted to try it out and see how great it flew, The radio was passed over to Kim (before buddy cords), as Kim flew the Falcon an AWAC's plane flew over the next thing we knew

there was no control of the plane and it went in hard. Right at that time guess who showed up ready to fly, you got it Uncle Joe. He walked over and said was that the Falcon that went in, we said yes. Without getting mad or angry he just said well lets get over there and see what we can salvage. As you guys probably know Joe could resurrect about any crashed plane. I've got at least twenty five or so of these stories and never once did Joe anger. He was a great man.



I just wanted to thank each and everyone of you for being such great guys and allowing my Uncle to fly with you and thus making him very happy. He will be missed greatly and I'll always regret not making it up there to fly with him.

Thank you, Mike Owens

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Thanks Mike that's the Joe I have come to know such a gentle and caring man. What little I have known him for the past three years I have



tried to become more like him he is such a great example of how we should strive to become. I have for the past three years flew with him and Bill very much because he was a genuine pleasure to be around. Him and Bill were and are my best flying buddy's and he will be missed.

Rod Madison

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Rod, thanks for the information. I am saddened by this. For the short time I knew him and spent with him, he was always a joy to be around. Joe will always have a place in my thoughts and heart. He will be greatly missed.

Sincerely.....John Risbrough

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You really said it so well about Joe particularly about his kindness to his mannerism. I too felt it every time I was around him. He was an inspiration to me with his enthusiasm he brought to our sport, regardless of the challenges of growing older , he hung in there to be involved, to volunteer, to fly. I share the sadness along with you and all our club and the south lane club members of the loss of Joe.



Don Schiltz

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Thanks for the note about Joe! He seemed to be a fine man. Wish I had the chance to know him better! He certainly was a friend of the club and will be missed by everyone.

Mike Farr

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Joe will be missed. He enjoyed flying RC aircraft, was a good builder and told some great stories.

He was more than just a member of Creswell RC Flyers, he participated in the club and will be missed by our club.

Jim Corbett