



AMA Charter #3470  
Club Newsletter February 2006

### **Club Information**

President – Seth Nagy  
Vice President – Brett Springall  
Secretary/Treasurer – Shirley Teague  
Safety Officer – TBA  
Field Marshall – TBA  
Into Pilots:  
Seth Nagy, Ron Miller, & Brett Springall

### **A Note From The President**

I hope everyone is finishing up the winter building projects. This year will be g-r-e-a-t, we are already off to a fine start. Although high winds on the hill, moved the shed off the foundation and the port-a-jon blew half-way across the field, Jack Adams, Larry Smith and Bliss Teague have put it all back and secured it to the ground. Even the broken gate has been fixed. We are making plans for additional field improvements and we'll discuss this more next week at the meeting.

At the last board meeting we assigned the appointed positions in the club. For the 2006 season; Jack Adams has been re-appointed as Field Marshall and Larry Smith is the Assistant Field Marshall. Richard Hass is our new Safety Officer, replacing James Burns, and George Herr is Assistant Safety Officer. Our two new positions, Meeting Activity Coordinator and Contest committee Chairman have been filled by Chuck Wilkerson and Mearle Hickman.

Our next meeting is just around the corner Wednesday, February 15. We will meet at Captain's Galley in Granite Falls, 6:00 PM to eat and 7:00 PM the meeting will start. I'll see you then.

Seth H. Nagy  
President, CAM

### **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:**

Club Dues are now past due. Please remember that if you are not a current member, you cannot fly. Checks made out to Caldwell Aero Modelers can be sent to Shirley Teague 625-5th Ave. SW, Hickory, NC 28602

### **Notes from the last meeting**

Welcome to our newest members, Gary and Justin Pearson.

Shirley encouraged everyone to use our application form when signing up new members. Also please make sure that the forms are either type, or written in clear legible print.

The board of directors arranged to hold a meeting before the next regular club meeting to discuss the plan for this year.

A committee was formed to investigate the possibility of rearranging the layout of the field. Several members have asked about flying from the other side of the runway, due to the position of the sun. Committee members are: Ron Miller, George Herr, Richard Hass, Brett Springall, and Bliss Teague.

Discussion was held concerning a work day to fix some problems at the field.

Discussion was heard on the possibility of holding a combat event at the field. Nothing was decided at this time.

Discussion was heard on the possibility of allowing members of a new club for underprivileged children, founded by Ron Miller to fly at our field. Board of Directors agreed to discuss at upcoming board meeting.

Our meetings are starting to include a lot more casual activity and fellowship. We had an auction for a float plane, which Chuck Wilkerson was selling, and he donated some of the money to the club. We also held a raffle with a gallon of fuel for first prize, and half of the raffle money for second prize. Ron also donated an engine to the club which was auctioned off.

## Up Coming Events

**02/18, Weyer's Cave, VA** - Valley RC Flying Clubs Swap Meet

**03/31-04/02, Fayetteville, NC** - Piedmont Aeromodelers Spring Big Bird Fun Fly

**05/06, Sanford, NC** - 22nd Annual Joe Kitts Fly In

**05/17~20, Woodruff, SC** – Joe Nall

## Safety in the Workshop

It's winter and the building season is in full swing. Just as the safety coordinator focus on flight safety during the flying season, he should not forget about shop safety during the building season. Below are some general tips to share with your club:

**Keep it Clean**  
Many injuries result from poor housekeeping in the shop. Trips, slips, and falls account for the bulk of these mishaps.

Scrap material and wrappings, loose parts, scattered tools and equipment, or oil spills can cause injury. Debris should be swept up and disposed of. Parts should be kept on work benches. Tools should be placed where they cannot fall and cause damage or injury. Oil spills should be covered with absorbent material and cleaned up.

### Lighting, Heating, and Ventilation

Enough windows and overhead lights are required for a good level of overall illumination. Additional lighting should be available over benches and stationary tools.

When supplemental heating is required for

winter workshop operations, the heating unit should be located to provide an adequate, even distribution of heat; but should not cause a fire hazard.

Adequate systems are needed to vent smoke, fumes and exhaust gases. Open windows and doors may provide enough ventilation in the summer. Special systems may be needed to remove exhaust fumes and other gases during the cold-weather months.

### Little Things Can Make a Big difference

When working on your next building project do not forget the safety precautions pictured.

