



AMA Charter #3470
Club Newsletter January 2007

Club Information

President: *Chuck Wilkerson*

Vice President: *Brett Springall*

Secretary/Treasurer: *Shirley Teague*

Safety Officer: *Richard Hass*

Field Marshall: *Jack Adams, Assistant Larry Smith*

Intro Pilots: *Seth Nagy, Ron Miller, & Brett Springall*

Contest Committee Chairman: *Mearle Hickman*

A Note From The President

As the newly elected President of C.A.M., I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity to lead this club in the next year. I would also like to thank Seth Nagy for the great job he has done in the past, and to all of the officers who served with him. I hope to have every member's support this year in making this club stronger than it already is. I'm looking forward to 2007, I think we have a lot of good things happening this year. As Seth has said before, we have a great flying site and great members. Let's keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wilkerson

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Tuesday, **January 16,**
7:00 at the Lenoir Library.

Our annual membership year is January 1st
– December 31. DUES ARE TO BE PAID
NO LATER THAN January 30, 2007.

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Notes From The Last Meeting

Meeting was held at Caldwell Public Library in Lenoir with 24 members and 1 guest present. Great turn out and I want to encourage you to keep it up at our NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 16, 2007.

New Members

Travis Walker
Clinton Browning SR
Clinton Browning II
David Bentley
David Hames

From The Secretary

THANKS to everyone who brought food and made our December Christmas Party meeting so GREAT. All enjoyed this informal gathering. We had door prizes and good music by Chuck. If you did not come you missed out on a good time.

Bliss Teague, AMA Vice President, installed the incoming Officers for 2007.

- Chuck Wilkerson – President
- Brett Springall – Vice President
- Shirley Teague – Secretary/Treasurer

For this new club year I hope we can count on your support and to assist when needed. We have some events already planned and will need YOU to help make them a great success.

A big THANKS to SETH for his dedication to our club and for all he has done for our flying site and the Hobby. I know he will be the first to help with what ever is needed to get-r-done!

Reminder:

Club dues are now due. You must also have current AMA or you cannot fly. You can mail the dues to me or come to the January 16th meeting and pay.

Tips & Tricks

(This articles are from the National Newsletter / AMA Insider which is available on the AMA website under Publications. Check it out at www.modelaircraft.org)

Winter Wear

Here we are at the close of another flying season, for most of us anyway. We do have a few members who fly year round. But don't give up on the weather just yet. The past several weekends have seen good flying weather and we should have several more before the cold really sets in. When the cold does come our way, you don't have to go into hibernation until spring; just be prepared for it. First, protect your body from the cold. I got myself a full cold-weather jump suit, you know the kind you see guys wearing at gas stations. In fact, my car mechanic got it for me. Next thing is to protect your hands. Some fliers use transmitter gloves that cover both hands and the transmitter. Personally, I prefer gloves but I found that I couldn't feel the sticks and that bothered me, so I found a solution. I got a pair of hunting mittens. They look like regular mittens, but the part that covers the fingers actually can fold back, presumably so you can fire a weapon. I just stick out one finger and my thumb to fly. Between flights, they join the other warm digits inside. Also, remember to keep batteries fully charged because they lose their charge faster in the cold.

Rob Coniglio

The R.J. Hhog Roslyn Heights, New York

Rubber Bands Don't Hold in the Cold

This is probably one that many don't know about, but a temperature of anything below 40° is too cold for rubber bands. I've experienced it personally and it's not a good feeling watching the wing separate from the fuselage as you're flying across the field. Actually you stare at the wing because it flutters slowly down like a leaf, while all of the important stuff in the fuselage does a kamikaze dive into the woods. So keep those models where the wing or anything else is held on by

rubber bands home when it's cold. This holds true for glow and electric models. After all, rubber bands are rubber bands.

(Note from the CAM Editor – Be your own myth buster. Test this suggestion using your freezer. Always think for yourself.)

Fly with a Buddy

In the wintertime there are fewer people using the flying site. This is both good news and bad news. The good news is that you have fewer people to watch out for, not to mention more parking. The bad news is you have fewer people watching out for you. If you get hurt, there are fewer people to help. It's just good practice to fly with a buddy, especially in the winter months. We do this without thinking during the summer months. In the summer, usually every time I see someone flying, there is a spotter standing next to him watching out for all that ground clutter. In the winter, not only could we use the extra set of eyes the spotter gives us, but we're not alone in the "great white north" if a problem does arise. Besides, I always find it more fun to fly with friends than alone.

*both by Larry Dudkowski
Plane Talk, Prop Masters newsletter*

Convenient Cleanup

Want a nice, neat, convenient way to clean up that airplane? Use baby wipes, those soft wipe tissues that come under various brand names and are packaged in handy plastic boxes. The wipes must contain some kind of cleaning agent because they remove oil well and the lanolin acts like a polish.



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