



## Club Information

**President:** *Seth Naav*  
**Vice President:** *Don Bourdon*  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** *Brett Springall*  
**Safety Officer:** *Richard Haas*  
**Field Marshall:** *Jack Adams*  
**Assistant Field Marshall:** *Larry Smith*  
**Intro Pilots:** *Seth Naav, Vic Welland,*  
*& David Bentley*

## A Note From The President

It is time to get ready for the 2008 flying season. Not only get planes ready to fly, but also renew memberships (CAM, AMA, etc.), select events to participate in, thoroughly check those old Ni-cads, and set any personal goals you'd like to achieve this year.

Modeling is a great hobby. However, unless you have some direction the slick magazine ads will do all your hobby planning for you. Give some thought to what direction YOU want to go. Then, you'll be in control of the hobby and not just reacting marketers' puppet strings. This will also keep you from getting burned out with the hobby.

Just some food for thought.

Hope to see you all Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00pm at the club meeting.

Happy landings

Seth

President – CAM

## **Next Meeting**

The next club meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 pm at the Caldwell County Public Library in Lenoir.

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting – January

- There were 10 members and 1 guest present.
- Seth thanked all members who participated in the club Christmas party.
- 2007 Sec/Treasurer Shirlev Teague mentioned that she had filed address changes for 2008 with AMA.
- Sec/Treasurer Brett Springall delivered the treasurers report for the period closing January 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- Field Marshall Jack Adams presented a field report:
  - Thanked Richard Haas & Will Bradshaw for removing trash from field.
  - Suggested purchasing a one hundred foot (100') roll of silt fence material to use for repairs to the runway. These repairs are expected to last through the 2008 flying season. Major runway repairs can be planned for 2009.
- Motion to purchase material to repair runway was made by Bliss Teague.
- Motion was seconded by Richard Haas.
- All members were in favor.

- Discussion was heard on the option of holding a flv in on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2008.
  - Brett addressed some safety concerns remaining from 2007.
  - The fence which has been previously approved needs to be installed.
  - The pilot stations need repair.
    - Seth proposed a choice of two charities to support with the flv in
  - Hospice
  - Food Bank
    - Seth proposed several activities which could be held at the flv in.
  - Glider towing
  - Speed rally
    - Seth proposed a coordinated approach to introduce people with trainers/buddy box.
    - 7 members were in favor of holding a flv in this year
- Discussion was heard on the option of holding a race in on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2008.
  - The members present agreed that there are several questions remaining unanswered and that further discussion will be needed before deciding on a date and final details for a race.
  - Bliss reminded the club that there is a ninety day turnaround on AMA sanctions.
- Discussion was heard on participating in a local event such as the blackberry festival.
- After discussion, Vic Welland made a motion to provide a one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150.00) gift certificate to the county maintenance personnel at the landfill.
  - This gift is subject to the county's gratuity policy.
  - Brett seconded the motion.
  - All members were in favor.
- The members present agreed that a letter to the county commissioners would be appropriate at this time.
  - The intent of the letter is to thank the commissioners for allowing us use of the field.
    - Seth will write the letter
    - Mention will be made of the amount of use we make of the field.
    - Mention will be made of the number of public events that have been hosted at the field.
- Discussion was heard on the AMA's Leader Club Program
  - Vic presented the AMA's requirements to achieve Gold Leader Club status.
  - Some items approved in 2007 need to be completed.
    - Publishing of an informational hand-out.
    - Signage at the field to show the location of a spectator area.
  - Vic made a motion to adopt a new field rule, so that the club meets the noise abatement requirement.
    - Jack Adams seconded the motion
    - All members were in favor
    - The new rule will be worded "Internal combustion engines with displacement greater than 0.09 cubic inches must be operated with mufflers, or performance enhancing systems such as tuned pipes, etc".
  - Bliss made a motion to purchase additional T-Posts for the safety fence with a maximum one hundred dollar (\$100.00) expenditure.
    - Brett seconded the motion.
    - All members were in favor.
- The meeting was adjourned until February 19<sup>th</sup> 2008.

*Prepared by Brett*

## **Planned Meeting Agenda**

Action items from last month that have been taken care of are: Jack Adams has gotten the "Spectator Area" sign and fence posts for the pit area safety fence.

A workday or two are in our near future to erect the fence, hang the sign, and other maintenance. These two items along with completion of the flyer are all that is left to get our club recognized as a Gold Leader Club.

Seth plans to review his letter to our landlord to show our appreciation.

Please be prepared to discuss more detail for our fly-in, our budget for the year, and field responsibilities.

## **Club Activities**

The weather in February can be anyone's guess with high winds or beautiful warm calm days. Why not get some practice in with one of your more stable, reliable, easy flying models to enjoy a little flying with the wind. Flying with a strong headwind and doing stall turns or flying backwards can lead to some of the most enjoyable flying one can do. I recall showing a guy how to fly in a 25 degree pattern and never doing a full turn while visiting a club in Tucson a few years back. Some of the members who flew at the old Hildebrand club remember flying touch and goes and never flying a pattern, just pull up, let the wind take you back, and set-up the landing again. Try it you will have a lot of fun. Remember you need your stable, reliable, easy flying model though. I don't recommend this for you warbird guys

I encourage all of us to take advantage of the membership list at the end of this newsletter and give someone a call next time you head out. Both of you will feel better even if that day doesn't work. It's nice to know you were thought of.

## **Activities Calendar**

Most of you know Seth and I have been getting more involved in pylon racing recently. Here is a list of known upcoming events in our area, along with a few larger ones not too far away.

March 8 - Hodges 424  
March 15 - Don's field (Monroe, NC) C-40 & Q-25  
March 22 - Don's Rain Date  
April 5 - James Barr Fire Tower 424  
April 5 - LOWE's Race C-40  
April 12 - Lowe's fly-in & race demo C-40  
April 26 - Don's field (Monroe, NC) C-40 & Q-25  
April 27 - CCRC (Q-25)  
May 3 - LOWE's Race C-40  
May 3 - 1/2a Reedy Race (Burlington, NC)  
June 7 - LOWE's Race C-40  
June 7 - WHAM war-bird  
June 28 - CAM Speed Rally  
July 5 - LOWE's Race C-40  
July 13-18 - NATS Pylon Racing  
August 2 - LOWE's Race C-40  
September 6 - LOWE's Race C-40  
September 21 - CCRC (Q-25)

If anyone is interested in going to any of the out of town events let Seth or me know and we may be able to work out a shared ride or caravan. As you can see there are plenty of opportunities to race this year. - Vic

## **Membership Dues**

If you haven't yet, please renew your memberships to AMA and the club. See last month's newsletter or go to [www.caldwellareamodelers.com](http://www.caldwellareamodelers.com) for membership renewal information.

Invite someone new to fly any time you can.

