

Club Information

President: *Seth Naav*
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Secretary/Treasurer: *Brett Sprinaall*
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Intro Pilots: *Seth Naav, Vic Welland,*
& David Bentley

A Note From The President

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas party. I really appreciate everyone contributing to a great party. All the food was delicious. We had more than enough for everyone. Fortunately, all the red velvet cake was not eaten. Gary's wife, Sheila, sent me home with the last two pieces (thanks).

The next club meeting is Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm at the Caldwell Public Library. Some of the agenda items for discussion will be 2008 club projects, activities, and improvements. We will also have show & tell time at the meeting. Please bring any winter projects you are working that you'd like to share with the group.

Just a reminder, it is club membership renewal time. If you can remember, please bring your dues to the club meeting. We will also be sending out membership reminders in the mail.

Happy Landings & I'm looking forward to a great 2008 flying season –

Seth

President – CAM

Next Meeting

The next club meeting is Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 pm at the Caldwell County Public Library in Lenoir.

A note from December's meeting:

Twenty-six members and guests attended the Christmas party. The only club business conducted was the voting in of Ben Proffit as a club member. Please welcome Ben at the next meeting or when you see him at the field.

Planned Meeting Agenda

As stated in the "note from the President", there are a few items planned to be opened for discussion. The officers of the club would like member input on what type of events we would like to put on, field improvements, or other activities the members would like the club to see happen in 2008. The ideas along with plans on how to accomplish them will be opened and discussed at the January meeting with follow up in February's meeting. If you have any ideas or issues please contact any club officer. They are looking forward to setting goals for this year and with membership input and assistance we all will have an excellent club.

Covering Idea

Have you ever wanted a graphic or picture for your model but didn't want to spend a ton of money to have a custom sticker made? This technique allows you to have a detailed image made of several pieces, keeping them in their proper location to each other while cutting them out and transferring them to your model.

Using your covering of choice, a piece of glass, Windex, razor or Xacto blades, Glad Press N Seal, and your normal covering tools you can have that image you want with a steady hand and some time.

Let's begin by printing your image in the size you want on a regular piece of printer/copier paper. This is assuming your image will fit on a standard sheet of paper of course. I recommend you start simple the first time out.

Spray some Windex onto the surface of the glass, be sure the glass is free of dust and debris to keep things clean and bump free. Remove the backing off your covering of choice and lay it down on top of the Windex and glass. Squeegee the excess Windex out so you have a good bump/bubble free piece of covering to work on. Let things dry for several hours.

Take the piece of paper with your image directly over the covering and glass while being careful to not move things around and wrinkle the covering.

Here is where the steady hand and time come in. Carefully cut out the image with your razor or Xacto blade. It's a bit easier if you start at the top and work down while working on the small fiddly bits that need to be removed first.

Once you are satisfied that you have the image cut out you should be able to see what your piece(s) will look like as they are located on the glass plate.

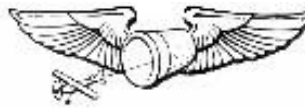
Here is the cool part. Using a piece of Glad Press N Seal, cover your image completely and press it down with some form of straight edge (credit cards work great). Gently peel the whole thing off the glass. The Press N Seal will hold your covering in location and allow you to move it to your model.

Again apply Windex to your clean, dust free model

followed by placing your Press N Seal/image assembly in the desired location. Squeegee the excess Windex and bubbles out same as when you put the covering on the glass sheet. Allow to dry for several hours.

After a reasonable period of time (overnight is recommended) using your heat gun on low heat gently play the heat onto the Press N Seal to get it to release from your model's covering *and* the covering your image is made of. You should now have your image securely located on your model and looking great! It's recommended that you go back over the edges with some trim solvent or acetone to insure a good bond.

This idea has been condensed from several posts in RC Universe by Vic W. The thread can be found at http://www.rcuniverse.com/forum/m_6686800/anchors_6867168/page_2/anchor/tm.htm#6867168



Membership Information

Since it is membership renewal time I thought it would make things easier if we had the information sent out as part a reminder.

“The annual membership year is January 1 to December 31

All flying members must be a current member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Associate members are exempt from joining AMA.

New flying members may join our club on the grounds that they join AMA before flying solo at our field.

Student fliers are exempt from joining AMA for the first thirty (30) days while flying with an AMA registered Intro Pilot.

Dues:

Annual dues for current members are payable to the Secretary/Treasurer by January 1st of each year. A 30 day grace period will be extended to members in good standing with the club and with no outstanding fees. After 30 days, if dues are unpaid, flying privileges will be revoked.

Annual dues are \$40.00 per year for adults age eighteen (18) or older; \$20.00 for senior citizens age sixty (60) or older; \$20.00 for youth member under age eighteen (18).

Dues will be discounted for additional family members **LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD**. Each additional family member will receive a fifty (50) percent discount, after the first family member has paid full price.

Club dues will be pro-rated for new members only. The dues will be discounted twenty five (25) percent per quarter. Re-joining members will not be pro-rated.”

Taken from the Caldwell Aeromodelers website <http://www.caldwellaeromodelers.com/membership.asp>

Club Activities

There has been plenty of nice weather through December that has brought many of us out to enjoy our models. It's nice to come to the field and watch each other's progress and see the variety of models being flown. I have seen everything from three channel, 1/2a glow, warbirds, 3D, all types of electrics, crazy fast pylon jobs, to EDF all in the past month. This diversity and everyone's enjoyment in seeing, building, and flying these models will keep our club strong over the long haul. Our willingness to share our fun will also attract new members to join our club and AMA. Who knows we may even get a new flying buddy just by calling someone and asking them to meet us at the field.

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.

If you let me know what you are working on I will be happy to include your trials and stories in future newsletters.

Vic W.

Invite someone new to fly any time you can.