



Club Information

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

A Note From The President

Thanks to everyone who helped at the February 23 club workday. We did quite a bit of work: mended the runway, installed a "Spectator Area" sign, and erected a safety fence. We got all this accomplished because of the great turn out and the great pre-planning by our Field Marshal, Jack Adams. Again, thanks to everyone who helped. Looking ahead, our June 28th Speed-Rally & Fly-in is coming together. Vic Welland has earned his Contest Director (CD) certification and will be the CD for the event. Congratulations are in order to Vic for earning his CD. He is in the process of completing the event sanction.

Brett is working on our 2008 annual AMA club charter. The charter lets AMA know who our new club officers are, contact information for the club, etc. This is also how we renew the yearly flying site insurance. Thanks to Brett for completing this important task.

Two other things have been on my mind . . . our monthly meetings and flight training. I think it is important to keep the meetings to an hour. I would also like to devote at least a portion of our meeting directly to airplanes as opposed to just talking about club business. This month I will try to stream-line our club business and leave time to discuss flying topics. I have been enjoying using FMS (flying model simulator). This is an RC flight simulator that

has been maturing over the last several years. I will demonstrate this at the meeting. I welcome any and all club members to share your projects with the club.

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Next Meeting

The next club meeting is Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 pm at the Caldwell County Public Library in Lenoir.

is our duty, as a club, to assist motivated individuals interested in model aviation. Everyone has received some assistance or help in this hobby. What I would like to do is improve our current flight training system. I think this will make it easier on the trainers and students. I am looking for individuals to help with this project. I would like a mix of seasoned pilots and newbies. I'd like our final product to be a loosely structured program that will get the student in the air quickly and safely. Please let me know if you'd like to help.

Guess that is all. Look forward to seeing you Tuesday, March 18.

Seth Nagy
2008 President

Minutes of Monthly Meeting - February

- The meeting was opened by President Seth Nagy who began by welcoming all members who were present
- Minutes from January meeting were published in newsletter, and therefore accepted as published.
- There were 10 members attending
- Brett Springall delivered the treasurer's report for the period 1/16/08 - 2/19/08, which was accepted follow-

ing a motion made by Jack Adams and seconded by Don Bourdon.

- Richard Haas was not present; therefore no safety report was delivered.
- Jack Adams delivered a field report. Items discussed included:
 - Purchase of fabric to repair the runway had been completed
 - Proposal of several work days to perform runway repairs and install safety fence.
- Seth Nagy delivered the intro pilots report, and discussed some new people interested in learning to fly.
 - Seth also introduced the need to find intro pilots for the 2008 club year. Ron Miller volunteered to be one of those pilots.

Old Business

- Seth discussed at length the options for hosting a fly-in/speed rally on June 28th. The event would be held in support of hospice or a local food bank. Seth informed the club that he had secured a radar gun to be used at the event.
- Vic Welland was in the process of applying for his CD, and would probably have this completed in time to CD the event.
- Seth introduced the idea of providing certificates to pilots who enter in the speed event, to document the velocity that they achieved.
- Discussion was heard on the possibility of holding another racing event this year. Several options were proposed. The membership decided that a date and also the type of racing event needed to be decided at a future meeting.
- County policy does not allow monetary gifts, therefore a fruit basket was provided to the maintenance personnel at the field.
- A draft letter to the county commissioners was presented, and several edits were made prior to delivery at the next commissioners meeting.
- Tasks to complete in order to achieve AMA gold leader club status were presented.

- Spectator area signs had been made and were ready for installation.
- The field rule addressing noise control as agreed on at the January meeting needed to be published in the field rules.
- The promotional flyer needs to be completed.
- The annual magazine donation needed to be renewed.

New Business

- Available dates for work day to repair runway and install safety fence were decided as Feb 23, March 1 and March 8
- Jack Adams agreed to obtain fencing materials prior to work day.
- Seth provided the charter renewal kit for Brett to complete.
- The idea of having a booth at the Hickory Toy Fair, Morganton Festival or Valdese Festival was presented.
Prepared by Brett

Planned Meeting Agenda

The plan is to keep the business portion short since most of our major activities have been accomplished or are under way.

We will have discussion on student pilots, simulators, and what we can do with them to help new flyers develop the skills needed to fly a model without risking the loss of a model. Seth has planned an FMS demonstration.

The rest of the time is to be spent talking about airplanes...we are an airplane club so let's discuss the thing we are a club for. Bring plans, planes, and stories to share with your fellow club mates.

Club Activities

Fly your models!

The weather is still a bit unpredictable in March but don't let that stop you from coming out to fly. As pointed out in last month's article, less than perfect wind conditions are an opportunity to improve your skills. Tony did a great job with his Spitfire after the workday, landing with a bit of a cross wind and making it look easy. Those present were impressed by his flight and determination to have a good time.

Here is a copy of the letter of appreciation we sent to the county thanking them for use of the field.

Dear Caldwell County Commissioners,

Thank you for allowing the Caldwell County Aero Modelers (CAM) to use five acres at the old Lick Mountain Landfill as a flying field for radio control (RC) airplanes. Since the flying club has been at Lick Mountain our membership has doubled.

Membership in the CAM Club is open to all. The club is composed of 38 members who range in age from 13 to senior citizen. One of our youth members, Justin Pearson, attends NC State University and is pursuing a degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

In addition to recreational flying, CAM hosts Fly-Ins, and Fun Flies attracting RC pilots from across the southeast. At our last fly-in pilots attended from as far away as Tennessee and Virginia. During the winter months, fliers from the Boone Club come down to enjoy our milder climate. Since we started four years ago, there have been over 475 pi-

lots and guests sign the field log book at Lick Mountain.

We truly appreciate the great relationship we enjoy with the county and look forward to our continued relationship in the future. This partnership allows a unique recreational venue for county citizens and gives visitors another reason to make Caldwell County a destination.

Sincerely,

Seth Nagy
Caldwell Aero Modelers #3470
President 2008

Closing comments

To all that showed up for the workday, Thank You very much. We had an excellent turnout and got all the major work that was planned finished in a very timely manner. We had workers as young as 4 years old to however old Jack is. The jobs turned out nice and no injuries were reported.

Plan to attend and share your projects past and present at the next meeting on Tuesday night March 18th.

See you at the field too.

Vic

Invite someone new to fly any time you can.

