



Next Meeting
 The next club meeting is
 Tuesday, March 17 7:00 pm at the Library.

Club Information

President: Don Bourdon
Vice President: Brett Springall
Secretary/Treasurer: Seth Nagy
Safety Officer: Chuck Byrd
Field Marshall: Ron Miller
Assistant Field Marshall: Tony Triplett
Intro Pilots: Seth Nagy, Vic Welland,
 & William Bradshaw

A Note From The President

At our February meeting Vic Welland reviewed the AMA Safety Code. The Code should be reviewed by each flyer yearly. You can find the code at the flying field posted under the awning or in the back of your AMA magazine. It does not take long to review the one page document. You might find a few interesting tid bits in it. I did. When you get the chance, review the Code, and FLY SAFE.

I collected some good ideas for increased club participation at the last meeting. I look forward to working with the board and the club to incorporate some of them into our structure and hopefully increase participation.

The weather is improving and DST is here, so let's go fly.



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome Everyone
- Approve Meeting Agenda
- New Member Applications
- Reports
 - Secretary/Treasurer Reports
 - Minutes
 - Financial
 - Membership
 - Safety Report
 - Field Report
 - Intro Pilot Report
- Old Business
 - Field Spruce Up/Work Day
 - CAM Fun Soar
 - Speed Rally
 - AMA Safety Code
 - Update Contact Information/Roster
- New Business
 - None
- Announcements
 - Pylon Race, Greenville, SC Mar 28, 2009
 - Joe Nall Fly-In - Woodruff, SC - May 13-16, 2009
 - CAM Fun Soar, May 30, 2009
- Monthly Presentation -- Batteries, What We Need To Know
- Adjourn Business Session til April 21
- Auction & Show-N-Tell

January meeting minutes

Present: Seth Nagy, Dave Groom, Bliss Teague, Gary Pearson, Jack Adams, Sherry Adams, Jackie Nagy, Don Bourdon, David Hames, Vic Welland, Spencer Welland, and Don Nordstrom.

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with the approval of the agenda as amended.

Lynn & Justin Crump were voted in as club members.

The January Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

The treasurer reported the club has \$2,244.60 monies. There is outstanding t-shirt money and auction money.

No field or safety reports were given.

Old Business

Pylon Race Results - Vic Welland reported the race was a success; there was excellent feed back from the racers.

Field Improvements schedule

- cut trees - on going
- pin box & tables - Don is working on these
- cross runway - need to decide were to locate and what material to use. This will be decided at a workday (March 21 at 9:00 am).
- field sign - Gary Pearson will look into this for the club.

Phone Tree (recall list) - Don Bourdon shared with the group how the list works. This phone tree will be in place so if or when issues arise the club membership can be informed quickly. Don & Seth will refine the phone list.

Meeting Improvement Ideas - Don Bourdon used the Crawford Slip method with the group to collect ideas for improving club meetings & participation.

New Business

Workday - March 21 at 9:00 am. The plan is to cut trees, layout the cross runway, and paint. Vic Welland agreed to bring paint, Don Bourdon will bring plywood to fix table tops, and Jack Adams

stated he would bring materials to fix the three legged table under the shed.

CAM Fun Soar - May 30th, \$5.00 or equivalent landing fee which will go to the Lenoir Soup Kitchen. Don Bourdon will check with the soup kitchen to see what they can best use. Food will not be provided at the event so BYOL (bring your own lunch).

CAM Speed Rally - June 27. Vic Welland has lined up the radar gun with Bob Tillman, will take out a larger advertisement in MA for \$45, and the landing fee will again be donated to Hospice of Caldwell County.

AMA Safety Code was reviewed by Vic Welland.

Bliss Teague announced there will be another AMA Membership Meeting at the Joe Nall Fly-In event in Woodruff, SC. He also mentioned clubs should be filing with the IRS, Craig Shroder at AMA has the details. Don Bourdon agreed to follow up with this.

David Hames, Meeting Activity Coordinator, is setting up an educational battery program for the March club meeting. This should be of interest to everyone who flies.

The club has again achieved Gold Leader Status with AMA. The club first achieved this in the 2008 season. If you did not receive a Gold Leader Pin, please contact Vic Welland.

The meeting was adjourned

David Hames brought a video - RC Bloopers & Crashes III - that was shown.

Show -N- Tell

Don Bourdon brought his newest blue sail to show off.

David Hames brought a nice PVC plane rack, free for the taking.

Jack Adams brought a Next Star wing that David Groom took home.

From the Editor

Hopefully you took the time to read Jim Cherry's column on the last page of the March issue of Model Aviation. He did a nice job of drawing attention to the importance of having a good relationship with local officials.

How are we as a club doing in this area?

While I personally don't have any interaction with the county officials (our landlord) they seem to be ok with us as tenants. They have done a great job of keeping the road graded. They have bushogged our field a few times in the past year. Last year when someone dumped a bunch of trash at the gate *they* cleaned it up. They don't mind us cutting trees down to allow an obstacle free flight area. Best of all they don't charge us rent!

What are they getting back in return?

This is a serious question when we consider what they do for us and the deal we have. There are clubs all across the country that would kill for what we have. It has been a few years since I attended a county commissioner's meeting where we presented them with an appreciation plaque. I wasn't even a member of the club at that time but it seemed like an important thing to do. It surprised me that there were only three other modelers who attended.

Here are the things I'm aware of that we do for our community.

- ✦ Christmas basket for the guys at the dumpster yard and workshop.
- ✦ Fun Soar proceeds to go to Lenoir Soup Kitchen (new this year)
- ✦ Speed Rally proceeds sent to Caldwell Hospice (started last year)
- ✦ Fun fly in years past with proceeds going to various local charities (before my time)
- ✦ Moose Lodge demo with Bliss

These are rather small activities but noteworthy nonetheless and worth acknowledging. A more powerful statement is that *nearly all of the events*

we have held as a club, the proceeds have gone to an outside organization. The only money we collected for the club from events I am aware of is the food from the Speed Rally, and the Quickie 25 race entry fees, not a large sum. Personally I'm impressed by this fact and it shows we are making positive steps to be good neighbors.

We may not attract too much attention with these activities and that's ok as long as we continue with our awareness of how good we have things. It would make for a difficult situation if someone decided our little club's use of that mountain top could turn into a profit center.

What other little things can we do? In Mr. Cherry's article he mentioned an urban legend about a visitor. This is one area I think we do an outstanding job in. I have never seen a visitor who wasn't approached and welcomed. Nor have I seen someone come with a plane and not get help in trying to get it airborne, club member or not. Last year we gave certificates to two pilots who completed flight instruction with our instructor pilot program. I love to print those certificates.

Friday, March 6, Seth and I got a chance to share our hobby with the kindergarten class of Valdese Elementary. They were studying transportation that week and asked if we would mind bringing some rockets to launch and anything else we thought would be interesting. I brought several rockets and boost gliders and an RC car. Seth brought his latest electric creation to fly. We let students and teachers launch the rockets and drive the car around on the playground for over an hour. After the kids went back to class, Seth and I had big smiles. While Jackie seems to enjoy watching Seth fly, I don't think Seth has ever had such an enthusiastic group of spectators in his life. It was a great time. I got a great Thursday signed by all of them.

Please give some consideration to those silent people who make our club possible and what we might be able to do to insure their willingness to continue our use of field.

Thanks for being a great club.

Vic