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Next Meeting

Tuesday
February 5, 2008
7:30 PM
at the VFW

EDITOR'S NOTE



It's been another great year and I'm looking forward to getting more flying time in this year. If you get this late I apologize. I am very involved with a high school robotics team and during January and February I am pretty dedicated to that effort.

Please don't forget to come on out to the Flea Market on February 9th. I'm sure there's a deal there just waiting for you!

In any case I hope to see lots of people at the annual (how many years???) Chili Fly at Spiegle field at noon on Super Bowl Sunday—Feb. 3, 2008. What a great way to start the day! Get some chili for lunch and then eat all manner of things bad for you for the rest of the day! Break out the Zantac—here I come!

I have a plane on the bench but unfortunately my bench is outside in the garage so it's too cold to cover.

I know lots of members will be bringing their winter projects out soon. Can't wait to see them all!

Don't forget your dues are needed now!

See you at the field!

—Mark

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Minutes of the WAM Meeting January 14, 2008

By Doug Klunk Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Hodges @ 7:38 pm. 22 members, Honorary Member Milt Peacock, and Three guests were present.

The Minutes of the December Election Dinner Meeting and Election Results were read and accepted.

Presidents Report – Jim welcomed all the guests and members and thanked for their attendance at this meeting. The date change was necessitated because access to the VFW has been limited. President Jim reminded everyone that dues for the AMA and WAM are due now. Please renew as soon as possible in order to finalize the plans for the year. We have a full agenda/month coming up are the Flea Market, By-Law changes, Chili Fly. We will be discussing field improvements in the coming months, so come out to the meetings!

Treasurers report – Bob Allen presented the statement and last years summary. The Budget for next year will be presented next month.

Vice President Ed Bradley had no report.

Field Reports –

Spiegle – Tom Russel reported on plans to paint tables, New Fencing, etc.

Baughers – Paul Schaffner reports there are two trees that need removed at the field, and the canopy will need replaced, the last windstorm blew havoc at the field.

Newsletters – Mark asked for any and all submissions, address/ email changes be sent to him asap.

Instructions – Bill reports that new members are being trained all year long, as well as more experienced flyers fine tuning their skills. Details on schedule updates forthcoming.

Events –

Flea Market- John Bradley reported most tables sold! We need help Friday 2/8 @ 7pm. To set up the hall. Saturday morning, we'll begin manning the doors @ 7:30 am thru noon. Sign up sheet to be passed during 2/5 meeting.

Chilli Fly Sched for 2/3 at Spiegle beginning @ 11:30 am.

Lebanon Flea Mkt sched for 3/8

Old Business –

By Laws Revision – As posted on the website, changes were needed to update due to incorporation, as well as bring up to par w/ AMA guidelines. These bylaws will be reviewed and voted on during the February Meeting.

New Business –

New members Dave and Matt Keffer, and Wayne Bucklew were approved. Welcome Gentlemen

Jim presented individuals for Honorary Membership and approval!

Bob Allen moved to donate \$100 to the VFW for use of the facilities in '08 for meetings, approved.

Comments-

Bill Autry advised members to look at the DCRC website for pix of the Bealeton FunFly from last year.

Pojects –

Paul Schaffner presented his Eflight TaylorCraft ARF w/ e-Flight 480 brushless - \$109 for the ARF!

Bill Autry presented his Hangar 9 Cub ARF w/ floats(\$79) Looking for more flying off the pond this year.

50/50 drawing – George Beck missed out on \$\$

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45. Next meeting is set for 2/5/07 at the VFW. See you there!

FUN FLY DATES

The Fun Fly dates have been set as follows. As always things are subject to change due to weather etc.

February 3rd Chili Fly Spiegle Field 12 noon

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION

With several new members in WAM who may need some help learning to fly, I will continue to provide this list of instructors. The following instructors are available for “flight training” for WAM members. You may call them to arrange a convenient time.

Bill Autry	bill_autry2004@yahoo.com
Bob Allen	410 876-3580
Chris Allport	410 374-5131
Paul Schaffner	410 429-1911
Wendell Richards	410 374-4970
John Sterrett	410 775-2661
Jim Hodges	410 875-2669

New Roster

The latest roster is posted on the web page in the members only area.

All tips and tricks from Jim's RC.com (<http://jmsrc.com/tips.html>)

Tips and Tricks

Good Cleaner

Here is a concoction I came up with. In an empty spray bottle, add a tablespoon of dish washing detergent, then fill the bottle halfway with regular rubbing alcohol, and top off with hot water. I have found this to work really well for cleaning the oil off of the wings and fuselage after a days worth of flying. Strong cleaner but will not hurt the covering or take the colors off.

New Life to Old Wire Landing Gear

Did you ever have a problem where your wire landing gear seems to get weaker and weaker? A possible solution is to remove the gear from the airframe and remove all the hardware from the gear wire (i.e. the wheels, collars, pants, etc). Preheat your kitchen oven to 450 °F. Place the wire on a cookie sheet in the oven for one hour. Turn off the oven and toss the wire into cold water to cool it off quickly. What you have just done is to re-temper the music wire and you should have put new life into that old gear. Note that soldered joints should not be harmed as solder doesn't melt until about 700 °F.

Mixing Epoxy

When mixing epoxy use an old coffee can lid, after the epoxy hardens just flex the lid and the epoxy will pop off.

For New Pilots

Here's a flying tip for new pilots:

Something to pay attention to when learning to fly is control reversal. Control reversal is when the inputs on the transmitter sticks must be reversed when your airplane is flying toward you, rather than away from you. When flying away from you, there is no problem; just move the stick in the direction you want to turn. Many new pilots become disoriented when their airplane is approaching them. To help with this, move the stick in toward the low wingtip. This will level the wing when your airplane is coming toward you, avoiding a sharp bank and possibly a crash.

Example: Say your airplane is coming toward you, and the right wingtip is low, as if banked to the right. Move the stick to your left, toward the low wingtip. This will bring the airplane's right wingtip up, and level the wing. I also recommend getting Real Flight G2 if you do not have it. Practice on that before you fly an airplane or helicopter for the first time or if you have been away for an extended period of time. It will save you money and heartaches in the future. →

From the "AMA Insider" - Jan. 2008



ON THE SAFE SIDE**Get “Cawtt” Up in Safety**

I like to have a plan for an airplane for an event. That keeps me focused on the mission of completing and test flying the airplane in time to fly it at the scheduled event. If that is your style, you know that the closer the event comes the faster you work, the later at night you work, and maybe the more careless you become. I try to keep a notepad by the bench so that as I think of things I really need to do before I complete the airplane, I can write them down. For example, if I have test fitted the engine and mount so that I can cut out the cowl but I haven't tightened the engine mount bolts or the bolts attaching the engine to the mount, I write it on my list so that I will remember to check that before I take it flying. Maybe I hook up controls but don't have loctite on the machine screws holding the metal servo arms to servos that have metal output gears; I write it on the list so that I won't lose a control surface on a later flight. Keep a notepad near your work site so that while you are day-dreaming at work (you all do that) you can write yourself reminders to take home and put on your list.

I have a checklist to go through before every takeoff. If you get in a habit like that, you can head off problems on the takeoff/flight. Since I was a soldier for 26 years, I am accustomed to acronyms so my checklist is C.A.W.T.T. I tell my students “Don't get cawtt taking off without using your checklist. Go through the checklist before you take the main runway!”

Controls: Check control direction and all switch positions. With computer radios, you can have the wrong airplane or you may have changed something you didn't want to while changing a mix or throw between flights. Check for high/low rates, mix switches, or trim positions.

Antenna: I don't like to work on, start, or tune the engine with the antenna out so I keep it collapsed until I am ready to take the runway and I am safely behind the airplane and propeller. Make sure the antenna is completely pulled out and screwed in tightly.

Wind: Check the wind direction so you know in which direction to take off. If there is no wind, take up the same pattern other pilots in the air are using. Note the wind check is after the antenna-up check so that you can use the antenna flag as your wind sock.

Time: Start your timer or check your watch so that you will know when to land.

Traffic: Clear yourself to taxi with other pilots. We don't have air traffic controllers so you have to do it yourself. Ask loudly enough for all other pilots to hear if you can come out. Do not take the runway until all pilots at flight stations—or their spotters—clear you. So many times I hear people yell “coming out” then they add power and run out on the runway. Not only might that startle other pilots, distracting their attention from their own airplane but, maybe your airplane will die or flip over on the runway creating a hazard for others who might be at the end of their fuel. Besides, it is more courteous to ask. After you are cleared by the others, quickly take the runway and get in the air. They didn't clear you to sit in the middle of the runway and do more checks. That is why I say to go through the checklist before you take the runway.

If you get in the habit of doing a checklist like this before every single takeoff, not just the first one of the day, you will be safer. When I teach a new student, I draw his or her attention to a good pilot as he is preparing to take off. Hopefully, he or she will methodically go through a checklist and reinforce your teaching. But if not, point out the things you think were left out and the reasons they should be done.

I tell everyone there are 1,000 things that can kill a model airplane and I have 750 of them covered. Every time you have an accident or see and accident do a post mortem to see if you can isolate the problem so it won't attack another airplane in the future.→

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MEMBER

Information

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR YOU

If you have E-mail capability and would like to communicate with other members, use the following addresses for WAM members and our foreign correspondents

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LET ONE OF US KNOW
SEND CORRECTIONS TO MARK**

(*) NEW ADDRESS

FOR SALE

New in Box Zenoah G-26 motor. Magneto version. Approx 24cc gas engine. Bench run only. A \$300 motor for sale at only \$225.
Contact Walt Craig 717-229-2840

Dynaflite PT-19 no engine or radio \$100.00 e mail for pictures G38 N.I.B. \$275.00
Bud Faulkner
deenbud@comcast.net

Zenoah 20cc electronic ignition engine. Flown only three times. Asking only \$200 for this \$300 motor. Runs great. Just broken in. 1.2 cu in, 20cc, swings a 16 to 18 x 6 prop with authority.

Saito 3 cyl radial, .90 displ. Golden Knight finish. Near new in box. A \$750 motor. Asking \$600.
Contact Walt Craig 717-229-2840

Zenoah G-38 NIB \$275

Super Tigre G-90 NIB \$100

Zenoah G-38 Parts:

Radial Mount and spring starter \$50
Prop hub 1.25" Lg. \$5
Spring for starter \$7
Prop hub extension .5" \$2

ZenoahG-62 Parts:

Spring starter, rad. mount, & throttle crank \$45
Spring starter, rad. Mt & crank (min. damage) \$35
Prop hub 1.25" \$5 1.5" \$10
Walbro carb \$10 (used)

Velocity stacks – plastic \$4 – Alum. \$4

Adapter - Changes direction of carb throttle arm (3) \$4 ea.

Milt Peacock 410-833-3122

NEW MEMBERS

**Wayne Bucklew
David and Matthew Keffer**

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Chili Fly—It's cold but the Chili is hot!	4	5 Regular Mtg. 7:30—VFW	6	7	8	9 Flea Market
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Robot Ship Day— Your editor regains a normal life!	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8



Schedule of Events

WAM Events

Feb. , 2008 Meeting 7:30 @ VFW

Chili Fly Feb. 3, 2008

Flea Market Feb. 9, 2008

Non WAM Events

None

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noted, at 7:30 p.m.
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VISITORS ARE WELCOME !!!

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