



The TaleSpinner

Westminster Aero Modelers



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Next Meeting

Tuesday
April 1, 2008
7:30 PM
at the VFW

PILOT TO CO-PILOT

A Message From The President



The flying season is only a few weeks away and we have many things we want to accomplish at both fields to be ready for the upcoming year. April 12th remember we plan to work at Spiegel Field. Tom Russell is preparing to paint the flight stations and tables and replace the fence. The table tops will also be replaced with larger tops. The big project will be to grade the road to ease the ride to the top. April 19th will be the work day at Baugher Field. Paul wants to move the flight stations to better utilize the field and to make maintenance easier. Steve Hare will be rolling both fields on the 19th as well as the newly graded road at Spiegel.

Please plan to attend one or both days even if you cannot spend the all day any time will be helpful. There will be plenty of work for all, and the more hands the faster and easier it will be.

Again a special thanks to Ed Bradley for another successful Flea Market. Ed was gracious enough to take it again this year after John Wunderlich was not able to run it, however, we need someone to take the reigns for next year as Ed will not be able to. We have done this enough that most of the work is easy and not that time consuming, it just needs to be timely.

Hope to see many of you at the April 1st meeting.

Good Flying, Jim Hodges

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Minutes of the WAM Meeting March 4, 2008

By Doug Klunk Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Hodges @ 7:37 pm. 23 members, and Honorary Member Milt Peacock were present.

The Minutes of the February 5, 2008 Meeting were and accepted as posted in the TailSpinner.

Presidents Report – President Jim thanked all for coming out tonight, lots of planning to be completed. Jim presented Steve Brown an award for his work on last years fun fly's. Jim yielded to John Sterrett who reported the passing of Pat Kowalski 2/09/08 @ her home in Fla. Pat donated a .60 size trainer to the club.

Treasurers report – Bob Allen presented the statement. The club is in excellent shape, taxes were filed. Vice President Ed Bradley reported on the very well attended and profitable flea market, and thanked those who came out for their support.

Field Reports –

Spiegle – Tom Russel reported road work needed, fieldwork is scheduled.

Baughers – Paul Schaffner reports Work Date scheduled for 3/15. Beginning promptly at 8 am.

Instructions – Bill Autry waiting on some consistently fair weather.

Old Business –

Augie met with Runnymede Elementary administration. hey are looking for 3 separate presentations on aeromodeling.

New Business –

Event Dates set-

- 3/15 Baugher Work Day
- 4/12 Spiegle Work Day and Roadwork
- 4/19 Roll both Fields, move stations, fence
- 5/18 Spiegle Fun Fly
- 6/8 Baughers Fun Fly
- 6/28-29 Baughers campout/ funfly
- 7/12 Saturday @ Spiegle 2 pm till
- 8/10 Baugher
- 9/14 Pond Fly
- 9/27/28 Baugher big bird fly campout
- 10/12 Spiegle fun Fly
- 12/06 year end dinner awards election

Projects –

Bill Autry Spadnat program set for combat see Bill for details - 4/5 Hagerstown funfly combat.

Keith brought pylon racer & Eflight Ultimate Bipe

Tom brought a glider and high-start

50/50 drawing – Tom Appler missed out on \$\$

Meeting adjourned @ 8:58. Next meeting is set for 4/01/08 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.

April 12	O'dark-thirty	Work day at Speigle
April 19	O'dark-thirty	Work day at Baughers
May 18	2PM	Speigle
June 8	9AM	53rd Anniversary @ Baughers
June 28–29	All day	Baughers camp out
July 12	2 PM	Speigle
August 10	9AM	Baughers
September 14	Noon	Pond fly
September 27	8 AM	Big Bird @ Baughers
October 12	Noon	Speigle
December 6	6PM	Holiday dinner and elections

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	301-668-7269
Bob Allen	410 848-4871
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.

ON THE SAFE SIDE

Safety Reminders for the New Season

by AMA Staff

AMA would like everyone to have a safe flying year with no accidents. Here are some items that might help in that regard.

The first is the use of Li-Poly batteries in our models. If you are flying electric airplanes with Li-Poly batteries, it is highly recommended that a fire extinguisher be kept in your car. Fire caused by Li-Poly batteries can happen through a shortage, improper charging, or crash damage. Standard household extinguishers (Class A, B, C or a combination of these) will not put out a lithium fire. Rather, it can increase the blaze. Class D extinguishers (metal/sand) are the only type capable of putting out flammable metal.

If a class D fire extinguisher cannot be obtained for your vehicle or flying site, at the least, keep buckets of sand ready and available should a fire start. (The sand must be dry because water reacts with lithium fires to make them worse.)

Second, remember to cycle the batteries in transmitters and airplanes to ensure they are up to par. Airplanes can go down because either the transmitter or the flight pack batteries have failed. If you should by chance get your airplane to respond long enough to land, do not taxi back toward the pits. Get it down and kill the engine. A running airplane with dying batteries is little more than a loaded gun waiting to go off and injure someone.

Most folks have a winter project that is now ready for a test flight. New airplanes mean new additions to the transmitter. Remember to always check to ensure it is the correct one for the airplane. Always look to see that the control surfaces are moving in the correct direction when you are ready to taxi out. Also, as a new project, make sure it has been finished with your name and address or AMA number.

Lightning produced by electrical storms can travel amazing distances. If you are flying and should see lightning in the distance, just think of that radio antenna as a lightning rod. Lightning has been known to come 10-20 miles across the sky and strike a person just standing there—and that is without a 3-foot lightning rod in his or her hand.

Engine failure on takeoff is a common occurrence. Every time, when you taxi out, always think, “What am I going to do if the engine quits?” Remember that the best way to land is into the wind and with the wings level. If that means a walk out in the weeds a couple of hundred yards to get your airplane in one piece, that’s much better than taking a broom or shovel out to the middle of the runway to scoop up the pieces.

Lastly, it is strongly recommended that members do not fly alone. In a hobby where things can go out of control with the slightest of error, potential dangers are not far behind. It’s helpful to have an extra set of eyes to watch for any interferences or problems the pilot may not be able to see while following his or her model. Better to be overly prepared than under prepared. At the very least, you have a buddy to talk to and show off for! →

TIPS FOR CLUBS

Is Your Flying Site Ready for the Season?

by Ashley Rauen, AMA Insider Editor

Winter's finally moving on and spring is moving in. I'm sure many of you have spent your time indoors and out of the cold developing new creations to impress fellow modelers and yourself this upcoming season.

Your model is ready, but is your flying site?

For those with club's that are located in the colder parts of the nation, winter storms can do significant damage to a field. On the other hand, warmer states endure the rainy season and high waters—also damaging to flying sites. The field may look okay at first glance, but it's the small details that make a site nicer and safer.

Here are some things to look for when preparing your flying site for the 2008 season:

- Are there fences surrounding your flying site? Walk the fenced areas around your flying site and check for holes or places where the fence may have fallen down. A quick mend can enhance the appearance of the site as well as keep wandering critters from getting too close to your models.
- Check the runway and surrounding areas for holes or loss of terrain. Bald spots in grass or dips in the ground are unappealing and leave uneven surfaces that can cause injury if an individual is not watching his or her step. Take the time to lay grass seed in worn areas or fill in holes with loose dirt.
- Are there trees on or around your site? While they may not be near your flying area, trees can affect your flight. Broken limbs and twigs can become airborne in high winds. They can easily damage property or possibly cause injury. Inspect around the tree line for any loose branches that can be removed from the area.
- Do spectators spend time at your field? If so, it is assumed that some form of seating is available to them. Take an inventory of all your seating surfaces. Do any of the chairs have broken legs? Are there any exposed nails sticking out of that picnic table? Sometimes a quick coat of paint can work wonders in turning that scratched and dented equipment into a welcoming visitor area.
- Take inventory of all signs posted at your site. Have some fallen down or been damaged by the harsh weather? Are the signs still legible or do they need to be remade? Signage at a flying site is very important; treat your signs as such. Additional or new signs and posters for Safety and RC Frequency can be purchased through AMA for a small fee. Contact the AMA club secretary (ext. 291 or loism@modelaircraft.org) to order.
- Lastly, what is your club's first aid supply like? Have supplies been used that were never replaced? Check all dates on supplies that can expire. Throw away anything past its expiration date and restock. Never use medical supplies that are past the date of expiration. There is no guarantee that they are still of quality.

The list can go on and on. Each club has a different flying site and appearance it's accustomed to. It's important that clubs take the time to evaluate their site property and make sure everything is safe and in good form.

Remember: AMA and its members take pride in model aviation; the flying field is an extension of this pride. →

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
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(*) NEW ADDRESS

FOR SALE

For Sale by Walt Craig

717-229-2840 or makenewagain@yahoo.com

Sportsman 60 w/ low time K&B 61. Low wing, blue, beautiful trim, built by a real master.

Extra 300S w/ Super Tigre 90. Teal w/ trim. Low time motor, master builder. Airtronics radio. Same transmitter for both planes. \$400.00 for everything..

Webra 50 NIB \$50.00

Webra 1.20 r/c with Pitts muffler Low time . Runs great. Easy starting. Super Power. \$100.00

Super Tigre S3000 (1.8 ci) NIB Broken in. \$125.00

All offers considered.

For sale by Milt Peacock

rcpilot2505@comcast.net

So much to list you need to visit the web site or contact Milt directly!

New Members

Please say Hi! To all our new members when you see them at the field.

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Regular Mtg. 7:30 @ VFW	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Work Day @ Speigle
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Work Day @ Baughers
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3



Schedule of Events

WAM Events

April 1 , 2008 Meeting 7:30 @ VFW

Work days April 12 & 19

Non WAM Events

None

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in the VFW HALL on Poole Road in
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VISITORS ARE WELCOME !!!

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