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Next Meeting

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7:30 PM

At the VFW

PILOT TO CO-PILOT A Message From The President



A Message From The President April 2010

The warm weather has finally arrived. So let's get ready for a lot of flying this spring. Since we were not able to have our Chili Fly on several dates due to this weather, we are having the "Chili Fly" on May 16th at Spiegel Field. This the first scheduled fun-fly date so bring a plane!

Please remember work day for both fields is scheduled for April 10. Bring gloves and tools. I have scheduled for the roller and plan to hit both fields. Baugher in the early part of the day and Speigle in the afternoon.

Let's start thinking about this years Club Anniversary ,it is going to be our double nickel year. If you have any ideas or want to help out with the planning please contact my wife Dana.

See you at the fields, Steve



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Minutes of the WAM Meeting February 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Hare @ 7:35 pm. 11 members present.

The Minutes of the February Meeting were read and accepted as posted in the TailSpinner.

Chili Fly was discussed. A new (and FINAL) date was set for the first fun fly on May 16 at Speigle field.

Roster updates were discussed. A new roster will be posted in the Members section of the web site.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The AMA package was received. Jim Hodges filled out most of it and gave it to Mark Eastman for review, details, and mailing. Lou Omansky wrote a check for our dues to include in the mailing.

2010 Fun Fly dates will be posted in the TaleSpinner and on the web.

Field Reports –

Speigle – Ron requesting volunteers to help with mowing.

We need to get to the fields to measure for the new Wind Socks. Both fields are currently unreachable.

Flea Market- A slightly lower turnout than expected due to the weather but we still turned a profit. Thanks to Ed Bradley, Jim Hodges and all the other volunteers for making this work!

New Business—A \$100 dollar donation to the VFW for their support was approved.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10. Next meeting is set for 04/06/10 at the VFW.

The 50/50 was drawn. Had Tom Heir been present he would have won.

FUN FLY DATES

The Fun Fly dates for 2010 are as follows (weather permitting:)

May 16th	Speigle Field (Chili Fly!)
June 20th	Baugher Field 55th Anniversary Fun Fly/ Father's Day
July 18th	Speigle Field
August 15th	Baugher Field
Sept 25th-26th	Baugher Field (Big Bird?)
Oct 10th	Speigle Field

Work Days are scheduled for April 10 and 17. Rolling and ground work will start at Baughers in the morning and progress to Speigle in the afternoon on the 10th. Any unfinished work at both fields will be completed on the 17th.

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
Jim Hodges	410-875-2669
Wendell Richards	410 374-4970
Bob Allen	410 848-4871
Paul Schaffner	410 429-1911
Walt Craig	717-229-2840
Ed Winslow	410-526-2803 (heli only)

New Roster

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

In preparation for work days...

What can you bring?

- Safety equipment!

I cannot emphasize enough the need for basic safety wear such as:

- Safety glasses—You shouldn't be doing any thing without them! A nice pair that fits comfortably over glasses can be had at Home depot for less than \$5.
- Gloves—Prevent blisters and just generally protect your hands.
- Ear protection. I personally have a set of noise dampening ear protectors I use while mowing. I don't know about you guys but I've noticed a lot more indications of tinnitus as I age. A simple set of foam ear-plugs can really save the day and they cost only pennies!
- Sturdy shoes—Probably not necessary for everyone but certainly useful if you will be using a chain-saw or tromping through the brush!

- Tools

- Bring anything you think might be useful. Especially: trimmers, pruners, saws, old paint brushes, you get the idea. Please don't bring anything we need to plug in! There's no electricity at either field. Fully charged battery powered devices are fine but there may not be a generator running to re-charge them!

In all cases, please know that whatever help you can give with whatever you can bring is greatly appreciated by the club. Show up, be safe, and enjoy one of the best organizations Carroll County has to offer!

See you out there!

Mark

From the District X Newsletter

Getting Kids Interested in Modeling

By Mike Brown, Interim District X Vice President

Today's youth have "more choices" of things to do, such as video games, which for the most part are done indoors. But many still like to do outside things.

So why don't we see them hanging out watching us fly, asking question after question? I think it's because clubs are not in towns the way they used to be. Kids can't watch modelers fly right in their own neighborhoods, becoming interested the way I am sure many of you did when you were young.

So, because most clubs are way out past the edge of town, how can we introduce kids to modeling? One way is at events where we advertise something such as buddy-box flying, or free rubber-powered airplane building. Parents will bring their kids to those events.

I thought the Park Pilot program would be huge. With very low-cost insurance, pilots could have another club in town, flying little stuff. Then once again we would introduce modeling to kids. If you've ever flown a small airplane or helicopter at your local ball field I am sure you know what I mean. I bet you've had kids (of all ages) come by to watch and ask questions.

Another way is to go to schools and talk with teachers about our clubs. Invite them out for a field trip or offer to come to the school with a couple club members and build and fly gliders or rubber-powered airplanes. This way we can reach classrooms full of students all at the same time.

That is what this article is about, getting kids interested in aviation, modeling, and learning a little science, math, and a few other things, all at the same time.

The AMA has a program called AeroLab. It is a set of two DVDs, that teaches folks like us, or school teachers, how to teach kids how to build and fly a few simple rubber- and glider-type airplanes (even a paper helicopter), and learn some basic concepts in physical science at the same time. Now before you say, "I can't teach that stuff," I never learned it as a kid myself. That is why the DVDs are so good. They teach you how to do it, and it's simple, basic stuff.

I thought I'd let you know about one part of the program I am going to use soon. It's been raining every day here lately and it's something we can do inside a classroom, or several at the same time in a gym. This is the simplified version, but if you get the DVDs it goes into detail with a video of everything.

You build a slide-together, rubber-powered balsa plane. One end of a two-meter piece of string is attached to one end of the wing, the other end is attached to a nail (by means of a paper clip). The nail (in a piece of wood) is taped to something such as an upside down garbage can (to hold the string in the air). You wind the rubber band (the same number of winds each time) and place the airplane on the ground. One student has a stop watch, another will count laps. The airplane is released and within a lap it will take off and the time started. The laps are counted and the time stopped when the wheels touch down. Figuring the distance around the circle and the time flown will give speed. Weight can be added and the effects of drag taught, or two airplanes can be put on the same nail and you have Pylon Racing!

The DVDs are helpful. It's a simple way to get kids started in modeling and inviting them to the field for a field trip will provide even more fun.

The fun ideas on the DVDs can also be done at the field, but so can others. Take a simple Delta Dart build. It takes about one hour for a group of 40 people to build and balance their creations. That is of course with a good group of volunteers and setting up properly at the start.

If you plan to do this with a larger group, or if you need to get the build done faster (like at a mall show), stick to a glider or simple, slide-together, rubber-powered airplane like the DVDs talk about. These can do the trick nicely.

For a more challenging build, the Delta Darts are only \$41.99 for a pack of 35 through the AMA store. All you need to supply are pins, single-edge razor blades (supervised of course), glue, and a building board (which is a small piece of cardboard).

The Northern California R/C Unlimited Flyers like to have the builders meet in the center of the runway at noon for a mass launch.

Remember to read the directions and balance your airplanes. Little rubber planes, such as the Delta Dart, don't fly worth a hoot if they aren't balanced! →

MEMBER

Information

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LET ONE OF US KNOW
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Laser Arrow Delta Wing, 61 Super Tigre engine, Futaba servos and 7 channel receiver- channel 46. Asking \$225.00.

Contact Ed Bradley if interested 410 635 6436.
encb3@bellatlantic.net

NEW MEMBERS

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

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6 Regular mtg. 7:30 VFW	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Schedule of Events

WAM Events

April 6, 2010 Regular Meeting
May 16—Chili Fly

Non WAM Events

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The **WESTMINSTER AERO
MODELERS** meet on the First
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of every month, unless otherwise
noted, at 7:30 p.m.
in the VFW HALL on Poole Road in
Westminster.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME !!!

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