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Next Meeting

May 4, 2010

7:30 PM

At the VFW

PILOT TO CO-PILOT A Message From The President



A Message From The President May 2010

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped at the fields to get them into shape for the flying season. A special Thanks to Wendell Richards for the use of his truck to pick up the roller and deliver it to both fields.

Our first Fun Fly will be May 16 "Chili Fly" at Spiegel Field. This the first scheduled fun-fly date so bring a plane for a afternoon of fun.

There are lots of activities plan for this flying season. Looking forward to a great 2010 flying year.

See you at the fields, Steve

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Formed 1955

Incorporated 2007

Minutes of the meeting April 6, 2010

Meeting opened at 7:32 PM with 17 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Presidents report: Saturday 4/11 is the work day at Speigle and Saturday 4/17 is the work day at Baughers. This is opposite what was originally planned. Rolling will occur on both fields sometime during that week as equipment becomes available.

VP Report—none.

Treas. Report—All Federal and state tax returns and forms have been filed. A report on funds was given and accepted by the membership.

Fields—Speigle is in pretty good shape. For the work day, the canopy needs to be put up and the shed needs repair/paint. Other misc paint and cleanup jobs as well as re-stringing the trimmer and general maint. to the mower will be done.

Baughers will get the same treatment—mower tune-up, painting, rolling, minor repairs etc. But will also get a new canopy frame and cover. Also need to reinforce one of the legs on a prep table. And come up with a new design for removable flight station barriers to make it easier to mow.

Carroll County—No communication

Old Business—Brief discussion on the Lebanon Flea Market.

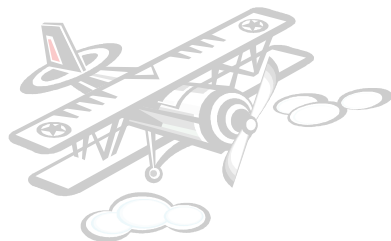
New Business—2 new members were accepted. John Thompson who is new to RC and John Smith who like to fly electric.

Next event is the Chili Fly on May 16 at Speigle.

No new projects.

50/50 went to Augie Gray

Meeting adjourned 8:30.



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.

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.

Member Participation

So what do I “owe” the club besides my dues?

This is certainly a legitimate question. But I think we can sum up the answer with Lou Omansky's thoughts at the last meeting...

Where in the AMA newsletter or in Model Aviation magazine do you ever see an RC club that has the gifts that we have? Most clubs are struggling to stay alive or looking for a new place to fly while we have two spectacular fields and a pond at our disposal and we haven't raised the dues a penny in years.

Please don't become complacent about that! Your \$70 a year buys a lot, but it's through the volunteer hours spent mowing grass, seeing something that needs to be fixed and just doing it, buying a couple gallons of gas, etc, that the club truly survives. You get the picture. You are a member of a club and the officers expect your dues will be paid when required. No one wants to chase people around for money when they could be doing other things.

So here's what you “owe” the club.

- Pay your dues on time.
- If there is an event or workday or whatever and you can make it on that day, show up and help.
- If you see something that needs to be fixed, especially if it is safety related, fix it, or report it to the field marshal for that site.
- Come to meetings. No one will know what your concerns are unless you tell the officers and members.
- Sign up for the mowing crew. Even if it's once or twice a year it means a lot.
- Choose to be an officer. It's really not that hard (and I get to say that having held four different positions over the years!)

By participating in the club outside of just using the fields you will get more out of it including the camaraderie of your fellow members and their families. You'll feel like part of a community instead of just another guy at the field. And isn't that why you joined in the first place?

And so a special thanks goes out to everyone who does just a little extra. You're the members who keep things running smoothly so everyone can enjoy the sport and the facilities!

Best regards,

Mark

From the Thermalier, newsletter of the Pensacola Free Flight Team

Picking Thermals

An article by Peter Brocks, which is stolen here from the November 2001 Ontario-based Sam 86 Speaks, who in turn stole it from the August 2001 Bat Sheet.

Picking thermals has to do with feeling the subtle changes in the environments, which, to the untrained, are not apparent. Therefore there is no simple recipe.

Tools: Mylar streamers, fast sampling thermistor devices, fluffies, bubble machines, piggybacking (on) birds, and other models.

Early morning: The air is buoyant neutral, small rises in temperature possible (as little as 2° F).

Midday: Strong thermals (boomers) develop that exceed the sink rate of models, rise in temperature can be a few degrees with wind calming, wait until a cooler breeze (fill) is felt and the temperature clearly drops. Do not launch right away, especially with fast, higher climbing models. Wait 10 to 20 seconds, depending on wind velocity.

Late Afternoon: Thermals stay closer to the ground, tend to be larger size. Smaller rises in temperature (1° + F). Be patient; fly over dark areas.

Strong wind: Wait for a three- or four-second lull of lower wind velocity; launch immediately at an angle to the wind.

No wind: Watch streamers to see center of building hot air column. The rising air circles counterclockwise. Wait for light air movement indicating fill. Be patient as the air rises very slowly. When launching, place the model in the center of the rising air.

Cold front: Rising air precedes the rain and the breeze. Good air is still present even when rain starts.

Flapping: If wind is moderate and ground surface is warm, then flapping a shirt or running or driving under the model will release rising air.

General Rules: Do not launch if there is a chance that the sun might soon come out of the clouds. Do not fly if other models are launched when a conscientious decision to launch has not been made; rather watch other models behavior. Most of the time flying a little later will give better results. Concentrate and take in your environment. →

TIPS & TRICKS

The first tip is from Bill Womble who is repairing his Hangar-9 P-51D: Bill needed to repair a few cracks in the balsa skins of his airplane's wing near the root rib. He removed the flap servo, and realigned the pieces of balsa. Bill then reinforced the area by laying a piece of fiberglass drywall tape, adhesive side to the balsa, over the cracked area and drizzled CA onto the balsa and tape. This made a quick, effective repair.

The second tip is from an anonymous source: If you need an air scoop, use a portion of a plastic spoon. Glue it to the wing or fuselage, fair it in, and paint it to match the structure. Looks great!

Third tip: When repairing Coroplast airplanes, it is essential that all oils are removed from the surfaces to be glued. One method is similar to that used in repairing balsa airplanes—wipe down the surfaces with a degreaser, then wipe again with alcohol. This will remove 99% of the oils and glue will adhere to the surfaces. The best glue to use is a contact cement such as 3M's Super 77.

Fourth tip: The best way I am aware of to prevent your landing gear wheels from falling off the axles is to thread the axle and fix the wheel with an aircraft (self-locking) nut. It will not fall off!

—From Flightplan, Flight Masters Model Airplane Club, Fort Smith Arkansas

MEMBER

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LET ONE OF US KNOW
SEND CORRECTIONS TO MARK**

FOR SALE

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**John Thompson****John Smith**

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

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Regular mtg. 7:30 VFW	5	6	7	8 VE day
9 Mothers Day (I hope you're not flying!)	10	11	12	13	14	15 Armed Forces day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

Schedule of Events

WAM Events

May 4, 2010 Regular Meeting

May 16—Chili Fly

Non WAM Events

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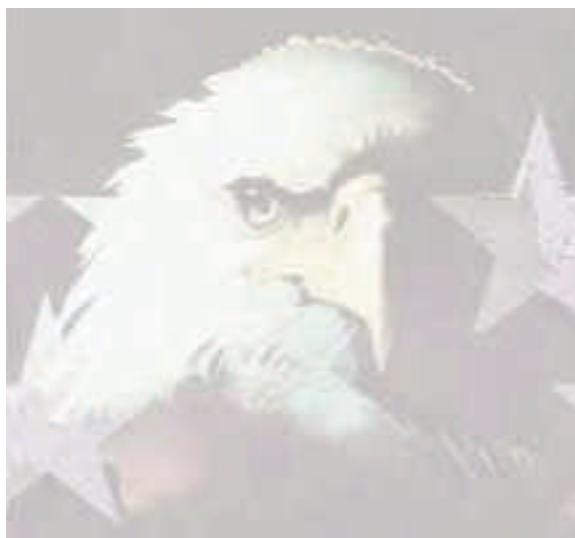


The **WESTMINSTER AERO
MODELERS** meet on the First
Tuesday
of every month, unless otherwise
noted, at 7:30 p.m.
in the VFW HALL on Poole Road in
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VISITORS ARE WELCOME !!!

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