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Next Meeting

Tuesday
June 2, 2009
7:30 PM
at the VFW

PILOT TO CO-PILOT A Message From The President



June 2009

The flying season has arrived, however, Mother Nature has not been very cooperative. If it has not been raining, the wind has been blowing. Some of the members have been braving the weather and we have managed to get a few flights in. Here it is June and I still have a couple planes to get ready for the summer, but because of the weather I have not wanted to take them out.

The Fun-fly on May 17th was not well attended, but, those that were there had a good time and got several flights in. The weather improved as the afternoon progressed. The sun peaked through and the wind calmed down. I am looking forward to a better turnout in June at Baugher Field on the 21st.

Both fields are in good shape when we keep up with the grass (you can watch it grow) and both canopies have been put up. Hopefully we'll get good weather for Memorial Day weekend and I'll get to see some more members coming out.

I apologize for not making the last meeting, I had the piglet flu, 3 days of something that was not any fun. I hope to be at the June meeting. I have a work related trip to China coming up but the date is not firm yet. I will not be at the July meeting as that is a vacation week.

Again, I hope to see more members getting out as the conditions improve.

See you at the fields,

Jim

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Minutes from May 5, 2009

1. Call to order 7:35 PM
2. 12 members present.
3. Minutes accepted as corrected.
4. **President's Report:** None
5. **VP Report:** Reminder of the Fun Fly on Sunday May 17.
Looking into a request from a TA at William Winchester Elem. School is looking for someone to do a presentation on the principles of flight.
Keith is willing to help. We'll contact Augie also.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** None
7. **Old Business**—The county has tacitly approved building a structure at Speigle field to replace the canopy, pending submission of site photos and a drawing.
Lou will contact Bliss Teague about possible field improvement grants. Mark will get with Bob Allen regarding dimensions etc.
8. **New Business**— New member Dave Staccone was approved.
9. Dale brought a 1/4 scale Sopwith Pup—Built from a Balsa USA kit.
10. **Next Meeting** June 2, at the VFW.
11. No 50/50
12. Adjourned at 8:07 PM

FUN FLY DATES

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

Speigle dates start at noon with food around 3. Baughers start early morning with food around noon.

June 21 Baughers - Anniversary

July 19 Speigle

August 16 Baughers

Sept. 26 RD 27 Big Bird at Baughers

October 11 Speigle

Pond fly dates: Details TBD

June 7, July 5, Sept. 6



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
Bob Allen	410 848-4871
Paul Schaffner	410 429-1911
Wendell Richards	410 374-4970
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.

EDITOR'S PICKS**ON THE SAFE SIDE****101 Ways to Stop a Spinning Propeller**

By Don Nix, Insider Safety Column Editor

Unfortunately, we are limited to only a single safe one: Stopping the engine.

Yeah, yeah. Everyone knows that. Right? Well, if so, then why are more than half of all model accidents caused by model propellers—while turning? Because we do very stupid things sometimes. Because we get careless. Because we get too casual. Because we are inexperienced. Because we are so experienced we think common sense safety is for beginners. Because, because, because.

Well, that be the cause!

K&B engines might not be very familiar to newcomers to the hobby, but oldsters will remember that K&B was the leading American manufacturer of model engines for decades, having been started by Johnny Brodbeck back in 1946.

About 20 years ago, I was flying at the pilot's station next to one occupied by my good friend, John Brodbeck; the "B" of K&B engines, and son of Johnny, the founder. John was test flying an engine sent in by a customer seeking a solution to a puzzling problem. (Yes, company owners really used to do such things.) John had made a couple of laps around the field, but felt the engine was too lean, so he landed and taxied to the front of the pit to change the needle setting.

Now here's a fellow who is the owner of a model engine company, who had probably been weaned from Mama Brodbeck to a baby bottle filled with glow fuel, and had been around and using model engines since the earth cooled. One would think he would be extra careful; be sure the model was secure and tune the engine from behind. Instead, wanting to get on with the test, he reached across the propeller from the front. I can tell you it stopped the engine. However, flying was over for the day for both of us because I had to drive him to the emergency room to have a deep 3-inch gash in his forearm neatly stitched.

Yes, he was hurt, but said the worst pain was the embarrassment of being an engine manufacturer who would do such a dumb stunt (his words, not mine) at Southern California's busiest flying field in front of about 60 modelers.

My guess is, there are very few modelers who have been flying more than a couple of years who have not donated a little blood and possibly flesh to carelessness with propellers. For some of us, once is enough. Others have a little slower learning curve. It would be bad enough if their carelessness just injured themselves, but all too frequently an innocent person is hurt; sometimes more than just stitches.

I think I'll cut this column shorter than I had planned to allow you faithful readers (all six) to submit some of your own experiences that might quite possibly make others think twice before doing something stupid, er, ill-advised.

Always glad to hear from you: flyerdon@aol.com or flyerdon@yahoo.com. You will get a reply.



Celebration of RC: September 22-26, 2009

The Celebration of RC is coming to the AMA International Aeromodeling Center in September.

This first-of-a-kind, five-day event is sponsored by the Vintage RC Society, a Special Interest Group of the AMA. It is for Radio Control airplane designs that are at least 35 years old.

Special events will include:

- Five days of open flying
- Competition in Scale, Pattern, and Concourse
- Rudder Only International Championships
- Vintage airplane and radio displays
- Bus trip to Air Force Museum
- Gala Banquet

Go to www.vintagercsociety.org for details. →

TIPS & TRICKS

Sandblaster Sandpaper and Foam Sanding Blocks

There has been some recent discussion on SAM Talk about the merits of a 3M product called Sandblaster Sandpaper. It's available at Sherwin Williams Paint Stores and at Home Depot, and is supposedly superior to all other forms of sandpaper. It doesn't like getting wet or high humidity—not usually a problem in Southern California. But it's said to last for a long time and cut very well.

The SAM Talkers had another tip about a source for sanding blocks. Apparently paint and dry wall stores carry white foam sanding blocks that are about a foot long and two- or three- inches wide. The back of the block is molded in a curved shape to fit your hand. The large block would be just the ticket for sanding an old timer wings, and the foam backer wouldn't tend to dig in. Of course you can chop that foam block up into just about any shape you want for smaller sanding blocks.

—From the Southern California Ignition Flyers newsletter

Tail Weight

During the process of building your next masterpiece, it may become apparent that tail weight is required. Lead weight for fishing lines is available at most sporting goods stores in the form of round (about 1/8-inch diameter) strips, several inches long. The strip lead is easy to cut up and embedded in the model during construction. For example, strips of lead inserted under the triangle stock can be used to reinforce the fin or stabilizer on most model designs. It can also be inserted into wing tips to provide lateral balance.

—From the Concord Skyhawks, reprinted in Schoolcraft Skyhawks R/C Airplane Club newsletter

MEMBER

Information

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LET ONE OF US KNOW
SEND CORRECTIONS TO MARK**

FOR SALE**For Sale by Walt Craig**

717-229-2840 or makenewagain@yahoo.com

Extra 300S w/ Super Tigre 90. Teal w/ trim. Low time motor, master builder. Airtronics radio. Same transmitter for both planes. \$250.00 for everything..

Webra 50 NIB \$75.00

Super Tigre S3000 (1.8 ci) NIB Broken in. \$100.00

New Sullivan extra hi-torque starter. Never used. \$50. cost over \$90.

Super Tiger 90 parts engine only \$20.

Giant Ultra Stick in red ultracoat with Webra 1.20 glo with pitts muffler, Futaba radio. Ready to go and fly. Only \$324 complete. The kit alone is over \$380.

All offers considered.

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.**

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 WAM Mtg. VFW-7:30	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Anniv. Fun Fly @ Baughers	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Schedule of Events

WAM Events

June 2, 2009 Regular WAM mtg. 7:30pm VFW

June 21, 2009 Fun Fly @ Baughers

Non WAM Events

MARKS Air Show June 7, 2009 1-5PM www.marksrc.com for info

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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
Westminster.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME !!!

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