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Westminster Aero Modelers



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Next Meeting

Saturday
Dec. 6, 2008
6:00 PM
at the VFW
Holiday Dinner!!!

PILOT TO CO-PILOT

A Message From The President



President's Message

We have come to the last message of the year as the November meeting was the last regular meeting until January which brings a new year and new officers. The new officers will be elected at the **Holiday Dinner on December 6th**. As usual we will be presenting awards for those who deserve recognition for helping the club and going the extra mile, so if anyone has one or more persons they feel deserve recognition let me know so they may be considered.

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last two years as President and also in the future if re-elected this year. I have enjoyed the past and I am looking forward to another year working with everyone and enjoying the flying and camaraderie.

See you at the fields, Jim

Remember the Flea Market is February 7th. If you need a table contact Ed Bradley

Contact Bob Allen or Jim Hodges for tickets to the dinner on Dec. 6th!!!

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Meeting minutes November 4, 2008

Call to order : 7:30 PM

Attendance: 17 members, one honorary member, one guest.

1. Visitor: Bob Rhodes
2. Minutes from the October meeting, read and approved.
3. President's Report: Christmas Dinner December 6th at 6 PM. \$25 per person and send the money to Bob Allen. The last Fun-fly at Spiegel was very good in attendance and weather.
4. VP Report: No report
5. Treasurer's Report: All bills are paid and the only thing open is the monthly spot-a-pot. Has Bob Rhodes check and will deposit it by Nov. 10th.
6. AMA: no incoming from AMA
7. Fields: Both fields are in good shape going into winter. Remember that Spiegel is closed from Thanksgiving (Nov. 27th through Jan. 1st).
8. Membership: no report
9. Carroll County: no report
10. Newsletter: no report
11. Instruction: Bill Autry stated that we ha a good year with a few new flyers and next year he would like to continue with the advanced and aerobatic training.
12. Communications: Vote for the AMA Executive VP
13. Events: Christmas dinner Dec. 6th at 6PM
14. Old Business: Flea Market February 7, 2009 Set up Friday night and vendors at 8 AM Saturday morning with the public at 9AM. \$15 per table, contact Ed Bradley.
15. New Business: Voted in new member Bob Rhodes. Officer nominations: President—Jim Hodges, Ron Bowen VP—Dale Johnston, Paul Schaffner Secretary—Mark Eastman, Keith Retzler Treasurer—Bob Allen, Lou Omanski Member at Large—Bill Autry, Steve Browne
16. Member comments: Longest active member Ken Hands has moved to the assisted living area of the Lorien Retirement community in Taneytown, MD.
17. Dale Johnston brought two electric planes, a Beaver and a Jenny. Keith Retzler brought a Park Zone Vapor electric.
18. Next meeting: January 6th 2009
19. 50/50: no drawing
20. Meeting adjourned: 8:40 PM

FUN FLY DATES

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

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

[New Roster](#)

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

EDITOR'S PICKS

From the St. Paul Model Radio Controllers, Inc., St. Paul Minnesota

Winter Airplane Storage

Since the snow will be falling very soon, many AMA members may not be flying for quite some time. For those who don't intend to fly on skis, the following suggestions may help to preserve your model over the winter months and allow you to get back in operation quickly when the snow disappears next season.

Airplane

Be sure to give the entire airplane a thorough cleaning to remove all traces of exhaust residue. Check the covering to be sure that fuel is not creeping under the seams around the firewall and areas around the exhaust outlet, soaking the balsa. If so, make the repairs during the off season while you have some extra time. Check the fuselage and flying surfaces closely for cracks or other damage. Check the servo arms, control horns, clevises, pushrods, and/or control cables for excessive wear or damage.

The airplane can be stored indoors or outdoors in the garage; the constant cold temperatures can be tough on batteries, but otherwise don't seem to cause any problems. The only problem that could occur would be if you stored it in, for example, a workshop that is heated occasionally and then allowed to cool down after use. This could result in damage to the engine because of condensation and probably to the balsa or covering material from temperature changes.

If you store the airplane on a wall, it should not be supported on the nose because this could damage the engine bearings. Support it by the tail structure or similar means. If the wing is removed, do not stand it on end. Support it similar to the way it is normally mounted on the fuselage. Do not leave the weight of the airplane resting on the tires if you don't store it vertically.

Engine

The major concern regarding engine storage is to remove all the glow fuel from the inside of the crankcase and cylinder to prevent rust formation on the bearings, crankshaft, etc. The best advice is to remove the engine from the airplane, remove the glow plug and backplate, and flush the inside out with a solvent such as kerosene.

While the backplate is off, check it over for signs of rust, bearing failure, etc. After cleaning, generously oil the bearings and the cylinder with lubricant such as one of the after-run oils or Marvel Mystery Oil. After it is well oiled, reinstall the backplate and plug and place it in a sealed plastic bag along with the mounting hardware until next season.

If you decide not to remove the engine, at least remove the glow plug, pour some oil into the carburetor, and spin the engine over clockwise to distribute the oil through the bearings. Add some oil through the glow plug hole, turn the engine over slowly a few more times and reinstall the glow plug. Remove the propeller if it is made of wood. Put a plastic bag over the engine to keep dust and dirt out.

Winter Airplane Storage (cont'd)

Batteries

Ideally you should cycle the transmitter and receiver batteries and record their capacity for reference next season. It is best to leave them on a trickle charger to maintain a charge during the off season. If this is not practical, try to charge them at least every one to two months. When ready to fly again next spring, cycle the batteries first to be sure they have adequate capacity.

Transmitter/Receiver/Servos

Don't forget to check over the servo wiring and connectors. If there is any sign of corrosion on the connectors, then get them replaced. Also check the output shaft for looseness.

Check the receiver antenna for damage. If there are any doubts, get it fixed or replaced. Extend the transmitter antenna and clean it with alcohol. Collapse the antenna and repeat the cleaning several times. (There are contact fingers inside each antenna section that may become coated with oil, preventing the proper contact between sections, greatly reducing the transmitting range.)

Fuel

If you have fuel left, be sure it is capped tightly and store it in a cool place out of sunlight. Some recommend against storing fuel in very cold temperatures, but I have not had any problems doing this in the past.

Starter Battery

If you have an electric starter hookup, remove the 12-volt lead acid battery, clean the terminals and check the electrolyte level. Add water if necessary. This battery must be charged if stored outdoors during the winter. A monthly charging will keep the battery from freezing and also extend its life.

Miscellaneous

If you have a handful of used rubber bands as I do, throw them out and plan to buy a new box next season. This would be a good time to check your supply of spare glow plugs, propellers, etc., and make up a parts list to replace those used during the summer. If, during your inspection, you run into problems or there is something you are not sure about, call another club member for some advice or suggestions. Make the repairs during the winter and save the warm weather for flying! →

MEMBER

Information

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SEND CORRECTIONS TO MARK**

(*) NEW ADDRESS

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 \$340 complete. The kit alone is over \$350.

All offers considered.

SR Eindeccker with G26, pull pull system, aces of iron pilot, Solartex covering, 4 S3001 Futaba servo's, SR2200mah pack, RCAT electronic kill switch and Du Bro gas filler valve. All new never flown. Over \$1100.00 invested sell for \$900.00 e mail for photo's.

N.I.B. Proctor Jenny. Lots of documentation, construction tips from a well known Jenny modeler, photo pack, Proctor wire wheels, (cost over \$100.00) Actual Jenny manual of rigging and another manual of Jenny construction. E mail for additional information. \$550.00 plus shipping if necessary.

Bud Faulkner—deenbud@comcast.net

New Members

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

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Holiday Dinner 6 pm VFW
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Eve	26 Christmas Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 Happy New Year!	2	3



Schedule of Events

WAM Events

Dec. 6 Holiday dinner and elections.

Annual Flea Market Feb 7, 2009 @ VFW

Non WAM Events

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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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