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A.M.A. Chapter 621

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Frequency board rebuild

On flying and fishing

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We need an EDITOR

What's happening....

- The answer is good things!
• Events are being planned-are you able to help?
• Spring is coming!
• Planes are being built (and re-built).

From the President...

Friends,

Let me share a little of our previous meeting...

We spent some time sharing our stories about how we came to be involved in our hobby. Some of our members started the same way I did...with Cox plastic control line model airplanes. We heard descriptions of unreliable motors and questionable radio equipment. At least two of our members were around when the notion of flying planes by radio control was still in its infancy. Stories were re-counted of both success and failure, but even in the failures that were reported there had to be some success as our story-tellers stayed with the hobby! If you weren't at the meeting why not take a moment and reflect... what drew you into this hobby? Was there a certain magical moment. One that you as you think about it a smile invariably comes to your face? Is it that magical event or day that keeps you coming



Remember these...the venerable Cox Pt 19 u-control trainer....perched out at the end of 30 feet of string....that was flying!

back...even after a day when the motor isn't running right or the plane is handling the way you think it should... or you buried one to the point where you had to dig the engine from its' self made grave...If you have such a moment please bring your recollection of it and share it with us at the next meeting!

After that we got down to business...We firmed up dates for two sanctioned flying events, Our big bird and the open house. We also rescheduled our swap meet.

We discussed field etiquette and have established a guideline for flight operations. Finally we decided that it is time to build a new frequency board...

Read about these topics elsewhere in this letter and ask, how can I help in any of these areas! We look forward to seeing you on March 13th!

Respectfully,
Jerry Worden
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Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the flying field in Covell, IL. Meetings begin at 7:00pm during the winter (CST) and 8:00pm during the summer (CDT).

SIRS, Inc. Meeting Minutes — Feb. 14, 2004

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jerry Worden called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
There were 16 members present.

TREASURES REPORT:

Jim Danforth gave the treasures report.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Secretary Dennis Wallen read the minutes from the January meeting.
Gene Barker moved to accept the treasures report and the minutes from the previous minutes. Ken Ausili seconded. Motion was passed.

At the start of the meeting everyone gave a short story on how they started in the hobby, which turned out very interesting to the members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The swap meet was canceled because of not enough advertisement though the E-mails sent out. It will be rescheduled for October 23, 2004
- There was a discussion about the Big Bird event. Bob Hawks made the motion to not have a landing fee and charge for the food. Karl Laun seconded motion. Motion passed.
- The date for SIRS INC OPEN HOUSE was discussed. A motion was made by Gene Barker and seconded Wayne Geffon to have the event on Sunday September 12, 2004 Motion was passed.
- There was a discussion about redoing the frequency board Wayne Geffon made the motion to replace the frequency board and Mike Wilson seconded. Motion passed. Orville Egili volunteered to build a new one anyone wanting to help please contact Orville.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob Hawks reported on getting fuel. A sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse to get fuel until April 30th. Fuel will be in by May 15th

SIRS INC FIELD RULES FOR 2004

- All flying will be done at least 75 feet from the flight line.
- All hovering will be done perpendicular to the flight line.

ANOUNCEMENT FROM HOBBYLAND

- HOBBYLAND contacted Wayne Geffon that unless R/C sales do not get better, he will stop handling R/C kits, equipment and parts. Wayne Geffon made the motion to stop all discounts for the club in order for the shop to keep R/C things in our local hobby shop. Was seconded by Ken Ausili. Motion was passed.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

- The SIRS CLUB is looking for our next newsletter editor if you are interested please contact Jerry Worden

ANOUNCEMENTS:

- Chris Henson donated a 3D plane to the club for anyone who wants to learn 3D flying. Please contact Wayne Geffon for your 3D lessons

SHOW & TELL

- Orville Egili brought a 120-size clipped wing Taylor Craft that he rebuilt. Nice job Orville.
- Yoshiaki Takahashi won the 50/50 drawing

ADJOURNMENT:

Ken Ausili made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Art Ausili seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Wallen Secretary.

NEWS EDITOR NEEDED!

This will be the last newsletter unless... A member(s) steps forward to continue where Karl left off. Your executive board has assembled this letter to fill in the void. We've had no one willing to step forward up to this point. If you

have some creative writing skills, some simple computer skills and a program such as Microsoft publisher then all you need is a desire to serve your club. We are confident someone will respond but in the unlikely event that

no one does then the newsletter will be temporarily discontinued. So think it over "is it time for me to step up" just contact an officer if you decide it is.

Our next meeting is this Saturday at 7:00 pm!

DUES....

We've been asked to inform you that it is past time to pay your annual dues...

We rely on the treasury funds to conduct the day to day

business of this club. It's all of our responsibility to pay our dues on time. Members who are in arrears on their 2004 dues will not receive a newsletter beyond this issue!

You enjoy the privileges that this club affords...meet your responsibilities -start with paying your dues...thanks the management.

The signup sheet for fuel is posted in the little house!

STRANGE BUT TRUE BY JERRY WORDEN

I was at the field in late February....the air temperature was around 50 degrees...a nice day for flying given the time of year...I had the chipmunk, the engine, a magnum 180 wasn't starting as easily as it normally does...at one point the motor backfired as these engines sometimes do....I didn't think much about it-my biggest

concern was that the prop and spinner may have loosened. I heard a strange sound coming from beneath the plane....it was like listening to amplified rice crispies but had hissing sound as well. I checked underneath the plane-to amazement I could see a blue flame...the grass was burning! I pushed the plane

backwards and could see that it wasn't on fire...I was able to blow the fire out...but was mildly shocked by what had occurred....my best theory is that fuel had accumulated in the pits styled muffler and ignited then drained to the ground...a reminder, the fuel is flammable....strange things do happen!

The Covell community church is hosting a chili supper on the 13th of March from 4:30pm to 7:00 pm a small meal is \$3.00—\$5.00 dollars gets you a large meal!

At our February meeting the club adopted a guideline which requires that flying be done approximately 75 feet from the flight line.

Help build our new frequency board...

ENJOY FLYING RC AND ICE FISHING ALL IN ONE: ONE MEMBER'S STORY

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information contained in this article...

Some people just want it all... you know the type-so it was with one of our members....lets call him Joe. Joe loved RC flying but just as much he wanted to try ice fishing. So it was that fateful day in February when Joe,

equipped with his plane and a fishing pole, went to the field ready to take it to the limit. He flew and as he did a yearning came over him like never before. He had to fish....As Joe approached the adjacent pond it dawned on him....how will I cut the hole in the ice? What happened next can best be described as an act of impulse understood only by those who fly and fish. Joe started his plane, the yokel 46x came to life. Joe piloted the plane to approximately 300 feet then pushed the nose over into a completely vertical dive! The trainermeister 40 was reportedly doing well over

100 mph when it impacted the center of the pond thus causing a perfect 11 inch hole to be cut into the 6 inch thick ice Joe's only regret...fish weren't bitin' today...



This ice hole was cut using a Yokel .46x with a fiberglast 11-7 prop! See text for details!

FLY SAFELY-COURTEOUSLY

During this flying season, when the field is being used for general flying puposes we are asking flyers to concentrate their flying over a location which is roughly near the center of the flying field. What was actually

approved is as guideline which requires flying to be done no closer than 75 feet to the flight line. This includes all types of normal flying activities-aerobatics, low passes etc. The adopted guideline also asks that those flyers involved in "hovering" will keep the

aircraft perpendicular to the pilot's location on the flight line. There is room for flexibility...if no other pilots are present then flying can be done in accordance with the AMA safety code. Adhering to this guideline will contribute to a safe enjoyable season for All.

A NEW FREQUENCY BOARD WILL BE BUILT...

Our frequency board has fallen into a state of disrepair. The "shelves" aren't big enough to hold some of the newer computer radios frequency pins are broken or missing and the clear plastic is broken in several places. For these reasons the club allocated funding to build a new board this season. It will remain in the same location. Orville

Egli has offered to oversee the project. We expect to begin work when spring arrives. If you have some carpentry skills OR have access to equipment for producing new frequency pins then please contact Orville to assist. Possible dates to begin construction will be discussed at the March meeting.



The club will get a new frequency board....



Jerry Bessler's electric 3d under construction



Fred's slow flyer P51



February at the field...a sign of the kind of spring we're in for?



Stan's spirit of 76 auto-gyro....air frame was built in "76"

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