

The Flypaper

Monthly News Letter of the Freeport
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AMA Chartered Club #253

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**Meeting Night: 7:PM Wednesday,
April 1st, Freeport Library. (Not April
Fool either)**

As of the last audit (03/25/09) of the AMA records, there are two members who haven't paid their AMA dues. There are nine people who haven't paid their club dues. Remember, you can't vote unless your club dues are paid, and you can't fly unless your AMA dues are paid.

Several Club members went to the Rockford Swap Meet March 7th. I finally sold my Nick Ziroli P-47 kit. I sold it back to the person who I originally bought it from and who cut the kit. Dave Nienhuis sold his Hanger-9 FSO simulator, and Jack Baxter sold his flight box battery. The several Club members who showed up, it seemed most every one of them bought something. It was a nice swap meet. Lots of good stuff, not much junk that you see sometimes. It was surprising that there wasn't any indoor flying this year, or a simulator set up to play with.

I talked with Jerry Ream and Al Smith (Rock Valley Flyers Club, Rockford) briefly about the Giant Scale 3D event scheduled at their Rockford field on the same dates as our Sneek-In Fun Fly. They both said they would be at Sneek's on Sunday the 21st. This 3D event is a traveling thing, and Rockford was selected for June 20th. Al Smith said he

would bring his new 70% 3D giant to Sneek's on Sunday.

Maybe, if we had sent in our sanction for Sneek's in January, the 3D thing in Rockford might have been at a different date. The AMA Contest Director for District VI receives all sanction requests and is supposed to check for conflicting dates within an area. We will have to remember this next year. This is not the fault of our club; it's just that the 3D people got there first. Our Sneek-In sanction request has been sent in. Our request is for a class "C" sanction so shouldn't conflict with the class for the 3D people. Maybe AMA figured the 3D class wouldn't interfere with our class "C" either. It could affect crowd and participant draw however. We will just have to wait and see.

Dave Schuey and Marlin Winsel went flying at Baker's Field March 9th. Dave said it wasn't too uncomfortable because it wasn't real windy. There has been a lot of indoor flying this winter, In Brodhead, Wisconsin and in Rockford, and at the High School dome in Rockton, Illinois. I saw Scott Ditsworth in one of the pictures sent to me from the indoor flying group.

Jim Elmer is recuperating from his knee replacement he had on March 2nd. He is going thru the physical therapy routine to get back in shape. He joined the Romeo's for breakfast one Wednesday.

Dave Nienhuis and Craig LeBaron were out to Baker's Field Saturday, March 14th. The following is a report from Craig on their day: Craig had three great flights with the Slow Poke and Dave put the maiden flight on his Funtana that he got at the St. Charles swap meet. He did some tweaking on the engine to get the idle set and flew it with no trim adjustments. After the first flight he noticed that the muffler was loose, so thanks to Craig and his toolbox they got that tight and ready for flight #2. They were both flying at the same time and Dave started having engine trouble. With engine failure Dave said the hot landing took care of the landing gear (notes on the internet for that plane stated that if you did not reinforce the gear before you flew, you would after). So since neither one of them had brought epoxy, the Funtana went into the hangar. His engine failure seemed to be that the pressure line from the muffler to the tank was broken. As Craig was leaving, Dave was getting his nitro Heli ready to fly. I have no report on how that went.

Jeff Burd went flying his electric P-38 at Baker's field Sunday March 15th. One of his engines threw a prop so he made kind of a hard landing due to the wind and broke the booms. They are pretty weak he said. The damage is repairable.

Craig LeBaron has been getting his Aeromaster Bipe completed. He is busy getting the wing incidences correct.

Jim Kellner has finished building his Zipper. It's from an old Carl Goldberg kit.

Tom Schony is busy getting a different engine installed on Jack Baxter's Messerschmidt. He is replacing the .46 with a .61FX. That should handle it pretty well.

I did my Hanger-9 Hellcat in on Friday March 20th. Tim Fry, Dave Shuey and I went to Sneek's. I had trouble with the electronic ignition module on my Hanger-9 Hellcat's first flight last October. The plane went into a diving spin, but I was high enough so I throttled back and was able to pull it out and land safely. I figured the module was too close to the receiver and caused radio problems. I moved the receiver to the rear of the fuselage and thought that would solve the problem. Nope, had the same problem with the ailerons again, and this time I was too low to the ground to save the plane from its diving spin. It wrecked the fuselage pretty bad. I called Horizon Hobbies about the problem and they agreed that the module would cause the problem. It wasn't only that the ignition module was close to the receiver the first time, but the aileron extension wire input from the wing would be lying next to the module as well. This was really the culprit. The ignition module generates so much power, that it negates the servo wires if they are near by. It can cause problems and it did. Anyway they wouldn't take the blame for it and suggested I purchase a new fuselage for my Hellcat (I am contemplating doing that). I would move the module under the fuel tank so it wouldn't be near any of the wiring. There isn't room on the firewall for it, like on my Morrisey Bravo and Extra-300. I might put the G20 on my Josh Stik, it's just sitting around. Oh yes, Tim Fry flew his Hanger-9 Mustang, but Dave didn't fly as it was a might windy for the electric planes he brought.

Don't forget about voting this April 1st meeting on the By-Law amendment to

reduce the membership dues for ages under 19.

At the regular meeting held on February 4, 2009 a motion was made, seconded and approved to create a new membership level within the club.

To change the by-laws, an official vote of the membership is needed. For this proposal to pass, 75% of the ballots received including members in attendance and ballots sent in to the Secretary Treasurer need to be positive. Voting will take place at the April meeting.

An Official Ballot is attached. Please bring this ballot with you to the April 1st, 2009 meeting at the Freeport Public Library, 7:00 PM or send it to Dave Nienhuis prior to the meeting. If using snail mail, allow time for your response to get there. Or you can email it to Dave at: davenwen@aeroinc.net

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The by-laws "Article IV" is printed below with proposed wording in bold print.

Article IV - Dues and Fees and Expenditures
Section I Membership Dues and Fees
Annual Dues are as follows:
Individual Membership - \$35.00
Junior Membership (under 19 years old) - \$20.00
First Year Under 24 years old - \$20.00
Family Membership (2 voting members, 2 or more flying members) - \$50.00
AMA Insurance - ALL flying members MUST have AMA Insurance in force

Official Ballot

Shall the By Laws of the Freeport Radio Controlled Modelers Club Article IV Section 1, Membership Dues and Fees, be changed to include a new membership entitled: Junior Membership (under 19 years old) and assigned a dues fee of \$20 per year.

_____ YES _____ NO

Items for sale:
Great Planes Patty Wagstaff Extra-300. Just the plane and push rods, 78"ws: \$250.00
OBO. Call Don 815-235-4777 cell: 815-275-8717.

Helicopter (nitro powered): Call Tim Fry for specifications. 815-837-1415 cell: 815-275-5863

Those people who ordered fuel, can pick it up at the meeting Wednesday, April 1st. The price is \$15.00 per gallon, which includes tax.

**Minutes of the March 4th, 2009 Freeport R/C Modelers Meeting
At the Freeport Public Library**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The sign-in book was passed around; Members present are David Nienhuis, Marlin Winsel, Art Tessendorf, Jack Baxter, Dave Shuey, Ed Keech, Don Rasmus, Alex Marck, Craig LeBaron, and Jeff Burd.

A motion was asked for, given, and passed to approve the meeting minutes as written from the February 4th meeting.

We now have 21 paid memberships.

Treasurer's report: The General Fund is up to \$4284.05 and the mower fund has \$1223.22.

A motion was asked for to approve the treasurer's report, it was seconded and approved.

Bills to be paid are \$40 for our web page hosting and domain for a year, \$40 for Sneek's event sanction and insurance, \$20 for Jeff's CD application, and \$150 for our 2009 Club Chartering and insurance. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay these bills.

The ballot for having a Jr. Membership is due April 1st, 2009

Ballots printed up in the newsletter can be mailed or submitted at next meeting, April 1st.

Jim Elmer has had knee surgery and sounds to be in good spirits and is on the mend (Jeff Burd talked to him today).

Discussion on having electricity at Baker's Field:

Possibility of a meter base accessible from the road would mean a new pole, and then we would run a wire up to the base.

Electricity would be at least \$20 a month to maintain even if no power were used.

Go green – we talked about using a solar powered battery. Jeff Burd has some information on systems, Harbor Freight has a solar panel, would be \$250 that is a 24"x36" with a regulator. Ebay has a 12" x 36" 1500 watt unit with 10ft power cord,

whole unit for \$119. Sounds like a package that could do the job but not sure how complete. Would keep a 12v deep cycle battery charged.

How many people would use it? More research is to be done with more discussion to follow.

Update on the Sneek-In sanction and Contest Director:

Marlin will be the CD for Sneek's this year, the forms are filled out and ready for mailing. Dave will write checks and mail out the 5th. Also door prize solicitations need to go out. Dave volunteered to dress up a flyer for Sneek's.

Craig made a motion that passed unanimously to clean the Jon in the spring and fall, with winterizing in the fall.

A motion made to move \$200 dollars from the General Fund into the Mower Fund passed.

A motion was made and passed for the club to pay for the bulk fuel order and get paid back by the buyers. Fuel price ends up being \$15 per gallon. Initially was stated to be \$13.75 or \$14 but that did not include tax (8.25% tax rate). Orders need to be to Dave by the end of the week so we can be included with Hobbytown's order.

Jack Baxter won the meeting's door prize of a 1350mah LiPo!

Jeff passed around pictures of Howard Nelson, Bob Huisinga and Wayne Burd with their planes and trophies from 1970.

Next meetings: Board meeting March 25, 2009 @ Craig LeBaron's home
Club meeting April 1, 2009 @ Freeport Public Library

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. for show and tell.

These minutes respectfully submitted by David Nienhuis.