

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,
June 3rd, Baker's Field. Come early
and fly. If bad weather we will meet at
the library.**

The month of June has finally arrived. It should be fun and busy and fascinating. I hope everyone has their new airplanes ready to go, and their old ones all spiffed up. The Sneek-In Fun Fly is only 10 days away from our meeting night. Remember, if you have something new, it must have been flown three times to qualify it to fly at Sneek's.

Please try to be at the meeting Wednesday evening. There will be dates and times set to get things accomplished. We can always use help and volunteers of time and equipment.

Sneek-In Fun Fly tentative work schedule:

Wednesday June 10th: Set up the pit and flying areas. Need several people to help with putting in fence posts, fence, pilot stations, and moving bleachers into position etc. (Harry Allen is in charge).

Thursday June 11th, 2:00PM. Set up road signs. (Fred Smith, Jim Kellner).
4:30PM. Meet at Baker's Field. Haul 2 picnic tables to Sneek's. Haul DeHahn's table to Sneek's, get Sneek's neighbor's table.

Friday June 12th, 2:00PM. Porta potties arrive. (Donz Jonz). Put up frequency board, and transmitter impound. These are needed for early arrivals.

4:00PM. Winsel's set up sink, water, paper towels etc.

4:00PM. Light grills for cook out. (WHO)?

5:30PM. The annual club cookout. Bring your own meat to cook on the grills. Baked potato, beans, coleslaw, condiments, and dessert will be provided. Also bring your own beverage and eating utensils. We will need volunteers to provide desserts. We will need desserts for Friday night and Saturday night. For info about desserts, contact Joan Winsel 815-235-4631.

Saturday June 13th, 7:30AM. Set up canopies and tables. (Don Rasmus, Harry Allen, Fred Smith, Dick DeHahn, Dick Potempa, Bill Brooks, Marlin Winsel, Dave Shuey, Dave Nienhuis, etc.).

9:00AM. There will be flying from 9:00AM until dusk.

6:PM. Catered dinners (Mark Bratly) will be served starting at 6:PM. Table service will be provided. You may want to bring your own sturdier table service. Menu will consist of chicken, pork chops, and other good stuff, plus a beverage and dessert. Tickets will be sold in advance.

Sunday June 14th. Flying until dusk.

?:00PM. Close the AMA Sanction. Flyers will fly at their own risk. Tear down and put away fencing, posts, transmitter impound, and frequency board. Haul picnic tables back to Baker's field. Haul DeHahn's table back to DeHahn's, haul Sneek's neighbor's table back.

Monday June 15th, 10:00AM. Haul away garbage and recyclables from Sneek's. (WHO) Also move bleachers back to storage area behind the barn.

If you have questions about any of this or the weather conditions, or you want to volunteer, call Marlin Winsel 815-235-4631, or Jeff Burd 815-235-1825. (Jeff's cell phone 815-291-9053). It would be best if you came to the meeting Wednesday evening June 3rd at Baker's Field for more particulars.

The annual Baker's Field Static Display (May 16th) event had another bad weather year. It was cold and windy again. I don't think

anyone flew. It was not a good day. There was no cookout, and we had maybe two visitors not counting our good friends from New Holstein, Wisconsin. Leon, Helen, and Scott Cordy came down from up there.

Sunday (the day after) turned out to be a wonderful day. Lots and lots of flying was done. Even had some crashes to witness. Tim Fry flew his electric ducted fan-jet several times. It is impressive to watch. He flies it very good as well. Marlin Winsel, Jeff Burd, Scott Cordy, Jim Elmer, Craig LeBaron, Dave Shuey, Dave Young, Mark Reeder, Dick DeHahn, Harry Allen, Art Tessoroff and myself also flew. It was good to see Dave Young out and flying again. It's been a while since he has been out to Baker's Field. He has some nice R/C boats he would like to sell. He has nitro, electric and gas boats. Maybe he will bring them to Sneek's and put them on display. Contact him at 815-232-8019 if interested.

The Club is proposing a new membership category for the By-Laws. It will be called "Social Membership". It will be for those people, who would like to attend meetings, partake in discussions, and social events, or just receive the monthly Newsletter (THE FLYPAPER). The dues would be \$10.00 per year. This membership will have no voting or flying privileges. If the Social Member has an airplane that he would like flown, a full-fledged Freeport R/C Club Member with AMA membership can fly it for him, but the Social Member cannot fly it or be on a buddy box with it. If the Social Member has an AMA membership, he still will not be able to vote or fly.

This proposed change to the By-Laws will be voted on at the July meeting. A ballot will be included with the proper By-Law wording in the July Newsletter.

The Club had a nice float in the Memorial Day parade Monday May 25th. Posters/flyers were handed out along the parade route advertising our Club and the events we put on. Thanks to Craig LeBaron and Dave Nienhuis and Dave Shuey for displaying their airplanes, and working to get the float ready. Thanks to Jim Elmer for the use of his trailer for the float, and thanks to Dave Nienhuis' dad for the use of his pick-up truck.

Remember, we need some volunteer flyers at Baker's Field on Thursday, June 4th for the Boy Scouts. The troop our own Alex Marck

belongs to will be visiting us for some live demo flying as well as some buddy box flying. If you have an airplane that fits this category, please bring it to Baker's Field on Thursday, June 4th and participate.

Minutes of the May 6th, 2009 Freeport R/C Modelers Meeting
At the Freeport Public Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. A motion was asked for, given, and passed to approve the meeting minutes as written and read from the April 4th meeting. We now have 27 paid memberships.

The treasurer's report wasn't ready for the meeting but is now updated for these minutes: The General Fund is \$3686.05 and the mower fund has \$1423.83.

Alex Marck's Eagle Scout Service Project is in the works and the improvement list to Baker's Field is being honed down to acceptable tasks.

More discussion on having electricity at Baker's Field:

Electricity would be used to keep the lawn mower batteries charged, have lights, and power our battery chargers.

A motion was made to spend up to \$350 to get a 50-watt solar panel, 12v system. Harry asked what would it be used for? Some answers were to keep the lawn mower battery charged, charging plane batteries, and it could be used for some lighting around the shelter. Harry asked would it be enough power? Marlin said these batteries power a forklift all day before getting recharged. Dave Shuey said the LiPo's we use do draw a lot of power and it would be nice to have that extra source of energy. After discussion the motion was voted on and passed with no voiced no-votes.

Reduced membership cost for those over 65 was not believed to be in the best interest of the club, but how about a Social Membership, where \$10 would get you access to the field to come and socialize anytime, but no voting or flying privileges. A member could fly a model for the Social Member if they wanted. This would be a By-law change. Motion was made to write this up for vote, seconded and passed unanimously. A ballot will be configured.

Update on the Sneek-In sanction and Contest

Director:

Sanction was received and will hopefully be in the next magazine. Marlin has a list of last year's volunteers and what they did, and passed it around for approval again or if someone wants to help with something else.

Our AMA representative, Missouri's Randy Cameron, should have checked that our fun-fly would not conflict with other fly games around. Long story short, he's not in that role anymore. A letter from the AMA said the guy from Illinois is taking over. The Sneek-In sanction hit the AMA web site about a week ago.

An idea was stated to have a \$5 charge for the Friday night dinner at Sneek's. A motion was made to approve. Joan Winsel said she thought it was exorbitant to ask for this much. Can we amend to \$3? Jim thought it wasn't a good idea either; people shouldn't have to be forced to pay \$5 when they bring their own meat. Another idea was to amend the motion to have the chairpersons that put the meal together (Nancy and Joan) be complimentary? Dave Shuey says there should be a charge box at the beginning of the line. After all the discussion, the existing motion was withdrawn. Discussion now is whether people should have to pay for their food at all.

Saturday night dinner menu: Need a show of hands and set our menu: Don't want to leave our caterer hanging: Chicken or Pork Chops? Sides? Joan thinks the problem a couple years ago was a different caterer with high costs that chased our people away. Marlin motioned that we go back to Mark Bratley with suggested Chicken and Pork Chop and let Mark suggest the sides. Also Joan is passing around the dessert sign-up sheet.

May 16th is Baker's static display and Fun-Fly. Jim says the 16th is Leon's birthday and those who want to celebrate with him can go to Golden Corral afterward. The conflict generated discussion; what if we made the cookout at lunchtime? Sounds possible.

Door prize volunteer? Wouldn't have to be just plane stuff, could be F&F or other local businesses. Marlin says he has seen where things besides planes have been popular. Freddy will check with Wal-Mart.

May 25th is the Memorial Day parade, need planes?? Don's P38 and Jim's spitfire;

Dave's Texan and jet.

Regarding the new Starting Bench reimbursement; originally was something we wouldn't do, but now reconsidering. It is a good bench. Fact that permission wasn't attained in the first place was the problem. Marlin made a motion to pay him. Motion carries to pay \$57 to Gerald Colby.

Bill suggested adding emails to the officers on the event calendar. Great idea will do.

Don thinks that we need an event person for the Baker's Memorial – He and Jim will do it. Alex graciously donated his Junior Membership refund back to the club.

Next meetings: Board meeting May 27, 2009 @ Craig LeBaron's home.
Club meeting June 3rd, 2009 @ Baker's Field.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. for show and tell.

These minutes respectfully submitted by David Nienhuis.