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AMA Charter 382 - An AMA Gold Leader Club

SEPTEMBER 2008

Upcoming Meetings and Events

The next meeting will be at the Blaine-Anoka County Airport, EAA Building on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

From the President

by Ed Ryan

Hello everyone and welcome to September.

Wow, another summer almost gone, hopefully that means the corn won't last long.

Well this month we have our nominations so think of someone and nominate them at the meeting. Remember, you don't have to be present at the meeting to be nominated but you do in order to nominate someone, our your self. We also have our Septemberfest fly in this month which is always a large event. So show up and get in on some of the action. See you at the meeting.

From the Vice President

by Steve Scott

Well I don't work (or live) in downtown St. Paul but I do work in Minneapolis. I work for a particularly "significant" player of our economic security (our nation's Central Bank). We have an impressively robust law enforcement capability (including our own SWAT team) and our chief of security is a former FBI type. We were briefed on the magnitude of additional security resources which were expected to be deployed in the greater metropolitan area – well before the RNC convened. These resources would both be highly visible and behind the scenes types. For those reasons, when the FAA issued its Temporary Flight Restriction,

which specifically included model aviation activities, I urged the Board to comply and shut down our field. My control line group was similarly shut down. We did reach out to AMA for an opinion and they advised it definitely applied to us so if you didn't get the word and the gates were locked last week that would be the reason why.

I'm packing for a flight to Seattle as I write this to help move my elderly and legally blind mother from an independent living complex in Tacoma down to an assisted care facility near Portland, OR where I have a sister. I plan to make two excursions while I'm out there – one to Delta Park where a very active control line group regularly flies (all the clubs in the Pacific Northwest do a great job of working with community leaders to secure in-metro flying sites) as well as running down to McMinnville to tour the Evergreen Aviation Museum. I've driven past it several times but have never been able to stop. Howard Hughes' infamous Spruce Goose is one of the many splendid exhibits.

I've got "balsa fever" and am itching to flip some props soon. It's been a pretty slow summer for my flying activities. For one thing, I've certainly reached my limit on politics. As we learned last week, politics and model aviation don't always mix.

Contests/Events

by Paul Rono

Hello Fellow Fliers!

It's September and the end of the flying season is nearing. If you haven't been flying get out there and get in some stick time. I attended the MRCHA Rotary Ring Out on August 22-24 at the Owatonna RC

Modelers field. The turnout was lower than in past years with about 60 registered heli pilots. That's about half the usual, possibly due to the event being moved again and the price of gasoline. Although the field was a little smaller there was plenty of parking and there was almost always a flight station available. John Lecy (one of our own SPRCers) won the big prize of a JR9303 spectrum radio system. I placed first in the scale competition with my MD-500 (which was the only entrant). Dave Strobin won one class of the heli drag races. All in all a great event a big Thanks goes out to the Volunteers that made the MRRO happen. Our next club event is Septemberfest on September 13th. Of course there will be food and good times so plan on attending. Sodbusters RC has just posted a Fly-In and Swap meet on September 27 from 9 am until 1 pm. Here's your list of remaining events for 2008!!!!

Upcoming Events-

Sep 13	SPRC Septemberfest -10am-?
Sep 13	TCRC Fall Float Fly-Bush Lake
Sep 13	Marion RC Flyers Fun Fly (Rain Date 14th)
Sep 20	ACRC Funfly-10am start
Sep 27	Sodbuster RC Swap Meet & Fly In
Oct 4	ACRC Fall Fly Out-10am
Oct 11	SPRC Chili-fly-10am-?
Oct 18	ACRC Funfly-10am start
Nov 28	SPRC Turkey Fly-10am-?
Jan 1	SPRC Freeze Fly-10am-?
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Stan Zdon

September is here and the summer is almost over. An important event that takes place at the September meeting is the nominating of members to run for the board of directors of SPMRC. Three members are finishing their two-year term in December: Dave Kreiner, Ed Ryan and Paul Rono. Come to the meeting prepared to nominate someone you feel will make a good board member. The election is in October and the new board transitions in November and December.

FROM THE SECRETARY

by Dan McArdell

Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2008

The meeting was held at the SPMRC field and called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: 16, New Members: 2, Visitors: 0

Board Reports

Vice President: Steve Scott talked about the Piston Poppers control-line club and invited SPMRC members to their next meeting. The club field is a field near East River Road & 694, south of the silos. Their website is www.pistonpoppers.com.

Safety: Watch those props and fingers! Be careful, work slow around your prop.

Field Maintenance: Kim Slogar brought out some new spools and Mike Nelson made two small stands. The field closes at 7:30 in September.

Membership: No report.

Events: Sky Hobbies is planning to have the fall swap meet sometime in September. They are not open right now due to a court order.

Treasurer: Nothing new.

Old Business

The next meeting is at the EAA building. The field closes at 8:15 during the month of August.

New Business

Nominations are coming up at the next board meeting. Three positions are up this year.

Show and Tell

Doug Lewis showed his Avant Aurora helicopter. It's

made in the USA. Motor is a YS 91 pressurized system. Three needles, lots of smoke, and a lot of power. He's still working out some bugs to get it to fly the way he'd like it to fly.

Raffle

- 1st place: Dave Kreiner TD-III Yak54
- 2nd place: Kim Slogar, Four-Star 40 kit
- 3rd place: Ellie Pflager, Fuel pump
- 4th place: Kim Slogar, Hangar 9 Epoxy
- 5th place: Kim Slogar, 6" Caliper
- 6th place: John Grunke

EDITOR'S CORNER

From the Radio Control Club of Detroit, Clinton Township, MI

Transporting Our Models *by Lou Tisch*

Transportation of our models from the shop to and from the flying field is fraught with hazards. The model must be secured from moving, yet you need space for several models and equipment. As our models have increased in size, so has the challenge for safe transportation. Crates, shelves, tie-downs, and racks help solve this problem as does a purpose-built system for your vehicle.

I built a shelving system maximizing the space in my van to fit fuselages, wings, fully assembled models, as well as support equipment. I have a 12-foot bed in my van that lends to hauling model airplanes or anything necessary for my primary businesses. I designed this system so I can install it or remove it within roughly 30 minutes. This allows for maximum flexibility.

There are three rectangular modules for the shelving unit allowing for a platform from aft of the side doors to the back doors. Longitudinal 2x4s lock these units together and give them some rigidity. All units and tie-pieces are labeled for easy assembly when it's time to rig for flying.

The three preassembled rectangular units are first set into the van between the metal structural uprights. The longitudinal tie-pieces are then screwed into place. One large sheet of 3/4-inch plywood (approximately 78-inches long) and a couple smaller pieces are fit

alongside the large piece, on top of the structural units and screwed into place. I add a couple of side pieces on top to keep airplanes away from the sides of the van. There is a front piece to prevent the airplanes from moving too far forward. Small 2x4s and 2x2s are screwed behind the forward piece to trap the wheels and several shot bags hold them in place.

I also installed a shallow shelf along the left side, directly inside through the side/cargo door and can anchor a model to that piece (the piece of pink-foam pad is anchored there right now). Just inside the cargo doors is plenty of room for my support equipment: field boxes, radios, anything else I think I will need at the field, as well as a few things I'll probably never need, but ... you never know. Fuselages are typically stored on the upper deck while wings are stored below wrapped in blankets; I still need to develop that rack system yet.

I now have the flexibility to haul anything from .40 size to 30% with ease and have the versatility to adapt this to any size model I choose in the future because I know large, scale, and biplanes are on the docket for 2008.



This entire system allows me to haul a bunch of stuff to a swap meet (for sale of course) or haul a bunch of airplanes and equipment back home (whether I've taken any with me or not), though I try not to come home from a swap meet with more airplanes than I took.

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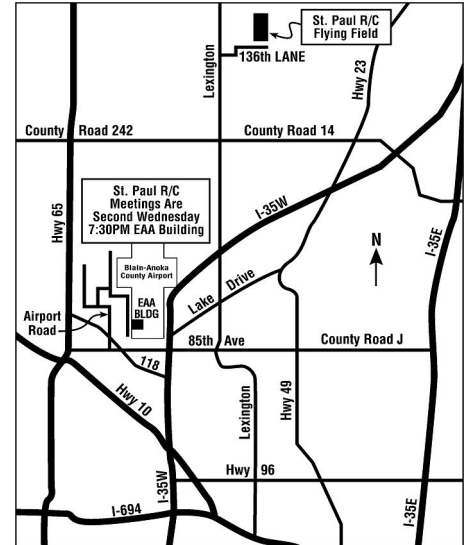
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