

PULSE

Upcoming Meetings and Events

The next meeting will be at the EAA building on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm

The SPRC Spring Cleanup is right around the corner – Saturday April 14, 10 am

Important: In an effort to reduce expenses for postage and printing, SPMRC will only be mailing the newsletter to members without e-mail. This will begin with the May 2007 issue.

From the President

by Ed Ryan

Hello all and welcome to April-

March was a great month, got in a lot of flying and have seen a lot of faces new and old. I was able to get most of the rust off and even fly my new Spitfire and work out some of the bugs.

This month we have our spring clean up on the 14th so bring some rakes and an airplane. This year the duties will be light compared to last year. We will also have food for this event. This months meeting will feature our finished projects, but never hesitate to bring whatever you got for show and tell.

This May we have been invited back for Aviation Days at the EAA Building. It will be held on Saturday the 19th, 8 am-4 pm and Sunday the 20th, 8 am-3 pm with set up on Friday. I am looking for volunteers for a Saturday crew and a Sunday crew so if you have any interest let me know. If I don't get a decent response I will have to cancel.

This will be the last month that you will receive the Pulse by mail unless you don't have an email address. The pulse will be sent via email in two formats: PDF and Word. And it will also be available on our web page. The web page has had recent updates and will continue to. We now have two people with access to the web page to ease and enhance the quality. So if you have pics or whatever, you can contact Larry Gaalaas or Dan McArdell.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Ed

Contests/Events

by Paul Rono

Fellow Fliers,

I don't know about you, but so far this spring I'm batting zero for nice flying days. It seems that every time we get a nice day I'm working or busy. I heard a great term for our sport/hobby, its new name will be a spobby! Probably won't catch on but I'll try it out. This month our spobby has a get together at the field, that's right, it's Field Clean Up Day on April 14th. Hopefully many of you can come out and help us police the field and get in a couple flights. There really isn't much to do this year as far as maintenance so hopefully we should get some flying in as well as some hotdogs. For those who haven't been to the field, the new Frequency Board is up and functional, please use it!! Don't forget this month is the Finished Projects meeting. Unfortunately, my project isn't quite ready yet as I have encountered some snags in the process but the mechanics are up and flying. And as always here's your next three month spobby event schedule!

Paul

Upcoming Events

- Apr 14 SPRC Field Clean Up Day-10 am
- Apr 21 ACRC Funfly-10 am start
- May 19 ACRC Funfly-10 am start
- May 19-20 Blaine Airport (Jane's Field) Aviation Days!
- May 20 ACRC Spring Fly-in-10am
- May 26 SPRC Heli-Fly-10am-5pm
CD Paul Rono
- Jun 9 ACRC Pattern Contest-10am
CD Brian Dorff
- Jun 16 SPRC Scale Fly -10am-?pm
Not a contest, Stan!
- Jun 23 ACRC Funfly-10am start
- Jun 22-24 MARCEE 3M E-fly

“through the gate time” for each month are listed below. These times are the mid-month sundown times adjusted to the nearest quarter hour. We will try this method again this year and see how it works. Please put this list of times in your flight box so that you will know when to quit flying for the day.

January	5:00 PM	July	9:00 PM
February	5:45 PM	August	8:15 PM
March	6:15 PM	September	7:30 PM
April	8:00 PM	October	6:30 PM
May	8:30 PM	November	4:45 PM
June	9:00 PM	December	4:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Stan Zdon

Every year at this time SPMRC prints the list of rules that we follow at the field. These are the same rules that were printed on the backside of your application. Please remember that the rule concerning the use of designated flight stations was changed 2 years ago. Pilots still have to use the downwind set of flight stations but may now use whatever station is available. The maximum number of planes in the air at any given time still remains 5. This means if all 5 stations are being used you will have to wait until one is available. You still have to clip your SPMRC membership card on the proper channel on the impound and guests must use their AMA card.

The following statement, Item 18 from our lease is printed below. The landowner wants to be able to close the property gate at sundown. This means you have to allow enough clean-up time after you are finished flying so you can be out by sundown.

18. USE. Tenant shall use the premises as a flying field for radio control model aircraft. The hours of operation shall be 8:00AM until sundown on weekdays and 9:00AM until sundown on weekends and holidays.

Last year, Tom, the landowner, was agreeable to having a definite sundown time for each month and the

The landowner has given the club permission to use the pond on an individual basis. Members may fly there but there will not be any club activities, such as a float fly. If you are flying from the pond you will have to still use the frequency board at the main field and put up some kind of notice that you are flying at the pond. All flying will be done from the east side of the pond. This is to prevent any interference with planes flying at the main field. If someone arrives at the field and there is a channel conflict between the flier at the pond and the flier at the main field, you are expected to work it out in a gentlemanly fashion.

REMEMBER - It is every member’s job to make sure he and the other members are flying safely.

Anoka County RC will be having a Pattern Contest on June 9 and a Fun Scale Contest on July 15. The pattern maneuvers for the Sportsman, Intermediate and Advanced classes have changed. They can be downloaded from the AMA website, www.modelaircraft.org or you can email me and I will send you the pattern contest PDF file. Get out there and practice. You will have some purpose to your flying other than just boring holes in the sky.

The landowner has asked club members not to drive in the alfalfa field to get around the mud. He has been working on raising the road so it should be dry for the rest of the year. If it gets muddy after a hard rain you have 3 choices:

1. Take your chances in the mud.
2. Park by the garage and walk in to the field.
3. Try again in a few days after the road dries out.

REMEMBER – DO NOT DRIVE IN THE ALFALFA

FIELD CLEAN-UP DAY – APRIL 14

The next meeting will be at EAA building on April 11 at 7:00 PM. See you there.

Stan Zdon

From the Secretary

by Dan McArdell

Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: 29
 New Members: 3, Visitors: 0

Board Reports

Vice President: No report

Safety: No issues at the field.

Field Maintenance: The road to the field is muddy, but the field looks great.

Membership: We are up to 88 + 5 new members to 93.

Events: Cleanup day is April 14th.

Treasurer: The report is in the pulse

Old Business

There was discussion about thanking the Snowmobile club (the Sno Barons) for staying clear of the field over the winter. Stan said the landowner had thanked them. The club secretary will also send out a thank-you to their club.

Steve Roman reminded the members that we have ID stickers available to the members to use on their planes and that ID is required per AMA rules.

New Business

The proposed 2007 budget was passed out by Steve Roman. Steve said we had a shortfall last year but should come out of it by the dues increase this year. Most costs are fixed and have gone up. Total budget is around \$9,215.00.

Steve suggested that we email out the Pulse as a way to save money in postage and printing costs. Larry Gaalaas also mentioned that a nice advantage of sending the newsletter using email is that the photos are in color and that hyperlinks work.

A motion to approve the 2007 budget was approved, seconded, and the motion carried.

A question was asked about the rules for flying at the pond, and the answer is...when flying at the pond, put a note on your card on the frequency board indicating that you're at the pond.

Show and Tell

No show and tell this month

Raffle

- 1st place: Dave Kreiner, RCD
- 2nd place: Boyd Manning, Sullivan Power Pac
- 3rd place: Boyd Manning, Wild Cat Fuel
- 4th place: Boyd Manning, Ultra Stand
- 5th place: Ellie Pflager, Fuel filter
- 6th place: Tim Kletzin, CA Glue

From the Treasurer

by Steve Roman

There is no Treasurer's report for April. Things have not changed much since March. I am preparing a report every other month and will have one published in the May Pulse.

By the time you read this, the old "satellite" should be gone and the new one should be in place. Let me know if it doesn't appear that it is being serviced regularly.

In response to a number of inquires: I am investigating the possibility of a jacket buy for the old style, "Outlaw", red, "Black Sheep Squadron" jacket of years ago. If memory serves correctly, Mike Johnson and a few other people were the driving force behind that jacket. You would have to talk to him about the reasons why it came about. I personally love my old jacket but it is not long for this world and is destined for the dust bin. I have far more people stop me on the street to ask about R/C when I wear that one than when wearing the new "Official" jacket. I prefer the snap closure and the pockets. Anyway, Hooters, who made the originals for us is sort of out of the jacket business and one of the old owners has broken off and started another silkscreen/jacket business. He is pretty sure he has the artwork and will let me know, sometime in the near future. If he has the artwork he will make up jackets with an embroidered member name for around \$60.00. He needs to make up a minimum of six jackets. If you are interested, call or e-mail me and be prepared to give me a deposit when it's time to order.



From the Editor

by Dave Van Deusen

Here's an excerpt from the current AMA Insider. From the East Valley Aviators, Apache Junction, AZ

How is a Good Preflight Check Performed?

by Bill Cummings

You might think this is a simple thing to do, but each time I'm at the field, I see mishaps that could have been avoided if the pilot would have only taken the time to make some routine checks. A good preflight check should start before your airplane is assembled. You should go through a meticulous check of all parts of the airplane before assembly, because some very important things cannot be accessed afterwards. Start at the front of the airplane and proceed to the rear.

1. Propeller/Spinner - Check the spinner for cracks, especially around the screw holes. A cracked spinner could come apart when the engine is started and injure you or someone standing close by. Also check the propeller for cracks and nicks. Propellers take a beating. A damaged propeller can be very dangerous if the blades come off at speed.
2. Throttle linkage – Check to make sure that the screws are secure and the pushrod (or cable) is firmly attached and not damaged.
3. Engine mount bolts – Make sure all bolts are present (obvious) and they are tight. Do not forget to check the bolts that hold the motor mount to the firewall!
4. Muffler – Check to make sure the muffler bolts are tight. Also check that the tailpiece is tight and will not rotate.
5. Firewall – Grasp the airplane by the propeller and fuselage, and rock back and forth to make sure the firewall is not loose.
6. Landing gear – Check the wheel collars and axles to make sure they are tight. Spin the wheels to make sure they rotate freely. If you have wheel pants, check that they are secure and tight. Check the landing gear attachment bolts to make sure they are tight.

For more, go to www.modelaircraft.org/insider/

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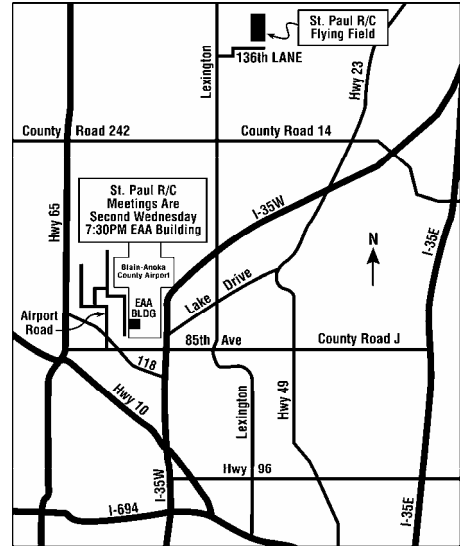
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