

# PULSE



AMA Charter 382 - An AMA Gold Leader Club

NOVEMBER 2007

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**The next meeting will be at the EAA Building on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm.**

## From the President

*By Ed Ryan*

Wow November-

Well we had our yearly election and added two new board members. We ended up shuffling the positions just a little, see Stan's column for details.

We will also have a new Webmaster next year: Curtis Olson. I would like to specially thank those who served these last few years you have done a great job and we hope you will serve again some time. Thank you Wally Barko, John Kletzin, and Larry Gaalaas. Remember we all need to serve each other with encouragement and support because we couldn't survive by ourselves.

Chili fly was a huge hit, lots of chili, lots of people and great weather. It might have been one of the clubs largest turnouts this year. Make sure you get your check for your chili at the meeting.

King Kong Hobbies is now open in their new and improved location. They are off of Hwy 10 and Foley right next to the Showplace 16 movie theater. This is very exciting to have them so close. They are off to a good start and the store looks great. If you like the idea of having hobby stores around so you can look at what you are buying and have a great source for information and advice then stop buying all that stuff on line. Go to the store buy your stuff, save shipping costs, and you might even run into some of your friends all while you're supporting our local commerce and your

neighbor. If they don't have it you can probably order it and have an excuse to get out of the house at a later date. Anyways let's help them get off to a good start.

Remember to renew your membership with the AMA and SPMRC to avoid late fees.

See you at the meeting; bring your show and tell.

## Contests/Events

*By Paul Rono*

Hi All!

It's November and it's time for the SPRC annual Turkey Fly on the 23rd!!!! Join other brave pilots in battling the elements the Friday after Thanksgiving. You might even shivvvver off a couple pounds of turkey!!! The new Board has been elected and I'm not going to bore you with the details that will be mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter!!! After the Turkey Fly our events schedule is done for the year (with exception of the December meeting). Then we can all look forward to the January 1st 2008 FREEZE FLY!!!!!!

There is flying in the Metro Dome again this year if you are a MARCEE member. For dates and times go to [www.MARCEE.org](http://www.MARCEE.org). Remember watching is FREE!! Get out there and fly before that cold white frosty stuff covers the ground!!!

Nov 23	SPRC Turkey Fly-10am-?
Jan 1	SPRC Freeze Fly-10am-?
Jan 1	ACRC Freeze Fly-10am-?

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

*by Stan Zdon*

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS - NOVEMBER 2007**

The election for the new board members was held at the October meeting. Steve Roman, Dan McArdell, Steve Scott and Doug Lewis were elected. At the October board meeting the positions were sorted out and the board positions are:

Ed Ryan	President
Steve Scott	Vice-President
Steve Roman	Treasurer
Dan McArdell	Secretary
Dave Kreiner	Safety Officer
Paul Rono	Events Coordinator
Doug Lewis	Field Maintenance

Dave Van Deusen will continue doing the newsletter, Jim Biza will take care of flight instruction, and Stan Zdon will continue with membership duties.

Newsletter editors are always looking for interesting items to put in the newsletter. These can be articles that you have written or articles that you find on line. Pictures and hints are also welcome. Just email the editor the link and he can copy the information. Send the info to Dave Van Deusen at [dvdeusen@comcast.net](mailto:dvdeusen@comcast.net). Please also send the link to me so that I can use it in the newsletter that I publish. My email address is [szdon@yahoo.com](mailto:szdon@yahoo.com).

There is an application included in this newsletter and there will also be one in the December newsletter. If you lose both of these you will have to pick one up at the meeting or send me a self-addressed stamped envelope. Members who read the newsletter on line can print the application and rules from the online copy of the newsletter or go the SPMRC website ([www.SPMRC.com](http://www.SPMRC.com)) and download a copy of the application there. Remember, ALL current members have to fill out a 2008 application and have their year 2008 AMA verified before they can be issued a 2008 membership card. Dues for 2008 are \$50.00 and if you rejoin after January 31 there is a \$5.00 late fee. Please rejoin as soon as possible after you get your November

Pulse and your AMA card for 2008. It is easier to set the budget if the majority of the dues are in by mid-January.

There have been some requests to order SPMRC jackets. I have contacted the company that sews them for the club and the price will be \$69.00 per jacket. This price includes the jacket, the club logo on the back with the words "Saint Paul Radio Control" surrounding the logo, a smaller version of the logo on the front of the jacket and your name on the front of the jacket. The small logo on the front is optional and if you choose to leave it off the price is \$65.00. The sizes available are S - M - L - XL - 2XL - 3XL. If you are interested in purchasing a jacket you should probably attend the next meeting to try on jackets to make sure you get the correct size. If you have any question contact Stan Zdon at (763) 784-3121 or at [szdon@yahoo.com](mailto:szdon@yahoo.com).

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Stan Zdon

**From the Secretary**

*by Dan McArdell*

**Meeting Minutes from Oct 10, 2007**

The meeting was held at the EAA building and called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members present: 24,  
New Members: 0, Visitors: 0

**Board Reports**

Vice President: No report.

Safety: No report

Field Maintenance: One of the taxi way tarps needs to be repaired and the windsock needs to be replaced.

**Membership:** Membership is down a little from last year. We can start renewing membership for next year beginning next month.

**Events:** The chili fly is this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Bring a pot of chili and you'll be reimbursed \$10.00.

**Treasurer:** There is one outstanding bill for the portable toilet, otherwise not much activity lately. Steve Roman is still taking suggestions on how to get the treasurer's information out to the members.

### **Old Business**

Three scouts and one parent flew at the Scout fly on Sept 21. The weather kept a lot of people at home that day, but those present had a fun time.

Steve Roman asked for people who are interested in purchasing an "outlaw" style jacket to contact him. The cost per jacket will be in the \$60-65 range.

Ed Ryan said that the board had discussed the idea of purchasing an airplane locator for the club and it was decided we won't get one. Ed is also still working on the issue of the placement for our field sign. He's trying to get in contact with the owner of the property where the sign was located but they haven't called him back yet.

### **New Business**

Tom Stratton said that the Google Earth software program has a marker for the SPMRC RC field. Another member mentioned that all the AMA fields are marked in Google Earth.

Doug Lewis said that King Kong Hobbies is moving from Wyoming to Coon Rapids.

Al Schwartz reminded us that we should all vote and send in our 2007 AMA election ballot cards.

### **Elections**

Board members with terms that were up this year are Wally Barko, Dan McArdell, Steve Roman, and John Kletzin. Nominations were taken for the 4 open board positions and since there were 4 nominations no ballots needed to be passed out.

Motions were made and seconded for the following members: Steve Roman, Dan McArdell, Doug Lewis, and Steve Scott

### **Show and Tell**

Doug Lewis showed the new Air hogs PTU helicopter purchased at King Kong Hobbies. The transmitter uses spread spectrum. A sliding weight on the tail boom can be adjusted to control the rate of forward flight. Cost is around \$45.

Ed Ryan converted his transmitter to spread spectrum with a removable Spektrum module. He left the original antenna on the transmitter so he can quickly switch between 72 MHz and spread spectrum. The module and a receiver cost around \$240.

Ed also showed his Great Planes PBY Catalina. He ordered it in June but it was back-ordered so he got it 4 months later. He went with the recommendations but there are some problems with the stock setup and even though the model is very scale, it doesn't seem well adapted for RC. The elevator and rudder servos are mounted under the bubbles but the linkage pushrods are at a bad angle of attack. The pushrods were flexing so they needed some work. He also made the rudder a lot larger to help with steering in the water.

### **Raffle**

1st place: Tom Stratton, Electra electric sailplane  
 2nd place: Doug Lewis, Ultimate 3D airplane  
 3rd place: Larry Gaalaas, covering  
 4th place: Ron Hals, Fuel  
 5th place: Ron Hals, CA Glue  
 6th place: Chuck Nelson, Kwik-Hinge Slotter

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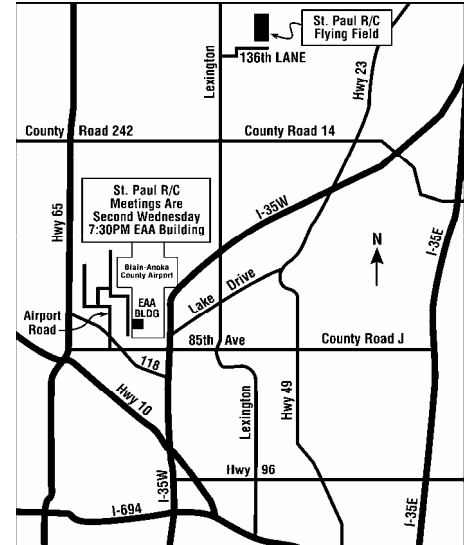
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**SPMRC Club field** is located 15 miles north of the Mpls/St. Paul area. From I-694 head north on I-35W, exit at Lexington. Follow Lexington north to 136<sup>th</sup>. Turn right on 136<sup>th</sup> and follow it east to the flying field.

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