

Weatherford Aero Modeling Society (WAMS) Newsletter

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By Jim Pope, Editor

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WAMS Monthly Meeting: April 6th, 7 pm at R&K Restaurant in Hudson Oaks.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bert Spencer

In the March addendum issue of the newsletter we printed the proposed bylaw changes. Somehow, the Field Safety Officer proposal (Paragraph II-5) was attacked by the Computer Copy Byte Outlaws and was viciously changed in the process. So, we're reprinting the changes below. Only paragraph II 5 is different, the other proposals are as printed earlier but they are also included here so you will have a complete look at all proposed changes in one document. The current by-laws are once again attached. The changes are fairly minor and they're recapped below in red ink.

II 5. Field Safety Officer: Will enforce all safety rules prescribed by these By Laws and those deemed necessary for temporary enforcement. Also he/she will have the power to eject from the club flying field any member not abiding by the club rules. The flying field gate combination will be changed annually or as deemed necessary by the Field Safety Officer.

Change Item II5 to read as below:

II5. Field Safety Officer: Will enforce all safety rules prescribed by these By-Laws and any others deemed necessary for safe operation at the club field. He/she will also have the power to eject from the club flying field any member violating the club safety rules. The Safety Officer will also maintain frequency control measures at the field during any club flying sessions, official or unofficial.

II 6. Frequency Coordination Officer: Will keep club members informed of AMA Frequency proposals and changes. He/she will also maintain frequency control at the club flying field during any club gathering, official or unofficial (i.e. Sunday flying sessions).

Delete entirely Item II6. This officer position was established to insure compliance with FCC and AMA rules and guidelines concerning the introduction of narrow band radios several years ago. Modern radio technology has eliminated the need for this position.

Add the below as a new section to our by-laws:

I 11. In the event that the Weatherford Aero Modeling Society should be formally disbanded, any balance remaining in the club treasury account shall be transferred by the club treasurer to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for use in their programs as their officers see fit.

SEC/TRES REPORT

By Sarge

It looks like we had a good turn out at the Swap Meet & Auction. Our Bank Account is back up where we were last Sept. I still have a couple of more bills to pay, but we are close to finishing out this year's Swap Meet & Auction.

Within the next week or so, I will send out the 2010 WAMS membership cards. We will also have a new combination for the storage building lock.

Have a Great Day!

FROM THE EDITOR

by Jim Pope

Are you as happy as I that the Swap Meet is over? We hoped this to be the best ever but that's your call, not mine. We did make just under \$3,000.00 but the specific details will be presented by Sec/Tres Verne (Sarge) Bell

Be assured that our Executive Committee and several at-large members did an excellent job with the planning of this annual event. And nothing is possible without our general membership that worked even harder to execute the plan. All in all, our 2010 Swap Meet operated very smoothly and relatively trouble free. Our symposiums were well received and professionally presented. Attendance of almost 700 paid admissions was excellent in spite of the cold and rainy weather. Set up was fast and efficient as was take-down and clean up. The quality of items presented for sale and auction seemed to be a bit improved over the last few years. Of course we have no way of determining the number of deals or the dollars involved. It'd be interesting if such could in fact be accurately measured. We'll have a critique at the April 6th Meeting at R&K restaurant. Of course you can always email any comments or suggestions to any one of your officers. We always want to make every Swap Meet better than the last one. That's what keeps us at the top. Remember: P + E = S (preparation plus execution equals success). Night flying? It did seem like a good idea but we had no takers perhaps due to the windy, cloudy cold weather. With a cloudy night sky, there is no horizon, thus making it extremely difficult to keep up with the location of the airplane. Several attendees wanted to watch. We'll re-assess this idea before next year's event. I'm very, very proud of our club. We all worked hard and did a great job!

Oh yeah, I forgot to tell you that the concession stand sold out of food and drink and made a tidy profit. Even the raffle made a bunch of money! The auction was also quite profitable and the actual auctioneer was much improved, He knew his products!

If you come to our meeting on Tuesday April 6th at R&K at 6:30, you may be the member that wins a free oil change at Len Minco's Kwik Kar Lube and Auto Care Center in Willow Park. Len is a Thunderbird and about a half a member of WAMS. He also donates to our Float Fly efforts. Thanks Len! Even if you don't win the free oil change, just mention that you're an AMA member to receive a nice discount.

Special thanks to those WAMS friends who donated time, effort and merchandise to make our Swap Meet more successful. Doug Powell (Chief) helped man that AMA/WAMS table. We gave out a lot of AMA/WAMS materials. Of course Steve Helms of Futaba donated the 8FG radio for the raffle and presented one of our seminars. Jerry Nelson has spoken at one of our meetings and gladly agreed to present a symposium at the Swap Meet. And WAMS member **Gary James** presented what turned out to be the most popular symposium of all; foam wing cutting/fabrication. **Gary** is also our web master and keeps our site up to date and informative.

And before we leave the Swap Meet story please help **Mark Perkins** find his Super Tigre 61 (they spell "tiger" funny in Italy) and a box of nuts and bolts. He may have left these items on the stage and hopefully a WAMS member has found such and is wondering who they belong to. Well, now you know. If you found these items give Mark a call. And did you see that WWI biplane that Mark bought? It's beautiful. Remember, your show and tell items are always welcomed at our monthly meetings. If you bought a real treasure at the Swap Meet, bring it to our meeting and tell us about it. Mark is also a great innovator. He's suggested that that we donate our previously read model magazines to our doctor's waiting rooms (they're very appropriately named, what?). Bring you magazines to our next membership meeting and Mark will begin his distribution but you can beat him to the punch by taking them to any waiting room anywhere. Be sure to slip in one of our WAMS business cards. We should have a rubber stamp made stating that it was donated by WAMS. It would also include our web address.

As far as I know, we have no member birthdays in April. We do however; have an April fool or two. If I'm in error, give me a call and I'll correct our records.

Remember, spend your hobby money at home and use that excellent mail order catalog as a reference tool!

See you at the field.....

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