

# Weatherford Aero Modeling Society (WAMS) Newsletter

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**WAMS Monthly Meeting: August 3rd, 6:30 pm at R&K Restaurant in Hudson Oaks**

## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

*by Bert Spencer*

## *VICE PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN*

*By Mark Perkins*

This meetings presentation will be about stitch cloth covering by Bob Hoover. He recently completed a Cub with this type of covering. He plans to bring the fuselage and one half of the wing. The 100 inch wingspan makes the complete model too large for the room we are in. Those who have never met Bob will have the opportunity to talk with someone well known and respected in the aero modeling community. So look forward to seeing how it was done before monocoque style covering came along.

## *SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT*

*by Sarge Bell*

## *SAFETY FIRST*

*by Cliff Hummer*

**SAFETY FIRST:** Regardless of how much we try to avoid them, accidents can happen whether it's our fault or not. Recognizing this we need to be as prepared as possible to keep the damage as slight as possible. Years ago my mother was driving on a lonely stretch of U. S. highway 160 in southeast Colorado when she took a curve a little too fast and ended upside down unable to get out of her seat belt. Fortunately a trucker came along in time to cut her loose. Do you have the small, simple tool to break a safety glass and cut a seat belt? If so, is it where you can get it if you need it? Being prepared is the biggest factor in being safe. I'm sure it would be impossible to be prepared for all safety situations so it is up to us individually and collectively to be as prepared as possible to keep any damage to a complete minimum no matter where we are or what we are doing.

SAFETY IS RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH AND EVERY CLUB MEMBER REGARDLESS OF WHERE WE ARE OR WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOOSE EVEN ONE MEMBER TO A SAFETY ISSUE.

### ***WE'RE ON THE WEB***

*by Gary James, AMA Contest Director*

### ***RUNWAY REFLECTIONS***

*by Jim Pope*

For some time now, your club has been providing speakers/demonstrators to put on a meaningful program after the membership meeting is completed. For example, we've had some extremely interesting and informative speakers including an F-35 test pilot, modeling legend Jerry Nelson, Gary James showed us everything we ever wanted to know about foam wing cutting, Sarge presented a program that covered simplistic and workable solutions to flying off water and many more. Your Executive Committee plans to continue this feature and your opinions, ideas, subject matter and etc. are welcomed and badly needed. If you have an idea for a program or a subject you'd like to be pursued, just call one of our officers. Of course, Gary, Sarge and I would be glad to discuss the aspects or R/C pylon racing! You're tired of hearing about it, you say? Oh well, It's important to us. So, unless you can help to provide programs or subject matter, you'll hear from us!!!!

Now a test:

At what temperature should your Monocote iron be when attaching Monocote to wood?

At what temperature should your iron be when partially shrinking Monocote?

At what temperature should your iron be when maximum shrinking (like a wing tip) is desired?

What product should be used to attach various trim pieces over Monocote?

How can you determine just how hot your iron is?

Well, if you'd been at our last meeting you would have heard plastic film expert Jacques Parker explains his techniques. He's good, real good! Jacques is a retired Braniff and Quantis pilot and loves model airplanes. Thanks Mark Perkins for another interesting program.

Now, here's the answers to the quiz:

215 to 240F

230 to 270F

270 to 350F

Econocote or Ultracote at 225F. These products don't shrink as much as Monocote and are easier to attach without bubbles.

Use a temperature gauge. Top Flight makes one and it is available at most hobby shops.

Jacques' final suggestion was to be very patient and you can do an outstanding job.

In closing, take a look at this site:

[www.fineartmodels.com](http://www.fineartmodels.com)

Phenomenal display models. Highly detailed and no plastic was used. The price? They start at \$7,500.00. And, that Corsair would look good on your desk, what? And its only \$15,000.00.

#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

*by Michael Leggett*

As you know, there are many levels of membership in the AMA. One of the highest compliments that can be received is to be given the distinction of a Leader Member. Here is the definition of a Leader Member as it appears in the bylaws on the AMA website:

(LEADER MEMBERS. Those Open members who have demonstrated an above-average interest and/or participation in AMA matters and who qualify in accordance with Executive Council-approved requirements.

Jim Pope was given this honor in 1985. Leader Members offer their years of experience to enhance the enjoyment and efficacy of the whole membership. Jim Rice, AMA District VIII Vice President has appointed Jim Pope, AMA L-85, to serve on an AMA Leader Member (LM) Committee. The LM committee is a nationwide effort to improve the Leader Member corps and to define and refine its mission. The LM corps has been under utilized in the past and the committee's goals are to enhance the LM effectiveness and to propose problem solving solutions to AMA Executive Committee. The LM committee will submit its finding to the AMA Executive Director Jim Cherry in August. The members of WAMS should be pleased to have one of their members to be asked to participate in this manner.

**See you at the field.....**

**Don't forget about the attendance drawing - the prize will be grand!**

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