

Weatherford Aero Modeling Society (WAMS) Newsletter

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WAMS Monthly Meeting: November 2nd, 6:30 pm at R&K Restaurant in Hudson Oaks

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bert Spencer

Last week I visited with my grandson, Dylan, in upstate New York where he's home on leave from his job as a Combat Engineer with the U. S. Army in Afghanistan. His experiences with routinely dangerous missions made me again realize how fortunate we are here at home facing nothing more menacing than rush-hour traffic.

October has blessed us with perfect flying weather here in Texas, and it's good to see more folks turning out at the field for a few hours of flying. If you haven't been out recently, please come and join us on Thursdays and Sundays for some fall fun.

Congratulations to Jim Pope for his performance last week in the Q-25 races, where he won 3 of his 4 heats and took second place for the day. Jim, Sarge, and Gary James all race under the WAMS banner at the Q-25 meets and bring credit to our club with their involvement. Thanks fellas

VICE PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN

Check out these photos of WAMS in action.

<http://skyshaker.com/gallery/>

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

by Sarge Bell

SAFETY FIRST

by Cliff Hummer

SAFETY AT OUR FLYING FIELD

RUNWAY REFLECTIONS

by Jim Pope

Next Tuesday is election day. And after a long, long year of endless political campaigning, smearing, jostling, mudslinging and name calling, I'm happy to see it near an end. This seemingly endless parade of impossible to keep political promises has caused me to lose interest in the whole process. I almost don't care who wins or loses (actually I really do care but I'm making a point here!). National, state and local issues are important and we should study the promises and propositions before we go to the voting booth. So study up before you go to the polls and make a wise choice with your vote.

Of course next month we will see another, even more important election process take place; the nomination and election of your WAMS officer for 2011. If you believe that our club could be improved with your leadership and ideas, then by all means, run for office! Your club will be much improved because of it. WAMS has a long history of innovation and leadership initiated by our elected officials, members just like you. Over the years we've had to face and solve many problems; we've developed the biggest and best swap meet in the southwest, we hosted a national pylon racing event, we invented the worlds' best flying site hot dog (thanks Tom Holman!) and we've overcome the loss and subsequent regain of a field four times. We have been an AMA Gold club and we can be again. We host one of the best attended and managed Float Flies in area. All that's required to do these things is a little imagination, some hard, but rewarding work and a little leadership. If I've convinced you to toss your hat in the ring, just let Michael Leggett know and you'll be on the ballot. It's really that easy to make a difference.

Now, a word of thanks to our out-going officers; President Bert Spencer, Vice President Mark Perkins, Safety Officer Cliff Hummer, Secretary/Treasurer Verne (Sarge) Bell. These men had a particularly trying year; getting off to a late start, then have to face many adversities. Fortunately, they devoted the time and effort necessary to reach resolution of these problems and our club is better because of it. They enlarged the 2011 Swap Meet with more table (and space) with no increase in our cost. They also tackled the onerous chore of up-dating and modernizing our Bylaws. What a stand-out job they did. Did I mention that we had the most successful Swap Meet ever? And how 'bout those two Float Flies? Great fun. Thanks guys!!!!

We also owe a big "Thank You" to R & K Restaurant for their hospitality, their great menu and service. They never require that we buy a meal when we meet but I always do so. Their homemade food is delicious and inexpensive. Try it!

Plans for our Christmas party are well underway and once again Pam Miller is in charge. I'm looking forward to an evening of fun and food. Remember, your club picks up the

tab. The cost of your meal is more than the WAMS senior dues for the entire year. What a bargain WAMS is!!!! Tell your friends!

Finally, I wonder who will win the Meeting Attendance Prize this year. I sure hope it's me. Come the our November 2nd meeting and receive another chance to win.

FROM THE EDITOR

by Michael Leggett

IT'S NOMINATION TIME FOR CLUB OFFICERS

The club meeting on Tuesday is one of the most important of the year. Please attend!

A committed body of officers is key to club success and existence.

So please, between now and Tuesday's meeting, confer amongst yourselves and present nominees at the meeting.

See you at the field.....

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

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