

Weatherford Aero Modeling Society (WAMS) Newsletter

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WAMS Monthly Meeting: October 5th, 6:30 pm at R&K Restaurant in Hudson Oaks

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bert Spencer

Well, the glory days of autumn are here again and the flying is great. Thanks to Sarge and Mark Perkins we had a most successful Float Fly on Sept 26th, with a fine turnout and some really great planes on the water. Pam Miller did a fine job on the grill with dogs and HOT links, and Gary James signed up about a dozen people who expressed interest in learning to fly RC. James Young had some flawless flights with his BSF (Big Stik on Floats) and several of his smaller electrics fitted with water wings. No injuries, no major demolitions, and a good time was had by all!

We'll be having a static display on Saturday, October 9th at the Weatherford Wal-Mart on south Main.

Should be heavy traffic, and hopefully some potential new members. Stop by to meet and greet, and bring one of your planes to show the world!

With the cooler weather, flying times at the field have been re-scheduled to start at 5PM on Thursdays and 2PM on Sundays so come on out and enjoy the fun together. See you there!

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

During one of our regular scheduled flying sessions (Sunday and Thursday late afternoon) I was watching Sarge mow the field when I discovered a very, very large wasp's nest on the ceiling of our sunshade. It was larger than any I'd ever seen. I really wanted to knock it down and then run like hell. Fortunately, I realized that those wasps could fly faster than I could run and they'd be awfully mad at me for destroying their home. So, I decided to drive the 3 ½ miles to Home Depot for some wasp spray. When I returned, I sprayed and sprayed and finally killed them all and knocked down the nest. I then I found another, though smaller, nest and it received the same treatment.

I also up-ended the starter tables so Sarge could mow under them and (you guessed it) there was another wasp's nest. I also found a web with a large ominous looking spider crawling around in it. He (or she) wasn't too happy when I destroyed its web. The spider jumped down and escaped!

Then I walked out in the unmowed part of the field to where Sarge was mowing and the thought occurred to me that there is a strong possibility of stepping on a rattle snake (they're all rattlers as far as I'm concerned) and I was aware that my tennis shoes would provide little protection from such. I kept walking but with a diligent eye on the ground in front of me.

Is there a moral to this story? Yes, of course there is. Our field is safe and well maintained. But it is a hay field and we should be alert to the fact that dangerous beings live there and that we, as temporary intruders, must be alert at all times. BE CAREFUL!

By the way, the remainder of the wasp spray is in the green monster so don't be dumb and try to knock down a wasp's nest.

RUNWAY REFLECTIONS

by Jim Pope

Recently I watched the 2004 Academy Award winning movie The Aviator. The film centers on Howard Hughes' life from the late 1920s to 1947, during which time he became a successful film producer and an aviation magnate while simultaneously growing more unstable due to severe obsessive-compulsive disorder. The film was nominated for 11 Academy Awards, winning five.

The flying scenes were filmed using radio controlled flying models built by Aero Telemetry Corporation and included the Spruce Goose flying boat, the H-1 Racer and XF-11 spy plane. Aero Telemetry team was given only three months to complete the three models including the 450 lb H-1 Racer, with an 18 ft wingspan, that had to stand-in for the full scale replica that was destroyed in a crash, shortly before filming began.

I can't even build a Q-25 in three months! If you haven't seen The Aviator, make it a priority to find it on cable TV. This Martin Scorsese directed film is well worth the search effort and viewing time. And have no doubt about it; Howard Hughes was nutty as a fruit cake (as my Mother would say) but he was a brilliant innovator and inventor.

You can take a look at these models at: <http://www.aerotelemetry.com/>

Now, let's move to another subject. Have you visited our website lately? If not, go to it right now at: <http://www.wamsrc.com/index.html> . I haven't seen any model site that's any better than ours. Gary James keeps it fresh, informative and attractive. Thanks Gary, good job!

FROM THE EDITOR

by Michael Leggett

Recently, Jim Pope, Sarge, and Michael Connally joined me for some flying at Mineral Wells Airport. We had a great time with everyone having some successful flights. However, after several hours of flying, I crashed and burned my Big Stick .60 - my favorite plane ever. After a few days of mourning, I ordered everything for the Giant Big Stick, (already had an OS 1.60 engine) and it is in the slow process of being built. Can't wait to fly with you guys again!

See you at the field.....

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

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