

Weatherford Aero Modeling Society (WAMS) Newsletter

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WAMS Monthly Meeting: September 7th, 6:30 pm at R&K Restaurant in Hudson Oaks

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bert Spencer

As we move into the heat of the Texas summer, afternoon flying becomes difficult, especially for us senior citizens. Accordingly, our scheduled flying times will be Thursday nights from 6 PM until dark, and Sundays from 5 PM 'til dark.

At our July membership meeting, we discussed the matter of raising our entrance and table fees at our next Swap Meet. After some discussion, the question was put to a vote, and it was decided to raise both by \$2 each to help cover our increased expenses. This is the first increase in more than 15 years.

Hope to see you all at the field in the cool of the evenings, Bert

VICE PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN

Mark Perkins, our Vice President, will be undergoing shoulder replacement surgery on Sept. 20th. Mark has been battling with extreme pain for more than a year, and we all send our wishes for a successful surgery and a pain-free outcome.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

by Sarge Bell

Membership Meeting Minutes

August 3rd, 2010

President Bert Spencer opened the meeting at 6:30 PM, meeting held at R&K Cafe. There were 16 members & 7 guests present.

Minutes of July's minutes and current treasurer's report were distributed and accepted as written.

Announcements

1. Welcome to Bob Hoover. Tonight's speaker.

Old Business

1. Talked about next year's Swap Meet.
 - a. Still need to obtain floor plan for Old Gym, and submit Application for Building Usage for Hall Middle School Cafeteria.
 - b. Cost of each table rented from Schreck's is \$8.72 per event.
 - c. Motion made to increase table rentals and admittance by two (2) dollars. 2nded and voted on, Motion passed.
2. During the hot summer days, Club Flying will also be on Thursdays at Zaugg Field from 6 PM till dusk. Sundays Club Flying will be from 5 PM till dusk.
3. Monthly Club Fun Flys still an open issue. Gary Cummings suggested Quarterly.
 - a. Cliff Hummer suggested contacting Church Groups to participate. James Young still working with his church group to schedule event date.
 - b. Gary James recommended the club Adopt A School, AMA Project, maybe school Science Clubs.
4. Discussed Recruitment of new members.
 - a. Jim Pope suggested holding two (2) simultaneous events, South Main and Hudson Oaks.
 - b. Sarge recommended offering programs to after school programs at Elementary Schools.
 - c. Cliff Hummer suggested displaying at Walmarts.

New business

1. Discussed Reserved Tables, recommended that those Reserved Tables be held till December 1st before letting them be opened to First Come, First Reserved. Jim Pope stated that we need to get the word out about an increase in tables (i.e., Old Gym).
2. During Swap Meet Set-Up, teams will be assigned to set up specific rows of tables as per diagrams.
3. Jim Pope needs to know which club members are AMA Leader-Members. Besides Jim Pope, we have Richard Nennmann and Sarge.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Verne Bell, Sec./Treas. WAMS

Program was over Stitch Covering with Fabric, given by Bob Hoover from the T Birds.

SAFETY FIRST

by Cliff Hummer

It is highly recommended that all club members review the AMA safety code found on page 122 of the September issue of Model Aviation. While some of these rules do not apply to our flying field, who knows when we will be where they do apply. It's always best to be prepared. Happy and safe flying.

RUNWAY REFLECTIONS

by Jim Pope

As reported last month, AMA District VIII Vice President, Jim Rice has asked me to serve on a nationwide Leadership Member Committee. The purpose of this committee is to revise and develop a stronger and more significant role for AMA's Leader Member (LM) corps. One of the first items on the agenda is to establish a viable list of, and to communicate with all LMs. Each AMA district is establishing a workable LM list at the AMA club level. We have several LMs in our club including me, Sarge and Richard Nennmann. Are there more LMs in WAMS? I suspect so. If you are a LM, please email me with your name, AMA number and address including email. The committee anticipates a district by district, and club by club utilization of LM talents. Email to me with your data: jimpope3@charter.net.

The LM committee anticipates presenting its finding, suggestions and recommendation to the AMA Executive Committee later this month. District VIII will then decide just how we'll use the LM corps.

As many of you know, AMA Executive Jim Cherry has resigned. Joyce Hager, assistant director and a 40-year member of the AMA professional staff will assume duties as interim executive director.

And now for just some entertainment value, please take a look at this web site: http://www.acepilots.com/usmc_boyington.html#top . It's a pretty thorough history of Greg Boyington and his Black Sheep Squadron in the Pacific during WW II. They were together for less than a year, but had an almost unbelievable dog fight success record against Jap Zeros. The site also leads to other aces and memorable airplanes and is well worth your browsing time.

See you at the field!

FROM THE EDITOR

by Michael Leggett

Man, it's been hot! I could barely drag myself home after work and couldn't even entertain the thought of getting back out to the field to fly.

But things are changing: cooler weather is upon us, three planes ready to fly, and I will see you all soon at the field!

See you at the field.....

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

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