

Washington R/C Flyers Newsletter

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March 2008



Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 7 pm on March 11, 2008 at Washington Park District on Spruce and Walnut. If you have not paid your dues yet, please consider bringing your checkbook.

Dues by March 15

A late fee of \$25 will be collected for dues not paid by March 15, 2008. Our official Club membership must be provided to the AMA by March 31 so please bring your check to this meeting or send your payment of \$100 to Tom Clark, 1030 Hillcrest Drive, Washington, Il. .

Safety Tip

The Safety Officer will review the current AMA rules, WRCF rules, recommended practices, and enforcement procedures between the March & April meetings. The committee would appreciate any input, which should be sent Matt Holl for consideration.

February 2008 meeting.

There was a snow storm that night but some hardy pilots braved the weather and came. We discussed the 2008 Budget, and Five Year Plan, Vern Mall's airplanes and flight gear, Four Star racing, Winter pictures of flying activity on the club web site, indoor flying at the Midwest Athletic Center on Old Galena Road and upcoming E-Fest in Champaign, year long flying each month to qualify for annual awards.

Club Winter Activities

January and February, despite the harsh weather most of the time, it did give us a day or two to our hobby and some were out at WRCF to take advantage of them. Check out the club web site for photos of pilots and airplanes.

E-FEST in Champaign This was a huge success for many that came across State Lines and locals. Bryan Miller, T.J.Klise, Steve Grob, and Bob Warner attended from our club. There are pictures on the club web site of them flying and resting from their flights. These gentlemen also take advantage of the Midwest Athletic indoor facilities on Old Galena Road to fly indoors on Friday nights.

Club 2008 Event Schedule

4/18, 19,20	Peoria Air Show R/C exhibit.
5/10	Bloomington Four Star
5/17	WRCF Kick-Off Fly
5/28-31	Cherry Tree Booth
6/6,7,8	Bloomington Fly-In
6/21	WRCF Four Star
July?	WRCF Fun Fly
8/9	Pekin Four Star
8/16	WRCF Picnic
9/14	WRCF Open House
9/21	Pekin Big Bird
10/4	WRCF Wiener Roast

Club Photo Album

This is a great idea that went all the way. They are now available for \$35

President	Bryan Miller
Vice President	Mark Reeves
Sec./Treasurer	Tom Clark
Newsletter Editor	John Bremenkamp
Safety & Rules Committee	Matt Holl
Maint. & Grounds Committee	John Bremenkamp
Events Committee	TJ Klise
Social & Education Committee	Kayton Heavrin
Site Committee	Paul Cobb

each, and considering the content, well worth it. They were printed by a commercial on-line web organization, SHUTTERFLY, which produces very professional results. The album covers the beginnings of our club for the first four years. There are pictures by Don Pyles, John Bremenkamp, Paul Cobb, Tom Berry, Steve Grob, and others.

John Bremenkamp and Tom Clark will bring the final version for all of you to view and we can then take orders.



New Winter Projects

Last month I received pictures from four members with their building projects and posted them on the club web site bulletin board and displayed here. They came from Bob Warner, Paul Cobb, Tom Clark and Larry

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Roberts and myself. Get yours posted. Send me a photo for the newsletter and web site. We'll accept them as long as they come in. See me at the field too with your new airframes.

Here is the 2008 Mowing Schedule as of February 28 at 9:30pm.

April 6 Betz, Reeves
April 13 Schultz, Westphalen
April 20 Griffin, Jaegle (Doug)
April 27 Pyles, Kempf

May 4 Clark (Todd), Hunt (Tom)
May 11 Beamer, McGowan
May 18 Hall, Meegen
May 25 Hunt (Gary), Miller

June 1 Hurd, Logue
June 8 Klise, Holl
June 15 Schultz, Franzen
June 22 Heavrin, Hillenburg (Art)
June 29 Allen, Grob

July 6 Wesner, Berry
July 13 Hunt (Gary), Buxton
July 20 Pyles, Cole
July 27 Hunt (Tom), Degenhart

Aug 3 Lee, Ponto
Aug 10 Clark (Todd), Prather
Aug 17 Jaegle (Doug), Ausili
Aug 24 Betz, Martin
Aug 31 Russell, Holl

Sept 7 Beamer, Kempf
Sept 14 Griffin, Klise
Sept 21 Hurd, Olson
Sept 28 Hall, Westphalen

Oct 5 Sears, Skinner

Oct 12 Wesner, Thatcher
Oct 19 Warner, Allen

This year the mowing will undergo slight changes considering approval by the membership at the next meeting on March 11.

We have a new proposal that will be fairer, monetarily, to all members. It will allow a group of six volunteers to help pick up any slack this year, and, in exchange, will help the general membership by keeping the mower filled with gas. In addition, over a two year period, all members will have mowed either an equal or appropriate amount of times. Each year one has to mow 1 and 1/2 times to keep it equal ... thus, those who mowed twice last year only mow once this year and vice versa.

The Rough Riders of John Bremenkamp, Tom Clark, Paul Cobb, Doug Norman, Wally Walwer, and Larry Roberts have the following tentative schedule.

April 6 John Bremenkamp
April 20 Tom Clark
May 4 Paul Cobb
May 16 Doug Norman (since 5/18 is the WRCF Kick Off Fly)
June 1 Wally Walwer
June 20 Larry Roberts (since 6/21 is the WRCF Four Star Race)
June 29 John Bremenkamp
July 13 Tom Clark (which could shift back to 7/11 because of the WRCF Fun Fly)
July 27 Paul Cobb (which could shift back to 7/25 because of the WRCF Fun Fly)

Aug 15 Doug Norman (since 8/16 is the WRCF picnic)
Aug 24 Wally Walwer
Sept 12 Larry Roberts (since 9/14 is the WRCF Open House)
Sept 21 John Bremenkamp
Oct 3 Tom Clark (since 10/4 is the WRCF Wiener Roast)
Oct 19 Paul Cobb

Mowing Preparation

In anticipation of the upcoming mowing season, some thought has been at work to produce a new schedule and updated guidelines. Please review the below.

- 1 Two people will be assigned to mow each week during the growing season and communicate with each other to see that the job gets done. Phone numbers are on the member roster posted within the club web site.
- 2 Recommended field mowing days are Tuesday and Friday when the grass is swiftly growing and needs cut twice a week. One will mow on Tuesday, and the other on Friday. Preparing for weekend use, Friday is the preferred day, weather permitting. The "mowing tax" fund will be used by the Rough Riders to keep gas in sealed containers in the Hangar. Fill the right and left mower tanks with this gas.
- 3 Those scheduled, who find that they cannot mow on their scheduled week have the responsibility to get a substitute.

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You can swap with another on the schedule. As a last resort, call John Bremenkamp at 444-4851.

4 Safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves are recommended safety equipment.

5 The runway (area between the red & white poles and the orange cones), & the pit area will be mowed at 2 1/2 inches high twice each week if necessary, once each week if the weather is dry and the grass is not growing very fast..

6 The perimeter of the field and both sides of Speerly Lane from E Cruger Rd to the parking lot will be mowed at 4 inches high every other week by the "Rough Riders" team.

7 The person mowing has the right of way. Anyone wanting to fly will wait until the mowing is complete. In this regard try to mow in the mornings before noon. If you are working during the day time, you can mow your turn in the evening.

8 Upon finishing mowing, the mower is to be backed into Walter Mitty's Hangar so the engine is above the drip catchers.

9 If needed, use the weed whacker around the safety fence, shelter, etc.

The mowing schedule has also been emailed to everyone for their first acceptance. Changes are inevitable, and expected. Please notify me by

April 1, 2008 of any rescheduling you would like to make.

VERN MALL SALE



Above is Vern's Four-Star 60 with a 70" wingspan that he loved and flew frequently. Vern has left word with his wife to donate his hobby to the Washington R/C Flyers. He has two other airplanes and other miscellaneous hobby items. All items for sale will be posted on the club web site to be auctioned. To make it fair to all, everything will be auctioned requiring a buyer to send an e-mail to jrbkamp@aol.com or calling me at 444-4851 after the auction starts on March 12. Some items will be sold for as little as 25 cents, and others may go for over \$100. You can view the latest bid each day after 7:00 p.m. and again around 10:10 p.m. Most bids will probably come in during the evening hours. If you have any questions, send them to me also at the above e-mail address. The auction will last for three weeks. Anything not sold

will be put in a grab bag and brought to the next meeting.

Other items from club members will be posted in addition to Vern's, but kept separate, and possibly with a higher price tag. If you have an item you would like to sell, that is fairly significant (over \$20), send me a picture of it and the selling price any time. These club items will be available beyond the auction deadline. The buyer must contact the seller to negotiate a price change, if desired, and make payment. (The difference between my posting of your item and the listing of it on the "for sale" section of the club web site is that my posting will include a picture of the item(s).)

If you wish to purchase a Vern Mall item, then send an e-mail to jrbkamp@aol.com or call me at 444-4851 any day or time after 8:00 p.m. on March 12.

.FOUR STAR 40 RACING

Those of you interested in participating in pylon racing, the web site is now available with all the details.

<http://fourstarracingseries.com>

Take a look at it for your edification because all the R/C clubs in the Peoria and Bloomington area are holding an event. You probably will be either racing, helping out, or watching, and for sure hearing about it from others.

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Intro Pilot Program

By Paul Cobb

Five of our club members are Intro Pilot Instructors. They are: Paul Cobb, John Bremenkamp, Bryan Miller, Wally Walwer, and Jim Martin.

After reading the AMA Intro Pilot Program description I thought it appropriate to review the scope of the program so we understand how to use it.

The program provides full AMA insurance for non AMA students for a period of 60 consecutive days starting from the first training session as long as the student is under the direct supervision of a designated Intro Pilot trainer. The trainer must submit his student registration to the AMA within 48 hours of the first flight.

There are some rules, guidelines, etc. that the AMA wants us to follow, We must send in the person's name to the AMA. We must give the person the AMA Safety Code. Can only be 60 days in training from his first lesson. It is OTO (trainee cannot do it again after the 60 days). Can use the trainee's airplane, but it cannot be a high performance type. Buddy Box is recommended with the Tx being used, We are obliged to keep records of the flights along with the start and end of the intro period. No fees can be collected. We are responsible for implementing our

own type of training program within the intro program.

Although we encourage new flyers to get their AMA card, this program enables students to fly for sixty days without the AMA membership. This approach might fit a school "learn to fly" program where the student can fully explore the experience of RC flying without the expense of AMA and club dues for sixty days. This is something we might want to pick up as a community service program where we work with the schools to select a few students to participate in the program during the summer.

Another thought is to have applications available at the Cherry Festival and select one or two young fliers to participate. I would suggest that a parent must be present during training to make sure they are involved.

Trainer flying Tip



The larger the trainer the more stable it flies, and handles the wind currents. This pertains to a wing span of at least 60 inches or greater. Trainers do not need large engines compared to sport and scale, and thusly are cheaper to fly and can be just as fun. But, many of these, like the picture above, have dihedral and flat bottom wings to provide their stability. They cannot do

advanced maneuvers such as up-side down flying for extended periods of time, they cannot fly knife-edge, or do level rolls, or outside loops. A trainer is a trainer, fun to fly and a great way to learn air control – straight flyovers the field, consistent ovals, consistent height, point it where you want it to go, not just let it go somewhere and you bring it back. They are so much fun as "scale" on calm days.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2008 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
 2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
 3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
 4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
 5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
 6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
 7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
 8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
 10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
 11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
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