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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 7 pm on April 8, 2008 at Washington Park District on Spruce and Walnut. If you have not paid your dues yet, please consider bringing your checkbook.

Dues

A late fee of \$25 will be collected for dues not paid by March 15, 2008. Even though our official Club membership was provided to the AMA by March 31, we can continue to accept members, but a late fee of \$25 must be added to the standard \$100 dues. Send your payment to Tom Clark, 1030 Hillcrest Drive, Washington, Il. .

Safety Tip

No special safety tip will be offered up this month. The Safety Officer is organizing a committee to review the current AMA rules, WRCF rules, recommended practices, and enforcement procedures. The committee would appreciate any input, which should be sent Matt Holl for consideration.



March 2008 meeting.

The financial report was again reviewed, the 2008 budget and the five year plan. Marshall expressed the need to keep flying frequency awareness and to have special pins for the 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum.

The four star race program was reported on by T.J. Klise. There are eight team members officiating the program with forty signed up to race. A special practice day on May 10 will be held at the SIRS flying field and designated as a pre-race introduction.



Tom Clark brought up the new frequency board and sign. Gary Hunt will help build the metal frequency board in mid summer, but the sign should be installed in May. Also the lane will cost the club \$1500 to upgrade with proper amounts of fill. He also mentioned a special membership for senior members unable to fly. This would be an alumni type status, not requiring any dues.

John Bremenkamp talked about the club photo album as being ready for orders costing \$35 each. He also informed everyone that Vern Mall's R/C items will be auctioned with postings on the club web site.



Mark Reeves asked that volunteers to help with the Peoria Air Show R/C display set-up, tear-down, and attending it notify Jim Martin early.

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

Wally Walwer mentioned that this year we may be able to add electric flying demonstrations.

Bryan finalized the date for the WRCF July Fun Fly to be on the 12th.

Tom Clark added that as of the meeting we had 46 paid members.

Club Winter Activities

The fly every month program is still very much active with about eight members qualifying.

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 12	WRCF Fun Fly
8/9	Pekin Four Star
8/16	WRCF Picnic
9/14	WRCF Open House
9/21	Pekin Big Bird

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10/4	WRCF Wiener Roast

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

The March newsletter covered the new proposal for mowing this year. This includes a group of "Rough Riders" with a repeat of their schedule.

April 6 John Bremenkamp

April 20 Tom Clark

May 4 Paul Cobb

May 16 Doug Norman

June 1 Wally Walwer

June 20 Larry Roberts

June 29 John Bremenkamp

July 13 Tom Clark

July 27 Paul Cobb

Aug 15 Doug Norman

Aug 24 Wally Walwer

Sept 12 Larry Roberts

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Oct 3 Tom Clark

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Club Photo Album

This was mentioned in the last newsletter but is an ongoing for all of us. They are now available for \$35 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.

New Winter built airplanes

Get yours posted on the club web site. Send me a photo from your work bench. Then take a picture of its maiden flight and send it too. Everyone likes to know what is going on with building and flying. Keep the pictures coming.

A repeat of the 2008 Mowing Schedule

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

Vern Mall Sale

Vern has left word with his wife to donate his hobby to the Washington R/C Flyers. All items for sale are posted on the club web site to be auctioned. Make a bid and send it via an e-mail to jrbkamp@aol.com or call 444-4851. 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 until April 2 at 10:00 p.m. Items will be brought to the April 8 meeting for pickup.

FOUR STAR 40 RACING

Use the below link to view the rules and regulations.

<http://fourstarracingseries.com>

All the R/C clubs in the Peoria, Pekin and Bloomington area are holding this event. You probably will be either racing, helping out, or spectating.

Intro Pilot Program

The March newsletter had an informative write-up about this program that is important to obtaining new members. A memo was submitted that helps us as members understand this important activity. Paul Cobb had some thoughts:

One thing that should also be high priority is the club health, by that I mean the continued influx of new members. Tom's summary of membership showing that about 50%

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of current members are new within the last four years should send a strong signal that we need to have an active new membership program.

What should we be doing to continue to attract new members? My thoughts are that we sponsor a "learn to fly" program and use the Intro-Pilot structure to provide a longer term flying experience for interested persons.

After the 60 day training experience the student could join the club at a reduced rate for the remaining time of the year, and continue to receive special attention from a trainer. It is assumed that the student would have built his own plane by the end of the sixty days.

NEW NEIGHBOR

Tom Clark contacted our new neighbor, Jim Zehr, He responded with the following:

Thanks Tom. I am also looking forward to a good relationship. I drove in last week, with the red pickup and wish I would have stopped-next time I will. I am planning on notilling soybeans this year, so the only action until the 1st of May will be a fert.application and a burndown pass before planting.

I live on Lakeland Rd. just east of the Washington Rd. by the cemetery. My # is 266-9500 if you need to get in touch. Thanks.

Jim Zehr

MEETING WITH WASHINGTON CITY ADMINISTRATOR

By Tom Clark.

Gentleman,

Wally and I met with Bob Morris this afternoon. The following questions were asked and answered as follows:

1) Does the city have any problems with us? Bob was very emphatic that we were good tenants. Later on in the conversation he remarked that the only change between Ted Blunier farming the property and us using it has been the slight vandalism. He didn't state it as a problem, he simply made an observation. We talked about some of the things we've done to discourage vandalism and he promised to talk to the city police and see if they would patrol the property once in awhile. The property is outside their jurisdiction, but he thought they could still visit it periodically.

2) Would you have any problems with us erecting a gate ... no lock, simply a gate?

As long as the farmer agrees with it, he would have no problems with a gate.

3) Will Ted be farming the property again this year?

Ted will not be our neighbor this year. The city put it out for bid and Ted didn't get the winning bid. Bob said that the city realized quite an increase in their farmland rental income by putting the land out for

bid. So, I decided we should be quiet and happy with our ten year lease that only increases 3.5% per year until 2015. James Zehr is our new neighbor ... probably for at least three years. I have all of his info and will e-mail him a greeting and give him my info as a contact person.

4a) Can we place broken up concrete at the down stream side of the second crossing to shore up the roadway?

We need to describe to Ken Newman what we are going to do and get his verbal approval ... later in the conversation Bob promised to get Ken's okay.

4b) Can the city help us with some broken concrete?

Bob promised to talk with the road folks and see if the concrete behind the offices was available. If it wasn't and we could wait, he was sure we could get some from the city.

5) Who is responsible for the first third of the road?

Bob didn't know who was responsible ... the city, the farmer or us. I thought his inclusion of the farmer in the mix was an interesting point ... none of us even thought of the farmer during our discussions. Wally and I talked about our motocross neighbor and how the dirt track has changed the water flow and caused some of the problems. How the road was there when we signed the lease. How we were investing \$1500 in asphalt shavings on the second third, but were coming up short for doing anything on the first third. How poor we were. We made

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the point that Wally has been taking care of the road ...implying that if the city could help us with some material and an upgrade to the road, we would be more than happy to continue to maintain it. Basically we did everything except get on our knees during the begging part of this conversation.

The agreement was that Bob will grab Ken Newman and visit the field sometime in the next couple of weeks. He may or may not ask one of us to go out with them - I sensed that he wanted to talk with Ken openly without any of us present. After talking with Ken and some other folks, he would get back with me within a couple of weeks on what they decide - including what we could do with the second crossing (question 4a).

Cheers,
Tom

PATTERN WORKSHOP Classroom & Flying Demonstration (Sponsored by The Peoria R/C Modelers)

Comments from the presenter were sent to a club member in response to some questions.

We will spend 3-4 hours in the classroom at Pearce Community Center and then shoot out to the field, watch some demo flying and try some sequences ourselves. John Konneker (District 5 Rep) is real

excited about it and we should have a good time.

Weather permitting, we will also have burgers and drinks at the field.

Classroom & Flying Demonstration (Sponsored by The Peoria R/C Modelers)

When: Saturday, April 26, 2008

Where: Pearce Community
Center & Peoria R/C
Flying Field in Chillicothe
Illinois.

What Time: 9 a.m. (Classroom)
12 p.m. (Lunch & Flying
Demos at the field)

Instructors: John Konneker,
NSRCA District 5
Representative
Mike Mueller, Former Dist 5
rep.

In an effort to expand interest in Precision Pattern Flying in central Illinois, The Peoria R/C Modelers and District 5 Rep, John Konneker are sponsoring a pattern workshop and flying demonstration.

The workshop (9 a.m. thru 12 p.m.) will provide an overview of pattern flying, maneuvers, sequences, set-ups, judging and

scoring. Several pattern aircraft will also be on display.

Participants are encouraged to ask questions.

At 12 p.m. the group will adjourn to the Peoria R/C Modelers flying field (about 1/2 mile) for lunch and flying demonstrations. Participants are encouraged to bring airplanes and try the NSRCA Sportsman sequence.

Bring an airplane!

For information, contact: Bob
Wilson, (309) 219-4262



MEMBER SALE ITEMS

Contact Bob Heuermann at
Ph: 745-3001

Typhoon Pattern with Y/S 120 has
retracs NIB -- **\$375**

Evolution GAS 26GT with a pitts
muffler NIB -- **\$399**

Supertiger G2300 1.48 with a pitts
muffler NIB -- **\$180**

HP 61 GoldCup -- **\$95**

K&B 48 Gold Head - **\$85**

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2 JR NEJ-3000 Gyros

NIB - \$45 ea.

Planes Plus 27% Extra 300 ARF

NIB - \$300

Super Star 160 ARF

NIB - \$100

Edge 540 90 ARF

NIB - \$165

Delta Wing 40 size

- \$40

Pizza Pan 30 size

- \$15



