



Tri-State Modelers Newsletter



February, 2010

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Latest News & Upcoming Events

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2010
7:00 PM at Mt. Pleasant Home.

What follows is opinion expressed by the editor, not the BOD:

Thanks to all who attended the Public Hearing that the Park Commission held last month. I found it to be quite informational and upbeat. I was particularly impressed with the bicycle group ... they had their homework done and presented it eloquently. It certainly seemed to me that, if the Park Commission is willing to work with the various groups, we can have an exciting future ahead of us. But we must not become complacent and rest on our laurels. In order to project a positive public image, we need to seriously consider some proactive changes related to safety that will cost us some money and effort. Specifically we cannot expect the Park Commission to take our overfly

zone recommendations seriously if we do not have the recommended safety fences and clearances in the spectator and pit areas. We have talked about enlarging the parking area ... that is easy. All we need is approval from the City and the farmer, and a couple of hours of dozer work would do the trick. As for the safety fencing, I think we might be on the ragged edge of having the recommended space, but, painful as it would be to disassemble our shelters to move them back, it should be seriously considered. And of course, that could all fold into the parking area expansion. Making these changes would show the city that we are serious about safety and staying on that site.

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Aviation Quotes

“Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.”
—General Douglas MacArthur

“You, you, and you ... Panic. The rest of you, come with me.”
—USMC Gunnery Sergeant

“Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing.”
—At the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan

“You’ve never been lost until you’ve been lost at Mach 3.”
—Paul F. Crickmore, test pilot

“The only time you have too much fuel is when you’re on fire.”

“Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky.”

“If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it’s probably a helicopter—and therefore, unsafe.”

“When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.”

“Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club.”

“What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; if ATC screws up, the pilot dies.” →

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Minutes of the January 13, 2010 Club Meeting

Meeting Location: Mt. Pleasant Home

President: Carl Heidesch brought the meeting to order at 7: 03p.m. There were 15 members present & 3 guests. Mack Palm and grandson Jim Kruse, also Mike Darnall.

The minutes of the December 2009 meeting were read by Bill Gibson & approved.

Treasurer’s Report: (Bob Merrick via email) As of January 7, 2010 the balance was:

Cash_____	\$ 80.00
Checking_____	\$ 188.14
Savings_____	\$1,255.55
Total_____	\$ 1,523.69

Discussion Items

1. Mike Anderson brought a copy of the THonline.com Telegraph Herald noting that our club listing had not yet been updated. Jerry Anderson noted that he had contacted the THonline and updated their information but will probably take some time to take effect.
2. Bill Gibson noted that it is very difficult to find our web site by searching. Merlin explained that over time with more persons finding the site, the ability to find it will improve. Other than that, it would take spending some funds to make the site easier to find. There was no action taken. Here is the link to our website. <http://www.tristatemodelers.org/>
3. There was considerable discussion regarding the up-coming hearing on the plan for FDR Park to be held Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Safety of course was the main concern due to the location of the parking & toilet & disk golf area. There is also concern that being much more accessible to the public, vandalism and safety would both be more of a problem. Jerry Anderson has contacted both our local insurance carrier and the AMA insurance coordinator providing an electronic plan and some information describing our existing conditions and noting the changes shown on the plan. What effect would these changes have on our insurance? Will we need to increase our physical safety barriers? Any club member can attend we encourage everyone to attend the meeting Thursday. We will have a report for the February meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to spirited discussions about our Radio Control sport.

Our newest member is Mike Darnall, who joined after the meeting. Welcome Mike.

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Bring a friend

A reminder that the indoor electric fly will be held at the Uni-Dome February 20th & 21st

Tri-State Modelers 2010 Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____ **Address*:** _____

City*: _____ **State*:** _____ **Zip*:** _____

Phone Number*: () _____ **Transmitter(s) Frequency No(s).*:** _____

I have renewed my AMA membership for 2010 – _____
Member Signature

AMA No. _____ **(required for all flying members)**

Remember AMA membership is required to fly at our club's flight field.

E-mail Address*: _____

Adult Member Dues **\$50.00** **Youth (< 19) Member Dues** **\$25.00**

Make Checks Payable to: Tri-State Modelers **Total Amount Enclosed** _____

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***Note:** Please provide additional membership information only if different from last year.