



Tri-State Modelers Newsletter



March, 2010

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Latest News & Upcoming Events

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

There is still a lot of snow on the ground, but I am starting to dream spring and summer ... and FLYING! I have been very lazy this winter having done very little in the modeling area. But, as spring approaches it is time to start doing the routine maintenance for any aircraft you might be flying. For example:

- Cycle test EVERY battery (both airborne and transmitter).
- Inspect EVERY hinge on the aircraft.
- Tighten every bolt (and consider using blue locktite).
- Inspect EVERY control linkage for freedom of movement and tightness.
 - I haven't done it, but some people are now putting an ammeter into their servo circuit and monitoring the current draw to find problems. This will catch linkage issues as well as servo issues.

- Thoroughly inspect your airframe for hidden, unknown damage.
 - I have found landing gear looseness unexpectedly when I KNEW I had not been doing hard landings.
- If you are flying a "well used" airplane, watch especially for "wearout". Hinges, servos, and linkages are particularly vulnerable.
- Patch any covering holes or issues you might have.
- Charge your starter battery
- Start thinking SAFETY!

If you have other routine things that you do as part of your maintenance, please tell us about them at the meeting next week.

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TIPS FOR CLUBS

Club Corner

by Jim Wallen, AMA Insider Club Editor

Has your club become a little inbred? By this I mean perhaps you have not looked around to other clubs to see what you might incorporate to make your club more interesting and enjoyable.

Visit another club's meetings to see what features you might carry back to your club. Maybe you can arrange to have a couple of clubs in your area get together and fly at a host field. It's amazing what a hot dog and a cup of coffee can do in bringing club and personal relationships closer together.

Most AMA clubs around the country are facing declining membership. Is your club in the same boat? What can you do about it? Nothing happens unless you go out and make it happen.

AMA had a membership drive last year that added new members. The program is improved for 2010, so take the time to understand it and bring the details to your club and membership. New members bring a fresh outlook and renewed enthusiasm. Wouldn't it be nice to add some new volunteers to the 10% who seem to do most of the work?

Are you aware of the AMA program "Sign 3-Fly Free?" You can receive a one-year AMA membership credit for signing up only three new members! For details see the AMA Web site at www.modelaircraft.org/ambassador.aspx . Spread the word! Till next time. →

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Minutes of the February 10, 2010 Club Meeting

Meeting Location: Mt. Pleasant Home

Vice President: Bill Gibson brought the meeting to order at 7: 03p.m. There were 10 members present & 2 guests, Jack Plowman and grandson Jimmy Kruse. My apologies to Jack as I recorded him as Mack Palm last month. I will probably never forget Jack's name. I have no excuses.

The minutes of the December 2009 meeting were read by Jerry Anderson & approved.

Treasurer's Report was reported by Bob Merrick. As of February 10, 2010 the balance was:

Cash_____	\$ 80.00
Checking_____	\$ 238.14
Savings_____	\$1,310.55
Total_____	\$ 1,628.69

Bob reported that our lease of \$300.00 was paid on February 4, 2010 for the coming year. It was also noted that our lease is up for renewal this April.

Discussion Items

1. Bill Gibson reported that Mike Anderson's father passed away this week. Our condolences to Mike and his family from the club.
2. A lively discussion regarding the Public Hearing on January 14, 2010 at the Leisure Services was held. Several concerns that the plan may go ahead in the future just as shown on the drawing without any input from TSM. A thought that the arterial may bring homes too close to the field was brought up. A concern that our insurance may not cover if the overfly area is occupied with persons such as the disk golf. Another concern was if the plan doesn't proceed sometime, we may never have a decent road. A lot of questions and no answers at this time. Since there is no funding in the near future, (probably 4 or 5 years at least), we are safe for now. It was noted that the mountain bikers had great things to say about TSM and were all for not changing their trails or clearing areas for disk golf.
3. The possibility of a Fun Fly this summer was brought up. Mike Darnall suggested that we set a date and have a AMA Sanctioned event. Mike D thinks that we can raise some substantial money if the event is planned properly. We will put the Fun Fly on the agenda for March.
4. Dan Dolter's film strip showing our field from the air from his T28 was brought up and noted that it did a good job of showing how much air space is needed for an electric. Now we should have one taken from a fuel/gas aircraft over our site.
5. Winter construction: Vince is building an Ugly Stik for a DLE-30 gas engine. Vince brought the engine for show. Chip is trying to complete his Super Decathlon for summer. Eric has an RTF Cessna Skylane Styrofoam complete with controller, receiver, servos ready for spring.
6. A reminder that the indoor electric fly will be held at the Uni-Dome February 20th & 21st
The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. to spirited discussions about our Radio Control sport. Our newest member is Jack Plowman, who joined after the meeting. Jack was a member in 1991 thru 1994. Welcome back Jack.

Next meeting: March 10, 2010 at 7 PM at Mt. Pleasant Home
Bring a friend

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.**