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Presidents Report

Spring is trying to sprung at least if you look around at the daffodils and crocus blossoming. We could use some milder temperatures and lower winds to get much flying in. I personally have been out to the field only once so far but I'm expecting more conducive flying conditions soon. I'd recommend a folks take a close look at their planes before heading back out to fly to help avoid problems when you get there. One of your top priorities should be carefully checking your flight battery packs for capacity. If you cleaned and oiled your engines last fall you should have little to do to get them going. Most planes will benefit from examination for possible structural damage from "less than perfect" landings. Flex the wings and tails surfaces, check for secure hinges by tugging smartly on control surfaces, check for looseness in servos and their connections to linkages and control horns. Fix any loose covering and check for free rotation of your wheels. You should also have your name and AMA number in every plane, this is not just a good idea, did you know it's an AMA requirement? Careful inspection of your planes at home, where it is easier and more convenient will eliminate or at least reduce problems and frustrations at the field. Check them out!

The fuel order has now been submitted to Major's. We were quite a bit short on Sig quantities to get the 64 gallon pricing that was reflected in the advertised costs. Jane was anticipating some additional quantity from other clubs which may get us there, otherwise the price may need to be adjusted. I don't have any specifics on this just yet. I will also be out of town for a week so the fuel will not be available until at least mid April. Stay tuned for more details.

Remember too when doing early season flying that the field may be soft and you should not be driving onto the grass until the frost has completely left the ground. The frequency board and porta potty should both be back in place fairly soon, plan accordingly until then.

This season we are likely to need some help keeping the field cut. Chuck Holst who has done the lion's share of the mowing for the past several years is anticipating that his work may require him to be away for long periods this season. I've already identified a couple of volunteers to help but we could probably use one or two more. If you'd be interested in helping cut, please contact me and we'll get a schedule put together and go over operation of the mower and the cutting pattern for the field.

With the warming weather, thoughts of indoor flying are probably fleeting a bit. There was a trial session at the St. Mark's gymnasium with a rather sparse turn out. The venue looks fine for the smaller planes though. After last month's meeting where some members had mentioned there were folks at the dome, I stopped by and was able to recover the indoor frequency pins. Probably the best news relating to indoor flying is that the dome has been purchased by St. Ambrose University. According to the news, they are considering reopening it to public access once they have become settled in the facility. We also have members with ties to Ambrose's athletic department so I'm hopeful that ultimately we will be able to return to the dome for indoor flying. I'll have more on this as it develops.

I just returned from Toledo and the show was great as usual. It's hard to beat milling around every possible vendor displaying wares relating to every nuance of flying. New products abound and you can speak first hand to representatives showing new items or maybe that you need help from. The model display is also amazing and this year's was no exception. Half and third scale ships are common and included an awesome Gee Bee G3, SNJ/AT-6, Fokker D-6, Fokker Eindecker, and Damoiselle. The planes don't have to be giants to be impressive though, the craftsmanship exhibited is amazing. The event is topped off by an indoor flying competition by some of the world's top pattern/3D flyers. This two night event saw Gernot Bruckman pull off a repeat win taking the overall as well as both the known and freestyle trophies. If you've never been, you don't know what you're missing.

*Keep the wheels down,
Phil*

MINUTES OF THE 14 MARCH 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 by President Phil Vernon at the Eastern Avenue Branch of the Davenport Public Library.

There were 20 members and 1 guest present.

The treasurer reported an operating balance of \$4159.82.

The minutes were read and approved.

BUSINESS

Fuel Buy - Phil Vernon passed the order form. It will be a short window this year, orders will close at the end of March. Delivery should be the third week of April.

Meeting Location - Library meetings during the summer must be canceled 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Dome Flying - The Dome has closed. Rick, Dirk, and Les have looked into flying at St Mark's gym. It would be limited to small Park Zone type planes. Cost would be based on attendance.

FAA Rulemaking - The AMA is asking us to contact our Senators and Representatives to encourage the FAA to not regulate model aviation.

Mall Show - The show was moved to a new location this year. There was more traffic.

Web Site - The event calendar is up on the web site. There was also some discussion of putting pictures of members on the site.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

MINUTES OF THE 28 MARCH 2011 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Phil Vernon at the Davenport Village Inn.

BUSINESS

Fuel Buy - Last day to order. We didn't come close to the amount for the discount on Sig fuels, so the price will probably go up.

Norman Frye Memorial Field - The portable toilet is usually there by mid April to early May. Phil will make sure that the stakes for the dust abatement are placed correctly this year. The sign will go back up soon, along with the frequency control board.

Next Event - Pylon Race in May.

Titanic Exhibit - Phil went to the exhibit, and one of the recovered artifacts is an airplane kit.

Next Meeting - The April Meeting will be at the Eastern Avenue Branch of the Davenport Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38.

Coming Events

April 1-3 -	Toledo Weak Signals
May 1 -	Pylon Race
June 11 -	Sig Fun Fly
June 12 -	Pylon Race
June 18-19 -	QC Air Show
June 25 -	DRCS Scale Meet
July 10 -	Pylon Race
August 6 -	Flying Hog Roast
August 14 -	Pylon Race
August 21 -	Skyriders Float Fly
September 10 -	Bud Miller Fun Fly
September 25	Pylon Race Make up
October 8 -	Night Fly

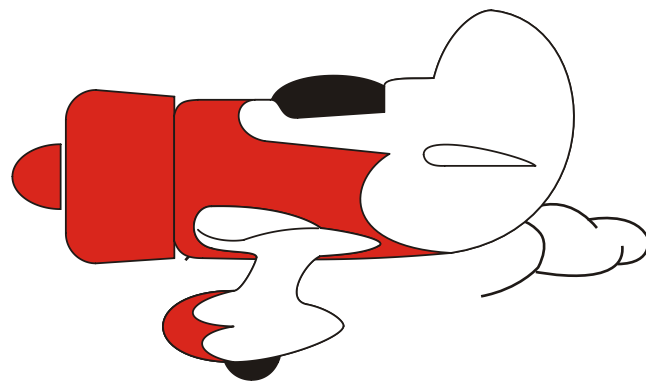
Midwest Pylon Racing League 2011 Race Schedule

Time Trials

9:30

Racing

10:30



May 1

June 12

July 10

August 14

AMA Update

After more than 85,000 letters to Congress expressing concern regarding FAA's intent to regulate model aviation, our message has been heard in the nation's capital. Members of Congress have responded with dozens of letters of support and many congressional leaders have pledged to advocate for the hobby. As of this writing, Congress is considering measures to exempt model aviation from onerous and unnecessary restrictions. Although it is too early to tell how this will play out, we can certainly say that our Congressional Awareness campaign was highly successful in bringing these issues to the attention of our elected officials. As the awareness campaign draws to a close, we are suspending additional letter writing efforts; however, now is not the time to let our guard down. The aeromodeling community is urged to remain vigilant and regularly check www.modelaircraft.org/gov for updates and another call to action if needed.

As AMA's Congressional Awareness Campaign draws to a close, it's reassuring to know that the AMA membership and the modeling community responded quickly and decisively to AMA's call for action. Tens of thousands of modeling enthusiasts, supporters and aeromodeling stakeholders responded and made their concerns known to their elected officials. Members of Congress responded with dozens of letters of support and pledges to advocate for the hobby. Local and national media were alerted to our issues and hard-hitting articles were presented that questioned the need for such overreaching regulation.

I am extremely grateful to those who have joined our cause and I believe we have gained a crucial foothold, but we are a long ways from being out of the woods. Now is not the time to let down our guard. We need to continue to be vigilant; we must maintain awareness and we need to continue to engage the hundreds of thousands of Americans that value this hobby and cherish our Freedom of Flight.

-Rich Hanson, AMA Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs Representative

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Next meeting
Monday- April 11th
7:30 p.m. Davenport Public
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Day

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