



Newsletter

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From the President

To borrow a quote from a Pink Floyd song “is there anyone out there?” This thought came to my simple mind as I filled out the paperwork for our annual club charter with the AMA. Part of that exercise involves scrubbing the membership list on file with the AMA by adding or deleting members. I struck 11 names off the list, which means this newsletter is going out to 44 of you at last count. As RC clubs go, I suppose 44 is not a bad membership pool but the more telling statistic arguably is the fact that we added zero new members. We also failed to train even a single new flyer. So how are we doing with that whole “promote the hobby” gig?

The answer, in my opinion, is we as a group are not into promoting the hobby in the usual sense (training new flyers). Don’t get me wrong, most of us will help anyone who asks for help but we are not so big on reaching out to folks and bringing them into the hobby. It’s easy for me to write this because I fall exactly into what I’ve characterized above.

I enjoy building and flying scale models. I associate with a close-knit group of modelers who share the same interest. We spend our time in our corner of the flying field flying scale models. Is this bad? Of course it’s not. Does this make us an intimidating group to approach? I would argue it does, which brings us back to promoting the hobby.

I almost hate to say it but we are too busy enjoying the hobby ourselves to actively seek out, train and recruit new members to the hobby and our club. I do not see this changing so what can we do to make the current situation more conducive to sharing what we value in the hobby with others? I say get out of your comfort zone, walk the flight line and talk to other modelers especially those not in a club because they too are busy enjoying the hobby. Be inclusive, there’s a modeler out at the field who actually flies pretty well yet we don’t have him join in our war bird circle-flies because “he’s dangerous”, “he wears a red shirt”, “he has too much fun”, name your reason...he doesn’t belong. This has nothing to do with training a new flyer but it does have everything to do with promoting the hobby. The theory goes that if people see an inclusive group of guys having a lot of fun those people on the outside might make the effort to join the collective.

So think about how you come across when you are out at the flying field. Are you approachable? Do you talk to modelers who are not in your clique? Do you offer help when someone is clearly in need of guidance? We all have the opportunity to promote the hobby in ways other than just training new RC flyers.

We fly at the McCool RC Model Field.
Take I-95 to Rancho. Go north on Rancho to Decatur. Turn right on Decatur and go north to Horse Drive. (Rectangular water tank on corner) turn right and follow street until you see the airfield on your left alternate directions go north on Simmons to Horse Drive turn left and the field is on your right. **Sound abatement measures in effect.**

Hobby Shops

Nice Twice 311 South Valley View
876-2280

Hobby Town USA 5085 W. Sahara
889-9554

Hobby People 2610 S. Decatur Blvd.
871-6191

Hobby People 5466 Boulder Hwy.
547-2204

**Meeting Wednesday, 24
Mar 7:30 PM**

Club Member Projects



Greg Condon Aeroworks Cessna 195



Sid Mackay Waco YMF-5



Greg Minden F8F Bearcat



Greg Thomas P-47 Thunderbolt

Prop Nuts - Meeting Minutes Jan 10

From the February 2010 Propnuts meeting:

1. Treasurer's report- \$2,781.55 balance as of 1/27/10
2. Spring Open House event

Club member volunteer assignments:

Air Boss: Cam Wall

Buddy Box Trainer flying: Rebel Squadron

Simulator Coordinators: Hal Miller, Warren Cross, Marty Rajsich, Sid Mackay

Ground Display Coordinator: Larry Shreffler

Pre-flying Aircraft inspection: Stan LaPointe, Greg Minden

Trash Collection Engineers: Stan LaPointe, Marty Rajsich, and Keith Hedge

Food Preparation /distribution: Rebel Squadron, Sid Mackay

Announcer: Frank Kelley

PA System: Keith Hedge

Greg Thomas and Assoc. LTD are designing the announcement flyer that will be distributed to the homes near the field

Greg Thomas is contacting the NLV City Officials, Mayor, Council and Parks Dept. with invitations to attend the event.

3. No new dumb thumbs at the field so the HUEY Award is still held by Frank Kelley.

4. Hal Miller brought a collection of the current level of Electric Ducted Fans technology with a discussion and display for EDF units from very small to gigantic

Trading Space

Upgrade your workshop:

This is a Sears and Roebuck "Companion" drill press.

It was manufactured by the Atlas Press Co. of Kalamazoo, MI in the late 1930s. It works great considering it's age.

\$25.00 David Pinjuv 656-1772



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Includes: Pilot, Fuel Tank, Upgraded
Tail Wheel, and Assembly Manual



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