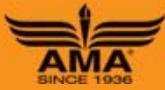




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Next Meeting

March 7, 2013

S. Campbell Library Center Auditorium

Next Event

Field Day

April 20th

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President's Corner

I was just thinking about my recent trip to the swap meet in Kansas City. Aaron and Adam made me get up at 4am to meet them in Bolivar! Wow, I'm just really not a morning person. Once I got some coffee in me I was good to go but I have to admit I was rethinking it all the way. If you haven't been you should go. It's really a lot of fun and there is a lot to see. I was reminded of the old saying "One man's trash is another man's treasure". How true that is! Most of the stuff I took was odds and ends from my flight box. I sold two of my "big" items before I even put them on the table which gave me a little shopping money for the rest of the day. I probably left some money on the table but that's OK. It was stuff I wasn't going to use so \$\$ in my pocket works well. I should have brokered Aaron "The Negotiator" Pennington's services and I'd have done better though. Too bad I like LARGE airplanes and my bankroll just didn't match. Besides, if I had bought that 100cc gasser I had my eye on Adam would have had to walk home. I'm thinking he might have objected. Guess I'll hang on to my money for now. Just think, right now somebody somewhere is putting together a gasser they'll be tired of in time for the swap meet next year :-)

See you at the field-
Wes "Scott" Parker

P.S. Aaron's wife makes you go to Costco afterwards to buy cat food. You've been warned!!

Gentleman's Agreement

With the 2013 flying season nearing its start, there is an issue to consider, that effects us all, in one way or another: The Gentleman's Agreement.

We all know what it's like to show up at the field and begin preparations on assembling our aircraft...it is, of itself, a rush, especially with a new airplane!

We also know what it's like to see someone else bringing something new out to fly...a rush!

Before we get started with all the excitement, give this agreement a deep thought. Allow all assembling to be completed before approaching a pilot about your awe and reverence to his or her airplane.

There will be plenty of time to muse over a nice plane, talk about its attributes and present a battery of questions to the pilot. This will ensure the plane has a better than average chance to entertain us all at what it does best: Fly!

It takes a certain amount of concentration to ensure the plane is properly set up for flight... interruptions of this process could prove disastrous! BE PATIENT!



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Building Time

With the weather beginning to be a bit more favorable for flying, building time gets tighter and closer to a close for those of us who are constructing this season's models.

There are sure to be some new and interesting planes out this spring and summer, as well as helicopters to entertain the spectators and other pilots.

On-going Project

This winter has proven to be an ideal time to recreate a model, or at least a version of it: The Magic. Most who have been members a while know Bryon's Magic quite well. It has seen some serious flying, and time and again was expected to fly its last flight... the float fly was one of those times... but it lives to tear up the skies!



With the model unavailable at present, but quite admired, a recreation has been decided upon, with some improving attributes, such as larger fuel tank and freeing up some space in the fuselage. I used Butch's version to get the measurements. Being a newer version, it uses a bolt-on wing. Not to belittle Bryon's, but this one was see-thru for easier detail recreation.



In the Beginning

Once all the measurements were recorded, I started by laying out a wing pattern. With this pattern, the shape of the ribs could be determined and a cut-out made to allow for the process of rib cutting.



Once the pattern was established, a block of balsa suitable to provide all needed ribs was acquired and shaped as well as sliced.

This will allow the construction of two full wing assemblies. Next month I'll cover the next step of assembling the wing structures.



Slim Pickings

The weather has been a very big factor, this past month, where flying is concerned. Of course, timing available flying time with family and work duties cuts into many of it as well. Guess we can't really complain since January afforded us some unusually warm days. The days are getting longer, so eventually the sun will dominate the weather patterns that so often disappoint us.

Membership on the Rise

News of the increasing membership is quite welcome! Our club's "bloodline" is getting replenished with new and younger pilots all the time. This is awesome and should prove to help keep our club alive for some time.

Reminder to Members

This newsletter is designed not only for keeping up with the happenings of the club, but for a venue in which to voice your tips, tricks and techniques concerning the hobby. Anyone who has an article idea is urged to disclose it to the editor via hard copy or e-mail, for inclusion in an upcoming edition. Articles can be of any topic or process that would be useful to other members and readers who are passionate about the hobby. Photos are acceptable and should be included with correspondence. The editor reserves the right to use all or part of any presentation and is solely responsible for which edition to include the article in. All presented material should be received prior to the 10th of each month. The newsletter is published on, or about, the 20th of the month. Thanks in advance for your involvement and cooperation in sharing knowledge to your fellow members.

Sincerely, the Editor

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