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June 4, 2015
7:00 pm
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President's Corner

Just a reminder that we will be encouraging Thursday nights to be designated fly nights. The weather is just about right to fly late into the evening. Get your night flyer ready too!

Hope to see everyone at the meeting Thursday. It looks like it should be a good night for flying. I'm bringing a couple of planes. This month I hope to actually get one of them OFF the ground! Still haven't repaired the damage to the Pogo but I'll get around to it soon. I knew it would be a squirrel but wow, I rarely have trouble getting one off the ground!

See you at the field
Wes "Scott" Parker

AMA MAGAZINE SURVEY

I received an e-mail from the AMA to complete a survey for the Model Aviation Magazine. Please take the time and effort to complete your survey should you receive an e-mail to do so. I have found this publication to be of great interest and full of information about our hobby. I even found the basis for a couple of items for use in our newsletter.

So, please don't automatically delete it. Take the survey and submit it.

May Meeting Minutes

No minutes published this month

Up In The Air

The repair work to our flight fencing is still "up in the air". We are still working to find matching plastic webbing. It has been difficult to match. Also, dates and locations are still being locked in for our float fly and other club activities.

DON'T FORGET

August 15 is AMA NATIONAL FLY DAY. Let's see all our members out there and getting into the air.



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FUN FLY MAY 2, 2015

It looks like I'll have to take back what I said last issue about Missouri weather not being dependable. Saturday's weather was fantastic. We had bright skies and mild breezes. DEFINITELY a GREAT day to be on the flying field.

Due to the small turnout, the day wasn't much of an "event". But the grilled hot dogs were tasty (Thanks to Darryl for taking care of the grill).

HOWEVER, there was one major mishap, something we never want to see but is inevitable: There was a crash of a VERY large Piper Cub. Photos of this can be seen on page 3.





PAYING ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS

As shown below, an unexpected circumstance can ruin the day and take all the heart out of the day's flying enjoyment.

As per good pilot prep for the flight, a range check was done. However, the pilot FORGOT to take the transmitter off Range Check mode and put it back into normal position. The plane ran down the runway towards the south, lifted off the runway as was expected and rose with assurance into its first left turn. Since the plane was beyond the range check distance, control was lost. The plane's left wing dropped beyond the banking position and the nose turned downward on a DEATH PLUNGE to the ground.

This crash would have been avoided if the transmitter wasn't still in range check mode when it took off. A simple detail not followed resulted in the destruction of a fine looking and obviously expensive aircraft (not to mention all the time involved in building it).

So, the point??? We do so many things without thinking about them because they become routine. How many times do we drive away from the house and not remember closing the garage door even though we did? This crash is a good reminder for all of us to always check and recheck our procedures when in the pit getting ready to fly. Maybe a check list to follow could prevent other disasters like this one.

Preparing for flight



Aftermath of the crash

