

FARM Newsletter

AMA Charter 1654

March 2021

TREASURER'S CORNER

Nic Burhans



As I start writing this month's input, I can report that it has finally happened, TWO (2) warm and beautiful flying days in a row. This fact drew out a large number of club flyers socially distancing and having a good time at the FARM Club field. As a result of the good flying, we gained a new member, Jay Zompanti, who faced a check flight and comments from the cast of thousands with flying colors.

Our AMA Charter, site insurance, and Gold Leader Club status have all been renewed for 2021. Now all we need is continued good flying weather during this year's flying season. However, to keep the field in great shape for flying we need Club members to help with the mowing on a weekly basis. Usually we mow sometime on Friday or early on Saturday. It takes three people to make the mowing, trimming,

and clean up/clipping blowing work efficiently. If you can help the Club with the April through October weekly mowing schedule, let Bill Towne (bbtowne@comcast.net) know that you are interested in helping this year and when you will be available through the season. (Usually the mowers only have to help 4 or 5 times during the season [depending on the number of volunteers]; Bill will coordinate with you while he is setting up the schedule.

Not much is happening on the FAA Remote ID front at this point. The FAA, AMA, and industry are all laboring to make it work as easily as possible. AMA's point man, Tyler Dobbs, has a to-the-point summary in this month's Model Aviation (Pgs 8-9). If you have specific questions, you can contact Tyler for the latest information. If you take Model Airplane News, they have a good overview of the "The Future Of RC" and "What This Means To The RC Hobby" (Pgs 16-23).

Field FAA certifications are going at a one or two a week/month pace with only one FAA team during COVID. However, a second team is about to come on line; which should speed things up for AMA clubs. At this point, the AMA and FAA are still working on certifications for club that are located inside controlled airspace. Our turn will come further down the road. Note: At this point, we can keep flying as we have been.

Nominations are now open for AMA District Vice Presidents. 2021 is our District IV election year. The nominations window remains open until 2 July 2021. Any AMA Adult member may submit a nomination (see Model Aviation Pg 97 for further information).

On a sad note for the hobby, we have lost Frank Tiano (Florida Jets and Top Gun Invitational

founder) and IMAC President for the past six years, Mike Karnes. They will be missed.

Be Safe and fly Safe.

Nic Burhans

EDITOR'S NOTES – Upcoming Events

Jeff Killen

1. Club Meeting, via zoom meeting, 7:00 PM, 3/23/2021
2. NSRCA D2 Judging Seminar, via zoom meeting, 9AM-all day, 3/20/2020, dszczur@verizon.net, CD: Don Szczur

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Killen

The club meeting was held on February 23 via zoom meeting. Sixteen members were present in the meeting including all 7 of the club officers.

A few quick items were addressed before the presentation. These were:

- Thanks again to Carl Hampton, our zoom expert
- Vaccine, get on the list, and check VA's web site to see if you are really on the list
- Volunteers needed to help cut the brush around the pond near the landing strip. See Charlie K or Dave R if you can help.

Officer Reports

Vice President – Bill Towne – an audio problem prevented Bill from reporting

Treasurer – Nic Burhans – he was travelling, and calling into the meeting from his car, and thus had no report

Secretary – Jeff Killen – no report. But if you have any photos, send them along !

Field Marshall – John Gilbert – no report. His surgery is still in May.

Safety Officer - Ernie Padgett – no report.

Web Support – Dick Sutton – no report.

Presentation

Tom Ciarula, a docent at the Udvar Hazy Smithsonian museum in Chantilly, gave us a talk and slides on reciprocating engines, beginning with the early years of flight up to the beginning of the jet age.

Two interesting points:

- HP to weight ratio for the engine – a 1:1 ratio was the goal, but it was never reached.
- Why jets took over – better HP to weight ratios, cheaper/easier maintenance

Show and Tell:

- - Ralph Graul – Hangar 9 T-34 model. Landing gear problem with electric retracts.

Pictures from Jeff Killen's J-3 Cub re-work



The wing's top peeled back ready for spray adhesive.



After the spray adhesive. Nice !

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