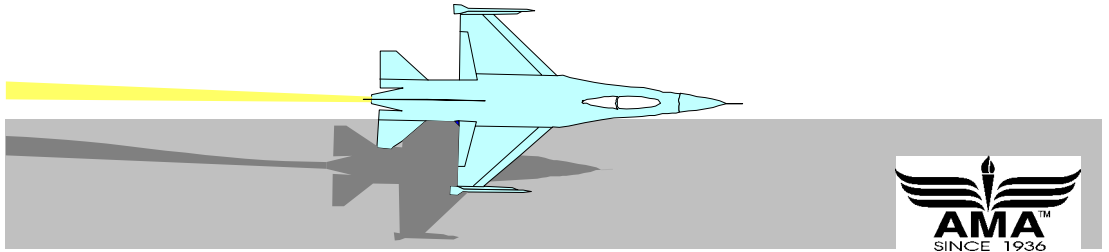


PLANE TALK

February 2008

Newsletter of the Lexington Model Airplane Club



The President's Thoughts

by Charles Brooks

Greetings I know KY is known for its crazy weather but man is it getting a little out of control. Last months meeting I feel was productive. Those that were there gave a lot of input. This months' meeting, I'm looking for more input from you. The topic is hints and tips. Just looking for members to come and share hints and tips that you have picked up along the years. Feel free to bring items if you want to demonstrate your tip. I know that everyone has something they can share.

Guys I need to say it again, last one out please LOCK our gate. People were caught dumping inside the field. I have talked to the city about this. They are still in the works to get the front gate working; also they are looking to put up surveillance cameras. Also our building was broken into. Talking to the city they have had a few break-ins too.

Also this month we will have two presentations. First we will have guest from Cardinal Hill at the meeting to present them a check for the 2007 Fall Classic. Also feel free to ask Questions about the hospital, I know they have been a big help to several LMAC Members in the past.

Second this year LMAC will have a relay for life team at the Lexington event that will be at LCA. Cancer has affected this club and every member of this club in someway. Give you a little info on this for those that do not know what it is. You go out and collect money for the American Cancer society. They do have prizes based on the amount you collect. We setup a campsite as it's called. You decorate your site with a slogan in mind. For 24 hours strait a member of your team walks the track. No you do not have to be there for the full 24 hours. We will be able to have information about the club and our events at our campsite so people can pick it up. Just guessing from the past they could be several thousand people at this. We have other opportunities to that we will talk about at the meeting.

I have received some complements from you. I thank you for them and ask that you stick around for some changes. I have talked to some of you that do not attend meetings to see why you don't come. One answer I received from a few is the fact the meetings are no longer fun, too much arguing and business going on. I have tried and feel that I have cut some of that out, but it needs to be better. For the business side looking at the bylaws everything has to be voted on by the members at a meeting. Some say the board should have the ability to handle some of the small \$ amount projects. I agree to a point. Some of the small things could be taken care of by the field committee and the board. To do this would require a bylaw change. Second is people would like to see in the newsletter before the meeting what will be on the agenda. I have tried to pass that on to you in the newsletter when I knew of items. I have a new idea, I have passed this on to the board and they like it. The new idea, If Tom thinks we need to say put flowers around the flag pole. Tom needs to figure out what type of flowers would work best, how many we need, how much it will cost, and how it will be done. Now Tom will send an email or call some of the board members and pass this info on. This will need to be done before the first of the month so the board can look it over and it can be put into the newsletter. So you ask what this has accomplished! A lot, first with it being in the newsletter, you know it is on the list for the meeting. Second when the idea is brought up at the meeting, we have all the info on what it will cost and how it will be done. So now we can have a short question time, I said short question time and then vote on it. Yes it makes the person that has the idea do some leg work, but if you think it is important enough then you will do the leg work, if not then it must not have been a good idea. Hopefully this will speed up the business part of the meeting, and we can get to the fun stuff.

See you at the meeting with your tips.

Charles Brooks

Treasurer's Report

by Bill Saunooke

BALANCE 12/31/2007 9,706.01

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BALANCE 12/31/2007 5,454.87

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BALANCE 1/31/2008 11,454.87

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NET TOTAL 6,000.00

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BALANCE 1/31/2008 4,954.01

TOTAL INFLOWS 1,248.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS -6,000.00

NET TOTAL -4,752.00

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 14, 2008 7:00 p.m.

VA Hospital, Leestown Road

LMAC Minutes

by Bruce Hall

LMAC Minutes for 1/10/2008

President Charles Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 24 members present.

Motion to approve the minutes from December was made by Curtis Adams & 2nd by Frank McVey.
Motion carried

Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made by Gale Moore and 2nd by Steve Campanelli.
Motion carried

Dale Schaefer was introduced as a new member. Welcome aboard!

There was no plane of the month

Old Business

A sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up for the following committees: picnic, fieldwork, and officer nomination.

Charles Brooks reviewed the 2007 budget compared to the expenses we had.

New Business:

Curtis Adams talked about our 2008 Giant fly-in. Ideas on ways to make it more successful and possibly run smoother were written down for consideration.

Charles asked for ideas for field improvements. Several thoughts were shared including runway striping, rolling grass runway, finish repair to shelter, clean & spray fence row, and repair access road.

A meeting will be scheduled with newly elected LFUCG officials to let them know who we are, what we do, where we've been, and where we're going.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM with a motion from Gale Moore and 2nd by David Price.



Please Read, For Those That Haven't Heard!

Futaba 6EX, 7C and TM-7 Service Advisory

This service advisory affects only owners of the Futaba TM-7 module and 6EX and 7C FASST systems. Each FASST transmitter contains a unique eight digit identification code, programmed at the factory to identify the respective transmitter and to allow a receiver to be paired only to that radio's signal. Recently we have learned that a very small number of the TM-7 modules, and 6EX and 7C FASST systems were incorrectly coded with a common code number during the manufacturing process. These units were subsequently sold prior to our awareness of the situation. If two or more units, utilizing this common identification code, were to be in use simultaneously, they may cause interference with one another. Please note: Units which utilize the correct identification code will not be affected by these units.

We're extremely confident that this is not a widespread problem. We know of only one instance in the United States. However, to give you peace of mind that your system is not affected, we will soon be setting up test stations at participating hobby shops throughout the country where you will be able to go to determine -- within a matter of minutes -- whether or not your transmitter is affected, at no charge to you. Or, if you prefer, you may send it in to our service center we will analyze it for you at no charge. If any problem is found, it will be replaced. We will gladly pay the postage for returning the unit and sending it back to you. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Futaba Service Center at: 217-398-0007 or via email at: service@futaba-rc.com. Our staff is available to you Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm U.S. Central Standard Time.

Precautionary Measures and Information-

1)As with all radio control equipment, we strongly suggest that you pre-flight your aircraft thoroughly prior to flying. When flying at a location with other FASST owners, prior to flying we suggest that all pilots briefly activate their systems simultaneously to check for any interaction between units. If any interactions should occur, do NOT fly. Return the unit to the Futaba Service Center for immediate replacement.

2) Each time that your transmitter is turned on, it is imperative that you allow the FASST system an adequate amount of time to thoroughly boot-up completely before shutting down the transmitter.

We recommend allowing the system at least five (5) seconds prior to turning off the power to the transmitter.

3) If the transmitter and receiver have lost their binding which required> them to be re-linked, we recommend returning them to the Futaba Service Center for analysis. This is not expected behavior and should be investigated accordingly.



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Getting Youth Involved??????

I've been watching this thread with some interest. Our club members having given complete, ready to fly R/C models to youngsters to get them started have pretty much come to the consensus that we are wasting our time. Not one of these of the several dozen over the past few years made it much past his 16th birthday (a time when his dad or mother no longer had to drive him to the field) still interested in R/C. I've talked to people other hobbies, be they shooting sports or model railroading . . . the story is always the same . . . how do we attract the youth? When you look at the disposable income that kids have today it is obvious it is not a money thing. When my grandson has 2 grand worth of video games and equipment - it certainly isn't the money. You can't even GIVE them R/C equipment - they just are not interested. That being said I would like to share with you a classic on the hobby of model aircraft that might give a little in site into the core of the problem facing the hobby.

Modeler's, gotta love'em!
by Dick Burkhalter

As to the cheapness of R/C flyer's in comparison to golfers, fishermen and others who engage in expensive hobbies, I have some rather interesting psychological theories about that... Golf, fishing, owning and racing horses or cars, hunting or skeet shooting and a number of other expensive hobbies have always been regarded as adult hobbies to which kids might aspire.

The general attitude regarding spending money on those hobbies is that of "I've earned it as a part of the growing up and becoming a man process, therefore I deserve to spend whatever I want on this hobby, which by the way I use to further my business "Contacts". On the other hand, building and flying model airplanes has traditionally been looked at as a juvenile hobby, which we're supposed to outgrow when we become men. The only men for whom model building and flying is considered a valid pastime are those who are somehow connected with doing it for business reasons. Hobby shop owners, model distributors, and professional R/C competitors, special effects flyers for the movie or TV industry. Those guys are excused from criticism because, after all, they're making money at it and supplying all those toys we buy for our kids at Christmas. You may notice that even when there's a story in the popular press about some famous person who happens to be a modeler, it's almost always "and he used to build models as a kid," not "he has built models since he was a kid and continues to do so today."

How this affects modeler's ability or willingness to spend money on his hobby and himself is quite obvious. Many of us still think we have to get permission from Daddy (or most accurately, Mommy) to spend some bucks on this "childish" pursuit we engage in, or we feel guilty if we spend more than our "allowance" on it. It's especially devastating to us to have to spend money to replace a model we crashed, because it's admitting we didn't know what we were doing. After all, "real men" don't build their own shotguns, bass boats, horses, golf clubs or whatever, and for sure they don't crash them and wreck them half the time they go out and enjoy their hobby. (Car racers are exceptions which prove the rule; they're considered only slightly more adult than us - we're pre-pubescent and they're teenagers, none of us has grown up anyway). If you're out with some of your friends and they're all talking about their hobbies, boasting of their golf scores or the fish they caught or how much money they won at the track last week, do you pipe up with news about your latest R/C success? Everyone who does, I'll give a buck. Everyone who doesn't, give me a buck. I'll have enough in a week to buy that new plane I've been lusting after. Even those who do, what kind of a reaction do you get? Sneers or laughter, I'll bet. Ribbing about still playing with kiddies toys and jokes about what's going to happen to you when you notice girls. I can't begin to tell you how many times I have had guys say to me upon seeing my models or hearing me talk about them, "Oh, yeah, I built those when I was a kid! I had this full house B-29 with six motors in it and full radio control and was flying it out of the baseball field when a bird hit it and it crashed!" Or some such story. I'll bet it's happened to everyone in here. If it's something that happens while you're in a group of guys, they'll all laugh and try to top each other's lies. What do you do? Do you stand up and say, "Hey, you guys, cut the B. S.! There's not a one of you who could a cut two sticks of balsa and make a straight spar! You were screw ups when you were kids and you're still screw ups now!" No, most likely you sit there and just try to ignore them, or you make some crack that indicates to all that you know they're fibbing and then turn the conversation to something else. So what it boils down to for many adult modeler's is that they're embarrassed about their hobby and don't want to call attention to them selves, so they don't pony up to buy and maintain a nice field where they can be proud to go. So they fly off garbage dumps and wonder why nobody wants to come out and play with them but the flies.

Get the picture?

Red S.
Red's R/C Battery Clinic

You Should Always Ask Questions First!

From the Windom Eagles, Windom, Minnesota

A photographer for a national magazine was assigned to take pictures of a great forest fire. He was advised that a small airplane would be waiting to fly him over the fire.

The photographer arrived at the airstrip just an hour before sundown. Sure enough a small Cessna airplane was waiting.

He jumped in with his equipment and shouted, "Let's go!"

The tense man sitting in the pilot's seat swung the airplane into the wind and soon they were in the air, though flying erratically.

"Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make several low-level passes."

"Why?" asked the nervous pilot.

"Because I'm going to take pictures," yelled the photographer.

After a long pause, the pilot replied, "You mean, you're not my instructor?"

Check Presentation to Cardinal Hill

We need everyone to attend the February meeting. The club is going to present Cardinal Hill with a check. The donation has become an annual event for LMAC, ever since Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation joined us to help promote our Bluegrass Fall Classic. Please come out and help us Thank Cardinal Hill for all they do in the community and for the help they give us every September for the Fall Classic.

2008 EVENT CALENDAR

Flying events at Lexington Model Airplane Facility

Cub's & Classics.....	June 7
Club Picnic.....	July 26
Warbird Fly-In.....	August 2
Electric Fly-In.....	August 16
Helicopter Fly-In.....	September 13, 14,
Giant 3-Day Event.....	September 19, 20, 21
Swap Meet.....	November 8

From the Tucson Radio Control Club, Tucson, Arizona

The Perfect Job

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned ... couldn't concentrate.

After that I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it ... mainly because it was a so-so job.

Then I tried to be a chef—figured it would add a little spice to my life—but I just didn't have the thyme.

Next I tried working in a muffler factory but that was too exhausting.

I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.

I attempted to be a deli worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.

Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax.

Next was a job in a shoe factory. I tried, but I just didn't fit in.

So then I got a job in a workout center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

After many years of trying to find steady work I finally got a job as a historian until I realized there was no future in it.

I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patience.

My best job was being a musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.

I became a professional fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.

My last job was working at Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

So, I retired and found ... I'm perfect for the job! **Q**





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