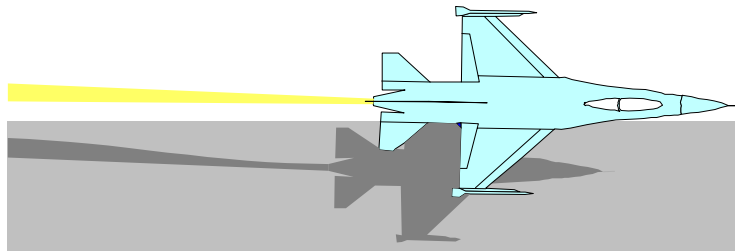


April 2009

Newsletter of the Lexington Model Airplane Club



The President's Corner

by P.J. Ash

Well here we are in April already and I'm already excited because I've been out to the field several times to fly. The weather is opening up and looking better all the time. I've noticed many of you out there as well and it looks as if it is going to be a great flying year.

As many of you already know, we had a rather tragic accident at the field a few weeks ago concerning some fingers and a prop.....the prop won. Dale Jennings who has been a member of ours for several years lost various parts of 4 fingers when his 1/3 scale extra 260 headed for him on the ground. Dale had accomplished a successful flight when, during taxi back he thought he noticed something wrong. He turned the plane around so the spinning prop was not pointed toward the pits area. He thought he saw a fuel leak and when he bent down to look at it, he thinks something hit the throttle and the plane came towards him. Reaction then took over and within a few seconds, as many of the members started running towards his aid, Brook noticed something very wrong.

He was rushed to the hospital where they bandaged up his hand and released him unable to reattach the fingers. Brook, Mike, and I went over the next evening to check on him. He is doing better but of course he has his moments where the pain takes over. Our hearts and prayers go out to Dale as he gets over this and according to Dale; this is not going to take him out. He looks forward to getting back in the air in time!

I know many are curious and concerned with this accident and wonder what steps could be taken so this doesn't happen again. This was a large airplane and if it had been held by another person, this would never have happened. I've looked over our rules and the rules we currently have, would have prevented this accident and many other types of accidents. Now, before anyone starts pointing fingers at anyone else, let ME be the first to say, I know I've bent and stretched if not broken the rules myself. In fact, earlier that morning, before the accident, I taxied my 1/3rd scale cub on the far end on the grass. Now there was only 4 of us there, and nobody was anywhere near me doing this, but I shouldn't have done that. I think we have all done things that the rule book would say, "oh no"! This is a great time to take a look at our field rules and make sure we all follow them so things like this doesn't happen. Dale told me he felt really bad and knew what he did was, in his words, "stupid". He paid the price so many of us could learn from it. I know that I've taken a close look "inside" myself and realize that I could be stricter on my own habits and I hope each and every one of you do the same if you need it or not.

It was brought to my attention several weeks ago that Jack Atkinson fell and hit his face causing some real damage. I know he had to get stitched up and it was a pretty hard fall. I hope you are feeling better Jack and pray that you get to feeling better soon.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2009 7:00 p.m.

VA Hospital, Leestown Road

I hope to see everyone at the club meeting this Thursday. As always, we are going to work hard at keeping the business down to a minimum because there are two really neat items to see and learn. One is; Dan Thomson is going to explain radio operation as it pertains to 72 and 2.4. I know for one, I'm really looking forward to it and know that there is a bunch of information I still need to learn. The other is, Charles Brooks is going to present is AWARD WINNING piper cub that he just won 1st place with in Designers Scale at Toledo this past weekend. Great Job Charles! You will want to see this plane. I've had some "sneak peeks" during his build and I can tell you there are some really neat features he built in. I also want to thank John Peck again for his awesome presentation on airbrush technique. He had some really cool applications in where you can use airbrush work to blend in panel lines and make the plane look very realistic. I've been building for years and learned a great deal that night. Once again, John, thank you for your presentation!

I think I speak for most of the club when I say; these presentations have really improved the attendance and interest at the meetings. If you haven't been to one, you should really try to attend. We have a good time and we get to learn and hear new things at these presentations. Once again, the club works because of you. I want to thank all the members who are active in any way. We all appreciate your dedication and what you bring to us.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Keep em' flying!
PJ

LMAC Minutes

by Len Greathouse

Meeting called to order by PJ Ash

Motion to accept February minutes by Kenny Stevens, second by Joe Woods.

Treasurer report accepted.

Matt Hanson stressed that volunteers are needed for training new pilots.

Training takes place every Tuesday 4 PM till dark.

Matt Hanson will place information in all hobby shops concerning all aspects of LMAC.

November 7th LMAC Swap meet. Volunteers are needed. Contact Joe Woods or Jim Jackson for more info.

June 13th LMAC club picnic at the field.

Butch Krebs reported that that the padlock had been broken off the storage shed.

Curtis Adams contacted Walker construction to roll the grass runway.

PJ reported that gravel is in the process or will put down in the future.

Charles Brooks has updated the LMAC web site to include calendar of upcoming events and other information.

U-Control meet will be July 25-26.

John Peck gave an excellent and informative presentation on painting and airbrushing..

Charles Brooks needs volunteers for MAC Relay for Life. For more info contact Charles Brooks.

PLANE OF THE MONTH

Kenny Stevens VS. 22 UP-Control
PJ Ash EVA Models 60 size Hawker Hurricane

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

by Jennifer Newman

Register Report - Mar 2009 3/1/2009 through 3/31/2009

4/5/2009

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 2/28/2009							18,153.47
3/2/2009	LMAC Checking	DEP	S Deposit	M. Rice	Dues 2009	R	75.00
				J. Young	Dues 2009	R	75.00
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				A. Polites	Dues 2009	R	75.00
				L. Autery	Dues 2009	R	75.00
				R. Strosnider	Dues 2009	R	50.00
				T. Whitaker	Dues 2009	R	75.00
				T. Booth	Dues 2009	R	50.00
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				T. Stevens	Dues 2009	R	50.00
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				E. Russo	Dues 2009	R	75.00
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3/1/2009 - 3/31/2009							1,309.00
BALANCE 3/31/2009							19,462.47
TOTAL INFLOWS							1,309.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS							0.00
NET TOTAL							1,309.00

LMAC Checking \$19,462.47**LMAC Money Market Acct \$851.24****Grand Total \$20,313.71**

Relay For Life

It's time to get rolling for the Relay for Life Cancer Walk. This year it is June 26, 27 Friday and Saturday. Setup is from 1 to 5 on Friday and then the relay part is from 5:00pm Friday till 1:00pm Saturday. It's easy to sign up just go to LMAC website and click on the relay logo. If you don't want to join the team, all I ask is for you to send an email to all your family and friends and ask them to make a donation.

More at the meeting

Charles Brooks AKA Cub Man

2009 EVENT CALENDAR

Flying events at Lexington Model Airplane Facility

- Vintage Radio Control Society.....May 23-24
- LMAC Club Picnic.....June 13
- Cubs & Classics Fly-In.....June 20
- U-Control.....July 26
- Warbird Fly-In.....July 25-26
- IMAC Meet/Fly-In.....August 1-2
- Electric Fly-In.....August 15
- Helicopter Fly-In.....September 12-13
- Giant 3-Day Event.....September 18,19,20
- Swap Meet.....November 7

Calendar of Events at Area Clubs Fields

Clark Co. Barnstormers

- Spring Kick Off.....May 16
- 1st Annual Harold Brown Memorial Eat-In.....June 6
- Spring Fly-In.....June 27
- Barnstormers Fall Fun Fly.....October 17

Northern KY. Flying Cardinals

- Pattern Meet.....May 17-18
- Kenny Walker Memorial Fly-In.....May 31
- Warbirds over Ohio Valley.....June 21
- IMAC.....June 28-29
- Electric Fly-In.....October 4

Other Events of Interest

- Top Gun 2009.....May 6
- Joe Nall Fly-In.....May 13

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More You Might Be An RC Modeler If.....

You have enough broken props to use for firewood.
You have ever used an old elevator pushrod to scratch your back.
You shop Toy-R-Us for pilots.
Your doctor tells you that you have prop whip elbow.
You got your wife a plane kit for Mother's Day.
You can cover a prize-winning plane with monocoque but can't iron your shirts.
Your friends have ever strung yellow "CRIME SCENE" tape around your plane.
You have ever taken your plane off with the ailerons backwards and still landed it safely.
You can program a multi-plane 9-channel computer radio but can't figure out your VCR.
You claimed your AMA dues on your income tax return.
Your latest plane cost more than your wife's dish washer.
You have a dog-eared Tower Hobbies catalog in your bathroom.
You know what the term "Dumb-Thumb" really means.
You smell Windex and it reminds you that you need to clean your planes.
Your wedding anniversary falls on a Fly-In weekend and you actually think about your choices.
With all your mail from AMA your postman thinks you're a doctor.
You can blow gnats from your eyes out of the corner of your mouth and keep on flying.
You think about checking the frequency board before operating your TV remote at home.
You complain about the cost of getting your kids started back in school because it cuts into your money available for the Swap Meet.
You have complained about your wife forgetting something at the grocery store and you having to go back for it, yet you will drive 60 miles for a \$3 part to finish a plane for Sunday.
It's September and you have already given your wife your Christmas wish list (with nothing but R/C stuff on it).
You actually enjoy reading these "You Might Be" jokes.
You spend \$12.50 for your wife some costume jewelry earrings at a Swap Meet and \$362 for airplane stuff and figure everything is even.
You tape Sunday afternoon football games and auto races and watch them Sunday night.
Your biggest adult decision is golf or flying on a pretty weekend afternoon.
You crank your leaf blower and hold vertical and adjust the trim.
You buy your daughter (or wife) a doll house kit from HobbyTown USA just so you will have something to glue together on a rainy Sunday afternoon.
You have enough scrap balsa to start fires in your fireplace.
You name your dog "Aileron".
You use coat hangers and duct tape for anything other than hanging clothes and taping duct.
Your transmitter has more computing power than a Pentium PC.
You introduce your wife as your co-pilot.
You consider a quality evening with the family consist of gluing and sanding.
You show up at the field with your channel 24 transmitter and your plane has channel 42 receiver in it.
It's too cold to wash your wife's car but you'll going flying.
You can't wait for grass cutting season to get here.
You crash your plane and go to the golf course to vent your frustration.
You use an infrared tach to set the speeds of your ceiling fans.
You wash your car or truck on Saturday and will drive through mud to get to the flying field on Sunday.
You'll complain about buses and trucks with all that stinking diesel smoke but add it to your plane.
You spend more time at the field working on your plane than flying it.
You use a chain saw to improve your landing approach.
Your wife uses your spare props to stir her paint can.
You have fuel stains in the trunk of your car.
You consider a Sunday picnic as a couple of hot dogs at the flying field.
You consider the R/C club meeting as the month's social event.
You spend \$475 at a swap meet and question your wife's plans for a summer vacation as too expensive.
You save Popsicle sticks to stir your epoxy glue with.
You can balance your plane but can't balance your check book.
You will spend six hours Saturday working on your plane but won't fix the leaking commode tank valve `cause you don't have time.

**Credits: Bill Atkins,
Dixie Aeromodelers, Byron, GA .**



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Plane of the Month & Door Prize.



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