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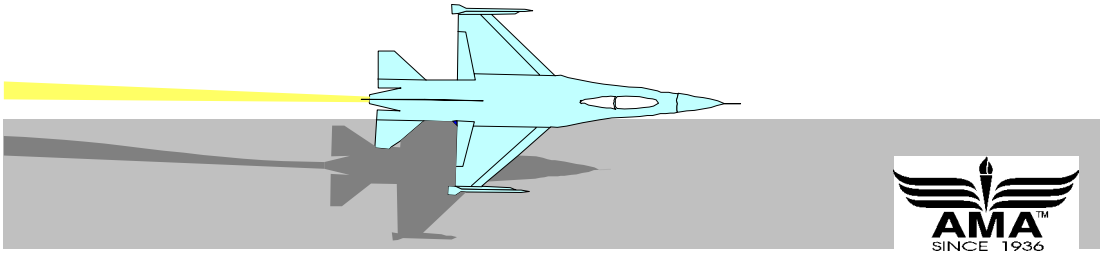

The President's Corner

by P.J. Ash

Well, here we are finding December. I don't see one single leaf on any trees (accept for you evergreens!) and it was the first day for me that it was below 30! Before going to Church this morning, I had to scrape ice of the windows. As many of you know, I am a sunny, "warm day" kind of person and this won't surprise you that today, I seem to have lost my "cherub like" demeanor. Even though I say good bye to yet another fun and successful flying season, I do look forward to the building season and the Holidays!

Speaking of a successful season, I want to take some time and review the year for the LMAC in 2009. Wow what a year. We have had some great achievements. Two that come to mind is the successful introduction and execution of both the Vintage and the IMAC airshows. Both Dan Thompson and Chris Woycke have a passion in this hobby. Dan with vintage airplanes (Dan is the only guy I know that would ever think of putting 2.4 inside the box of some ugly orangish-yellow 1970s radio case) and Chris with IMAC competition. Both guys decided to step up and not only share their part of the hobby they love, but give us a chance to experience it by donating their time through organizing airshows! Thank you guys and thank everyone who helped make it possible!

Another large feature the club now has is electricity. This was probably our largest financial decision we've made in a long time. If it weren't for members like Curtis Adams I don't know if we would have ever gotten it done. I really appreciate all the hard work that went into organizing everything and presenting it to the club so we could make an informed decision. I also appreciate the members who even though didn't agree with the decision, realized that we are a club as opposed to individual members and still play airplanes with us and still laugh it up! I've seen decisions like this rip a club up and it was nice to see us all work this out.

Jack Atkinson came up with a great idea last year to promote the club meetings through club programs. In the past we used to use half (or so) of the meeting for business and the other half for programs. Jack, and others, felt that if we could promote the meetings through different programs, it might spark both club participation and meeting attendance. It did both! I asked Matt Hansen to organize this and it has gone great. I want to thank everyone who stood up to participate and the programs have been great!

This past year, many members who have been very quiet over the years have seemed to come out of their shell and participate in different things. I don't know exactly why, but I am really pleased to see so much activity. I want to thank you for doing this. I also want to thank all of the club members who have participated an anything we've done! It is easy to simply set back and watch others do everything. I've said this to many people, I feel we are a very blessed club and I feel we are one of the best if not the best. Why? Yes we have a great field, yes we have many different types of people in the hobby, yes we have a nice pavilion (with electricity), but it is because of you……..our membership! You make this club something I am very proud to be part of!

Last but not least, I want to thank all of the officers who have so passionately worked for you and me. In many ways, holding an office position is a thankless job and in many cases requires a good amount of work. With the New Year coming, I am looking forward to spending another year as your President. I hope I have done a good job this past year and will do everything I can to keep our club a safe and fun environment to participate in. I look forward to working with both current officers and some new ones coming in. This is the last newsletter I will write to you in 2009 and I can't believe another year has come and gone. However, this year will present new and exciting challenges. I couldn't be a member of a better group of people and as 2010 rolls in, I'm ready to have another fun year!

Keep em flying!
PJ

LMAC Minutes

by Len Greathouse

October meeting reopened by President PL Ash.

Nominations for club officers are as follows:

President — PJ Ash
Vice President — Matt Hanson
Treasurer — Roberto Munoz
Secretary — SteveCampanelli
Newsletter Editor — Charles Brooks
Senior Adviser — Dan Thompson
Safety Officer — Butch Krebs

All nominations for 2010 accepted and seconded.

October meeting adjourned by PL Ash.

November meeting called to order by PJ Ash.

Motion to accept October minutes made. Seconded by Charles Brooks.

Motion to accept Treasurers report made. Seconded by Bob Stewart.

No new members for October.

No solos for October.

Program presenters are needed for 2010. For more info contact Matt Hanson or Jack Atkinson.

New dues structure for 2010 passed. For more info call Treasurer Roberto Munoz.

Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) states that under no circumstances, flyers are not allowed to enter the landfill to retrieve a downed airplane unless accompanied by a LFUCG employee.

Swap meet set for November 21st 9AM to 2PM at the National Guard Armory behind the airport. Help is needed for setup and take down. Contact Joe Woods for more info.

Motion made by Curtis Adams to donate $1000 to Cardinal Hill Hospital from the Giant Scale flyin. Seconded by Jim Jackson. Motion carried.

A very informative program with a slide show was given by Dr. Ralph Herms on his deployment to Iraq during the Iraq war in 1990.

Plane of the month was a Striker with UK logo by Curtis Cox.

Meeting adjourned by PJ Ash

Treasurer's Report

by Jennifer Newman

Register Report - Current Month

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 10/31/2009						12,078.17
11/1/2009	LMAC Checking	2034	A-1 Portable R...	Nov 09	Field Expense:Potty	-75.00
11/13/2009	LMAC Checking	2035	Cardinal Hill	from Fall Classic 09	Charity	-1,000.00
11/21/2009	LMAC Checking	2036	Kentucky Utiliti...	Oct 09	Field Expense:Electricity	-12.75
11/21/2009	LMAC Checking	2037	Curtis Cox	envelopes	Treasurers Expense	-31.79
11/21/2009	LMAC Checking	2038	John Peck	doughnuts	FLY INS:Swap Meet	-26.70
11/21/2009	LMAC Checking	2039	PJ Ash	food/grill	FLY INS:Swap Meet	-264.12
11/21/2009	LMAC Checking	2040	Michael Breunig	dues overpayment	Misc Reimbursement	-10.00
11/21/2009	LMAC Checking	2041	James Havens	dues overpayment	Misc Reimbursement	-10.00
11/21/2009	LMAC Checking	2042	Robert Cooper	dues overpayment	Misc Reimbursement	-10.00
11/21/2009	LMAC Checking	2043	Gayle Yarnell	dues overpayment	Misc Reimbursement	-20.00
11/23/2009	LMAC Checking	DEP ...	Deposit		FLY INS:Swap Meet	1,451.85
				P.S. Anderson	FLY INS:Swap Meet	30.00
				G. Cowen - Nov 09 ...	Dues 2009	10.00
				G. Cowen	Key Deposit	3.00
				R. Isernhagen	Dues 2010	65.00
				J. Thomsen	Dues 2010	65.00
				J. Vittetow	Dues 2010	55.00
				J. Vittetow	Key Deposit	3.00
				J. Hiller	Dues 2010	55.00
11/24/2009	LMAC Checking	2044	Jim Jackson	Oct 15; Nov 5	Field Expense:Lawn Mowing Services	-320.00
11/29/2009	LMAC Checking	2045	Joe Woods	printing/AMA ad	FLY INS:Swap Meet	-40.34
11/30/2009	LMAC Checking	DEP ...	Deposit	J. Newman	Dues 2010	65.00
				D. Short	Dues 2010	65.00
				J. Vittetow	Dues 2010	10.00
11/1/2009 - 11/30/2009						57.15
BALANCE 11/30/2009						12,135.32

TOTAL INFLOWS	1,877.85
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-1,820.70
NET TOTAL	57.15

LMAC Checking $12,135.32
LMAC Money Market Account $851.48
Grand Total $12,986.80

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 10, 2009 7:00 p.m.

VA Hospital, Leestown Rd.

Final Words, Final Thoughts

When I took this newsletter over from Gerry Wagner about 8 years ago, I never thought that I would enjoy putting something together that I hoped that everyone would enjoy reading each month. I must admit that some months I thought that the newsletter was worth picking up and other times not so much on the content. This is my last edition as your editor, and it saddens me to step aside as your newsletter editor. I very much still enjoy putting together the newsletter each and every month, but there are other reasons that I am passing the baton on to another.
I really appreciate all those members that have over the years given me words of encouragement and told me how much you have enjoyed the newsletters. Maybe some years down the road I will be your editor again, but for now I feel that it is best that I let someone else give it a try. I know that Charles Brooks has stepped up and been elected to take the reins for the up coming year. Charles has been your editor before so I know that we will be in good hands.
I hope that this newsletter, finds everyone thinking of the real reason for the Christmas Holiday; our faith, families and helping others, not all the sales, and giveaways that we are bombarded with telling us why we need stuff.
Thanks to everyone and Merry Christmas!!!
See Ya at the Field
John Royalty

Don't forget about the Numb Thumbs Fly_In on January 1, 2010. We always get together the first day of the New Year to bore holes in the sky and possibly eat if folks bring pots of chili. The chili is not always there but when it is, it is definitely worth the trip.

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VA Hospital, Leestown Rd.

By-Law Change Proposal

I, Dan Thompson, propose a bylaw change as follows;

To adhere to the AMA request that clubs have a safety officer, the LMAC appointed one a few years back. However, in scanning the AMA recommended bylaws, they have the safety officer as a member of the board of directors.

Since we have the position of Chairman of public relations and this is basically a null position, I propose that the PR position be combined with Vice President position and the vacant PR position be changed to the position of Safety Officer.

The following recommendations are the changed bylaw articles, IV and V, for the with the changes underlined.

ARTICLE IV.
Officers

The offices of the club shall be:

(a) President	(e) Treasurer
(b) Vice President/PR	(f) Senior Advisor
(c) Secretary	(g) Safety Officer
(d) Editor	

Holders of these seven offices shall constitute a Board of Directors for the club which shall consider matters of policy at greater length than is possible in general meetings, and shall make policy and program recommendations to the club. It is permissible for one member to serve in a combined capacity (eg. Secretary / Editor), should the member seek and subsequently be elected thereto.

ARTICLE V.
Duties

(a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall act as spokesman for the club in all matters pertaining to it.

The president shall present a budget to the club at the January meeting for their consideration. The club must have an operating budget in place by the end of the February meeting. The club Fiscal year and the membership year shall be the calendar year.

(b) **Vice President/PR.** The Vice President shall assist the President and shall act in the stead of the President when the President is unable to serve. The Public Relations representative shall contact and keep informed local model shops, contest sponsors and the various news media of club activities. Also other area contests, events and inform the members.

(c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings; The Secretary shall provide the current and the new elect Board Members with current club bylaws. Also, shall provide a copy of the bylaws to any member upon request.

(d) **Editor.** Editor shall edit and publish the club newsletter. A website, if the club desires one, shall be under the direction of the Editor.

(e) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect all monies due and shall keep a record of monies received and monies disbursed by the club.

(f) **Senior Advisor.** The Senior Advisor shall aid the club in any manner needed in regard to meet organization, prize donors, club meetings, and club activities of all kinds, and shall counsel the officers and members at all times.

(g) **Safety Officer.** The Safety Officer may counsel the club or individual members on safety at any club function.

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Plane of the Month & Door Prize.

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Next Meeting October 8, at 7:00pm

at the VA Hospital, Leestown Road