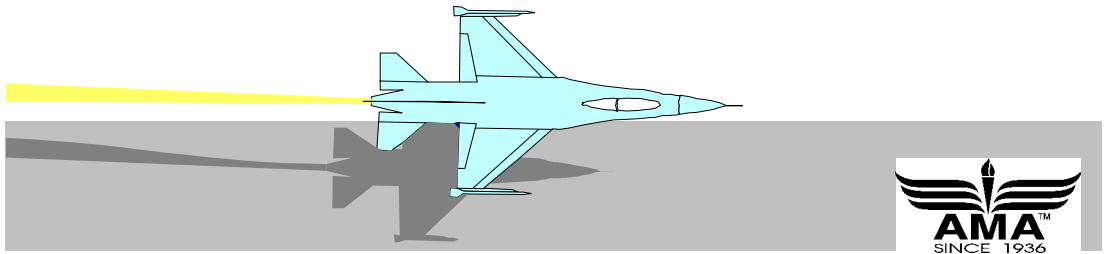


PLANE TALK

March 2009

Newsletter of the Lexington Model Airplane Club



The President's Thoughts

by P.J. Ash

Wow, it seems as if I just submitted my last article, and here I see myself writing to you all again! There are a few differences from the last article and this one. The main difference is, instead of snow on the ground, I have my window up and I feel the breeze on my face from the side window. Yes, as the sun peeks through the clouds, I feel the warmth again.

Warmth I didn't think I would ever feel as I think back just a few weeks ago, when there was ice everywhere! Yes, it is coming my friends. The sweet song of spring and with that, warm air and flying weather!

In getting prepared for the warm flying season approaching us, we are working on some improvements to our field. Soon you will notice new gravel in the pit areas along with the center walkways that seem to get over-flooded with water and mud. We are making good progress with the electricity as well. I don't know about you, but I've been really looking forward to getting back out there and flying again.

Last year I mentioned a warbird gathering that we would like to have from time to time. We didn't have the response we were hoping to have, but as always, the first year is the hardest. With that said, I want to let you know that we will most likely use every Thursday evening (weather permitting) to get together and fly warbirds. Please understand, this **DOES NOT** exclude anyone who wants to come out and fly. All we are trying to do is set a time for us warbird "goonies" to get together on a more regular basis. Some things we are going to do besides poke at each other is flying in formation. This is a tone of fun and you would be surprised how much this can increase your skills. ANY warbird, ANY size, and yes Jim those silly little Striker "thingies" do count.

I am excited to say that the attendance at the meetings has steadily increased since the first of the year. I want to thank you for making that happen. We have been working hard on making the meetings less about business and more about the hobby. With that, we are re-introducing the meeting programs and so far they have been great! I want to first thank Kenny Stevens for an awesome job showing us a part of the hobby that I wanted to learn more about. Kenny explained some of this history along with where the hobby has come with the "U-control" airplane flying. I never knew there was so much involved with engine set up, and control set up. Heck, I just thought you hook some string on a plane and off you go! There is much more involved! As part of the history behind U-control and how the airplanes came out was in large part of our own Lew McFarland! Lew designed many of the earlier competition planes that have airfoils encompassed in many of today's modern designs. I never knew we had a celebrity among us! Once again, a BIG thank you goes out to Kenny for setting that up.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2009 7:00 p.m.

VA Hospital, Leestown Road

I am very excited about our next meeting. Our very own John Peck whose work has been published in many magazines is going to demonstrate everything there is to know about airbrush work! If you haven't seen some of his planes, you are in for a treat. John will be packing as much information as possible into two meetings. That's right! It will take two meetings to show us everything he knows about proper airbrush set up, application and technique, as well as what airbrush works best depending on what job you have to do! If you ever wanted to scale out any airplane, this is the meeting to attend! There is a lot more to airbrush art than simply painting colors on an airplane! What do I mean by that? Well, you will just have to come and find out!

John also asked that I mention many of you were curious about your own airbrush. I know that I had an airbrush for over a year before I got the nerve to start using it. If you bring your airbrush to the meeting John will be happy to assist you with any questions you might have on it.

John, I know I speak for the club when I tell you this, I can't wait and look forward to learning more about this awesome part of our hobby! Now, just a little eye candy to bring home how cool this technique is; the three pictures below of John's Pica Spitfire, **DOES NOT** have any panel lines carved, or etched into the plane. Everything you see there is done with; you guessed it, an airbrush!

So, with all that said, we have an exciting meeting ahead. I hope to see you all there!

Keep em flying!
PJ



2009 EVENT CALENDAR

Flying events at Lexington Model Airplane Facility

Vintage Radio Control Society.....	May 23-24
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

LMAC Minutes *by Len Greathouse*

Meeting called to order by President P.J. Ash

Motion to accept January minutes made by Matt Hanson. Seconded by Steve Campanelli.

No solos for February

PJ stressed the need for volunteers to assist training this year.

Curtis Adams read an excerpt from the Fayette County Fun Guide to Lexington about LMAC. The complete article will be published in the April May June issue.

Kenny Stevens gave a very informative presentation on U-Control.

Kenny Stevens introduced Wynn Paul with a very impressive biography of his achievements as pilot, coach and author of U-Control.

Presentation by John Peck on airbrush painting at March meeting.

March 7th, work day at the field. Contact Curtis Adams or Jim Jackson for more info.

NEW BUSINESS

PJ discussed budget for 2009.

PJ recommended \$1000 from budget for gravel for certain areas of the field.

Motion made by Steve Campanelli for gravel, seconded by Sylvester Hale, motion carried.

Curtis Adams contacted KU about electricity at the field. More info to come.

PJ discussed trash cans at the field. Discussion tabled till next meeting.

Curtis Adams will contact a vender concerning a small dumpster.

Flying events 2009:

Vintage Radio Control Society meet May 23-24, 2009

Cub Meet June 20, 2009

Winchester Flyin June 27, 2009

U-Control - Warbird Meet July 25-26, 2009

IMAC Meet August 1-2, 2009

Electric Meet August 15, 2009

Helicopter Meet September 12-13, 2009

Fall Classic September 18-19-20, 2009

Club Picnic no date

Swap Meet no date

Chris Woycke discussed IMAC meet. Will have 60 pilots at the event.

Dan Thompson requested dates for a Vintage Radio Control Society Flyin.

Motion made by Jim Jackson to have Vintage flyin. Seconded by Steve Campanelli and Charles Brooks. Motion carried.

Charles Brooks discussed Relay for Life. Contact Charles for more info.

Wynn Paul paid a great tribute to Lew McFarland for his contribution to U-Control and RC Aviation.

PLANES OF THE MONTH

Jim Jackson, P38 Electric Profile and SU 27 Foamy

Dave Price, Super Sportster 40

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

by Jennifer Newman

Register Report - Last month 2/1/2009 through 2/28/2009

3/4/2009

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 1/31/2009								17,626.11
2/12/2009	LMAC Check...	1983	AMA	charter & in...	Club Charter			-90.00
2/12/2009	LMAC Check...	1984	Kentucky Sta...	Filing fee for...	Secretary Ex...			-5.00
2/12/2009	LMAC Check...	1985	Kentucky Se...	Incorporatio...	Secretary Ex...			-4.00
2/14/2009	LMAC Check...DEP		...Deposit	R. Herms	Dues 2009			50.00
				T. Chapman	Dues 2009			75.00
				C. Chapman	Dues 2009			75.00
				J. Chapman	Dues 2009			1.00
				C. Fortner	Dues 2009			75.00
				D. Lindsay	Dues 2009			75.00
				C. Woycke	Dues 2009			75.00
				E. Paul	Dues 2009			50.00
				R. Isemhagan	Dues 2009			75.00
				B. Jacobs	Dues 2009			75.00
2/1/2009 - 2/28/2009								527.00
BALANCE 2/28/2009								18,153.11
TOTAL INFLOWS								626.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS								-99.00
NET TOTAL								527.00

Assets

Cash and Bank Accounts

LMAC Checking \$18,153.11
 LMAC Money Market \$851.00

Total Cash and Bank Accounts \$19,004.11

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Liabilities \$ 0.00



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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

Toledo RC Show.....April 3-5
Top Gun 2009.....May 6
Joe Nall Fly-In.....May 13

Credits: Bill Atkins, Dixie Aeromasters, Byron, Ga. (BAtkins@aol.com)

More You Might Be An RC Modeler If..

- ...You have 47 miscellaneous NiCad batteries and can't find a pair of D cells for your flashlight.
- ...100 deg. is forecast for the weekend and you hope there isn't a breeze blowing.
- ...You use your field box to crank your lawn tractor.
- ...Your kids borrow rubber bands from you.
- ...Your wife spray paints her wrought-iron patio furniture with your fuel-proof paint.
- ...You use fuel tubing to drink from your sports cool cup.
- ...You have watched TOP GUN and IRON EAGLES more than ten times.
- ...Your neighbor calls the cops on you for spraying your lawn with an Aries Thrush crop duster model.
- ...You wear goggles and a silk scarf around your neck driving to the field. Your wife's card table has glue and fuel stains on it.
- ...The weather is too bad to rake the leaves but you can go flying. You got more "toys" for Christmas than your kids did.
- ...You have a field box full of every special tool made but don't have a lug wrench when you have a flat tire on your car.
- ...You look for the servo linkage and antenna wire on every airplane in a movie.
- ...You have at least ten T-shirts with airplanes on them.
- ...You carry a chain saw with you to the flying field so you can retrieve your plane or clear for a landing approach.
- ...You have ever made a picture frame from parts left over from an airplane kit.
- ...You change glow plugs every other week but have over 100,000 miles on your car's spark plugs.
- ...You buy gas for your lawn mower in a Cool Power jug.
- ...You play your AMA and radio channel numbers in the lottery.
- ...You use your heat gun to try getting wrinkles out of your new bathroom wall-paper job. You watch "Wings" on The Discovery Channel at least three times a week.
- ...You have ever glued your ring to your finger.
- ...You modify your garage door opener with trim tabs.
- ...You plan your vacations using Fly-In schedules.
- ...You use more wax paper building planes than your wife does baking.
- ...You have more pictures of your airplanes than of your wife.
- ...You buy a \$600 mini-lathe to make \$5 airplane parts.



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Plane of the Month & Door Prize.



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