

## **The President's Corner**

by P.J. Ash



Well, look here! It is March already!! Who has been out to the field? Who has flown some already? It seems that the warm weather is coming and I don't know about you, but I'm more than ready for the flying season! I hope my family gets to see me this summer!

I would like to nominate Patrick Ash for our Vice President role. I know him well because he is my brother and an avid modeler and builder. He loves model aviation and enjoys helping where he can. I approached him on this topic and he immediately told me he would be happy to serve in this role. He and I both learned how to fly at the LMAC and we both like to give back here. We've worked well together on projects in the past and I think it will benefit the club.

As you know, there has been a lot going on in Washington concerning the FAA and our hobby. If you haven't done so, please go to the AMA website and click on the large link that represents this. There you will find some important information as well as a link to send a letter to our local Reps. The letter is already written for you. We need to be a voice that echoes "We want our Freedom". Let's not let this government control our hobby.

Attention all CD's for 2011 air shows. Please be prepared to discuss your event at our next meeting. If you cannot attend, please send me your notes. We want to have as much information on your event as possible (at this point). We would like to discuss the dates, what you will expect, and what you will need from the club. I will be putting on a demonstration for our new trainer competition.

As you know, our next meeting is on! I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting. It has been a while and I look forward to seeing friendly faces. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you attend this meeting. Even if you don't attend many, we will be discussing several important topics concerning our 2011 flying season and it is important you contribute.

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As far as our new trainer competition, I've named it "Trainer Banger". I am still working on many things such as finishing the rulebook as well as getting things ready to be put online. I'm really excited about it. I hope everyone who can, will attend and even fly in this event. No matter how good or how bad you think you are, this will be a bunch of fun and we can all enjoy something new. Dust off your trainer and get ready for some fun!

I will be hosting workshops out at the field as soon as the weather breaks for those who would like to attend. Here, we will go over the basics of what the judging will consist of and we can work on our flying together. I will discuss this in greater detail at our meeting.

Well that's it or now. I look forward to seeing you all soon! PJ

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**"Trainer Banger" R.C. Competition**

by P.J. Ash



Many people would love to have the ability to compete but feel that they either might not have the best plane, or the skills to do so. This is why the "Trainer Banger" competition was born. We wanted to give anyone the ability to fly and have fun in a competition style environment. This competition is judged on flight ability alone and gives no merit to the type of aircraft used. This is why it is designed around the trainer and/or high wing aircraft based around the "Cessna" style platform.

This is a great and fun event, but it is a competition. Please download the rule book on the website ( [click here](#) ) and study it. This gives all the detailed information you need about each maneuver and how the judging will be performed. Both electrics and gas airplanes are welcome!

A cut-off date has not been posted yet, however you will NEED to pre-register in order to compete. Don't come to the field thinking you can register there. The reason for this is because we need to have a head count in order to establish flight stations, number of judges, food, etc. It is very important to fill out the information and submit it.

Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded. We might even have some side competitions you can enter in as well such as a "spot landing".

The cost for the two day event is \$25.00 which includes all pilot fees, and two lunches. Once you have submitted your registration request, information will be provided as to payment, accommodations, etc. Check the website often as we will update it as new items come. Thanks! PJ.

## **Minutes from Last Club Meeting on Dec 9th**

by Steve Campanelli

The LMAC General Membership meeting was called to order by Dan Thompson at 7 PM on December 9, 2010 at the VA Hospital auditorium. Dan was covering for P.J. Ash who was absent due to illness, and Matt Hanson who was not present.

### **Old Business**

- The November meeting minutes were distributed in the newsletter for approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Woods and seconded by Butch Krebs. The motion was passed by the membership.
- The Treasurers Report was presented by Curtis Cox. The motion to approve the report was made by Bob Stewart and seconded by Derrick Lindsey. The motion was passed by the membership.
- The proposed LMAC By-Law changes were distributed in the December Newsletter and reviewed at the meeting by Dan Thompson.
  - The By-Law change would reduce the club meetings to quarterly meetings. The newsletter would continue on a monthly basis. Additional special club meetings could be scheduled more frequently, as needed, by giving the membership the required 3 days of advance notification. There were comments and discussion on the change by Gayle Yarnell and others that suggested that the club really needs to continue to have monthly meetings to facilitate communications and club camaraderie.
  - The quarterly club meetings would begin with the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and continue with June 9, September 8 and December 8. The Club budget must be approved at the March meeting. Election of officers to be completed at the December meeting.
  - The motion to approve the proposed By-Law change was made by Joe Woods and seconded by Curtis Cox. The motion was passed by the membership.
- The LMAC slate of officers for 2011 was presented by Dan Thompson as follows:
  - President: P.J.Ash, VP: not filled, Secretary: Steve Campenalli, Treasurer: Curtis Cox, Editor: Bob Cooper, Senior Advisor: Dan Thompson, Safety Officer: Butch Krebs.
  - The VP duties described in the Club By-Laws were read and discussed. It is permissible for this office to be in a combined capacity with another office.
  - The motion to approve the 2011 slate of officers was made by Steve Campenalli, and seconded by Mike Lambert. The motion was passed by the membership.

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**December 2010 Meeting Minutes** - Continued from previous page

- The Flight Training Report was presented by Bob Cooper.
  - There were no new solos. The club has one person in training and another new person to begin training in the Spring.
  - At this point, there are a total of four instructor who have signed up to share our model aviation skills with new club members. Anyone is welcome to join us by formally signing up with an email to Bob Cooper. Otherwise, he will assume you don't have interest in this activity.
- The Swap Meet Report was presented by Joe Woods. The Swap Meet was an organizational and financial success which made \$1190. profit for the club. The motion to approve the report was made by Curtis Cox and seconded by Bob Stewart. The motion was passed by the membership.

**New Business**

- The Club's Federal Tax Exemption status issue was presented by Dan Thompson. Since, the club was incorporated, the IRS has made numerous changes in the filing requirements for non-profit organizations. Action needs to be taken immediately to resolve this IRS issue.
  - Dan has researched the options and proposed that the club file for IRS Code Section 507(c)(7) tax-exemption status. The AMA Document # 505-b on the AMA website has guidance and sample forms to help clubs through the documentation and IRS filing process.
  - The motion to approve this proposal was made by Joe Woods and seconded by Curtis Cox. The motion was passed by the membership.
  - Steve Campanelli and Curtis Cox will lead the effort to get the club's tax-exempt status updated with the IRS, as soon as possible.
- The Club's 2011 calendar of events was proposed by Dan Thompson to remain the same, and occur on the same relative weekends in 2011 as they were in 2010. A motion was made to approve this proposal and was passed by the membership.
- The Plane of the Month for December was the "Mini Dakota" presented by Dan Thompson. His plane was build from a Bob Selman's Micro RC foam kit using servo parts from a Horizon Hobby's BNF plane. The kit is a Mini Dakota ([www.bsdmicrorc.com](http://www.bsdmicrorc.com)). Dan did a neat job building the model including some 'real nice' graphics on the wings.
- There were no program presentation for the month of December. At the next meeting, Bob Cooper will present a program on "Getting to know your Buddy Box".

With all business completed, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was accepted by Steve Campanelli and seconded by Butch Krebs. The motion was passed by the membership. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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**Minutes from December Meeting** – ( continued from previous page)**February 21, 2011 Update on IRS issue** by Steve Campanelli:

I am still working on the 501c(7) issue. I have received some information from Dan Thompson, but I still need to gather more information before I can file the paperwork with the IRS. I am having trouble obtaining the Club Articles of Incorporation, if anyone knows where they might be, please let me know. I also need to meet with Curtis Cox to get financial information that is required by the IRS. I will discuss this further at the March meeting

***Treasurer's Report***

by Curtis Cox



Reminder, your membership renewal was due by the end of February. To remain on the membership rolls, immediately mail me your dues payment with the 2011 Membership Renewal form that was previously mailed to you.

The club financial reports are submitted for your review on the following three pages.

**Savings Account Balance on 2/24/2011**

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<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>851.87</b>
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<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>851.87</b>

**Income & Expense Report as 2/24/2011**

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount
<b>BALANCE 1/31/2011</b>								<b>18,673.80</b>
2/4/2011	LMAC CHEC...	DEP	Membership ...	Membership	Membership ...		R	78.00
2/7/2011	LMAC CHEC...	DEP	Membership ...	Membership	Membership ...		R	50.00
2/9/2011	LMAC CHEC...	2124	A1 Portables	Toilet Rental	Utilities:Porta...	Field up...		-89.04
2/15/2011	LMAC CHEC...	2125	Ku	Electric	Utilities:Gas &...	Utilites		-21.75
<b>2/1/2011 - 2/24/2011</b>								<b>17.21</b>
<b>BALANCE 2/24/2011</b>								<b>18,691.01</b>
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<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>								<b>-110.79</b>
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<b>NET TOTAL</b>								<b>17.21</b>

## Editor's Note

by Bob Cooper



We have another large newsletter for you this month. I hope you read every page, because one of these days, we are going to have a pop quiz on this material. :-)

One article, I enjoyed working on this month covers the volunteer work being done at a Clark County Middle School by Bob Strosnider and the Clark County R/C Barnstormers. I spend two busy days with them at the school, and I must give them high marks for their well planned and presented program entitled, “ Inventing Flight”. You are going to want to read this article to get a complete picture of their work.

On the subject of the LMAC Club History project, I am getting some traction on collecting information and photos, but would like to have more participation from our club members.

Dan Thompson has been a tremendous help by letting me borrow a number of old photos and newsletters for which I am very thankful. Dan was one of the founding members of the Central KY Radio Control Club which was formed in the 1964-65 time frame. This is where we got the RC part of LMAC after their merger.

Also, I have spent considerable time picking Lew McFarland’s memory on the LMAC origins back in 1959. As you might have guessed, Lew was one of the founding LMAC members. Back then the LMAC Club was a U-Control Model Airplane Club.

I have photos and information from a few other people but I need more history.

To the right of this page is a little teaser of what I am discovering about our LMAC history.



### Club History Quiz:

What is the story behind our LMAC logo ?

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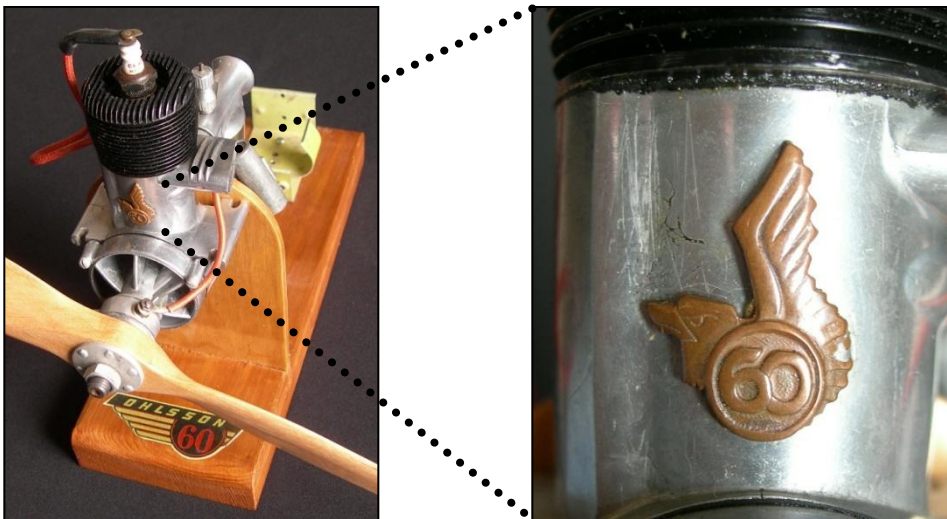


**Answer:**

I saw the original oil painting artwork on canvas of the LMAC logo that Lew McFarland had stored in his model airplane archives. It was hand painted by Lew in about 1961.

According to Lew's memory, the idea for this image came from the logo located on the very popular Ohlsson & Rice Gold Seal engines of the day which looked like the photos below.

Ohlsson & Rice "Gold Seal" Model Airplane Engine



Please help us find old photos, newsletter and other items from the 50's, 60's and 70's to complete our Club history project.

See you at the airfield and in the newsletter....

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## **Latest News on the FAA Regulations**

by *Dave Mathewson, AMA President*



Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma successfully sponsored Senate Bill S.223 in the Senate on Feb 18, 2011 with an amendment specifying a “Special Rule For Model Aircraft” that provides an exemption from regulation for model aircraft operating within the following parameters:

- Flown specifically for recreational, sport, competition or academic purposes.
- Operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines with the programming of a nationwide community-based organization.
- Limited to 55 pounds or less unless certified through a design, construction, inspection, flight test, and operational safety program currently administered by a community-based organization.

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives, which is expected to rule on the matter in the very near future.

AMA continues to work hard to preserve the future of model aviation, just as the FAA continues to work toward regulating model aircraft. The new regulations coming in July or August are really intended to focus more on the commercial, public-use small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) that want to assimilate into the National Airspace System (NAS). But the FAA has told us it will include some restrictions that modelers are not going to like.

AMA has developed a multipart strategy to deal with this impending regulation.

1. The first part, working with the FAA to develop standards to allow modelers latitude from the rule, has been the most visible to this point.

2. Now, we need to educate our federal representatives, and this needs to be done in advance of the release of the new FAA regulations. On a special section of the AMA Web site at [www.modelaircraft.org/gov](http://www.modelaircraft.org/gov), you will find an area that will provide you with an letter that your can send to your Congressional representatives.

3. The third phase of our plan will be an additional campaign in response to the FAA regulations, if necessary. Since we won't know exactly what the regulations will contain until it's released in the Federal Register, we won't know how to react to it until then.

Please take a few minutes to send a letter to your Congressional representatives to help us preserve the future of an model aviation that we all enjoy.

# Airfield Safety

by Butch Krebs & Bob Cooper



With the flying season fast approaching, we wanted to devote this month’s Airfield Safety article to some very sensitive airfield rules that every member “must” be aware of.

As you may know, the club airfield is on Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government property. This government property extends to the North to include the landfill. Since LMAC is a tenant on City property, we must follow the City rules. The most important rule is “Do not trespass on to Landfill property”. We must go to the Landfill Scale House to get permission to be on landfill property. We are not permitted to jump the fence to retrieve downed aircraft on Landfill property.



**View from Pilots Position looking North**



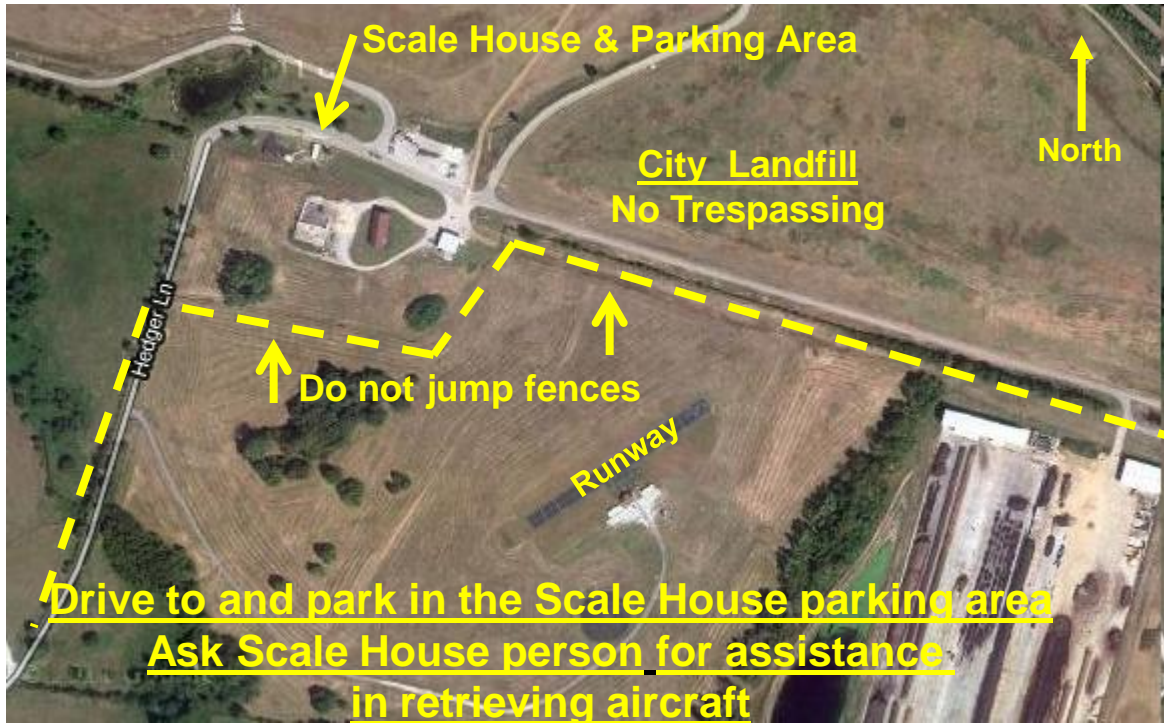
**View from Pilots Position looking NNE**

As an additional reminder, we are in the process of printing and installing warning signs around the airfield perimeter.

Due to space considerations, we will select a few critical rules on the property agreement to highlight on the following page. The complete list of airfield rules are posted on the airfield bulletin board and on the club website. [www.lmacky.org](http://www.lmacky.org)

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### **LMAC Agreement with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government**

- Landfill regulations require that a certified landfill operator be present when any persons are on the landfill property. Landfill property borders the North sides of the airfield.
- The landfill facility is currently open, with a certified operator present, from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays.
- If an aircraft lands on the landfill property during normal Landfill hours, the Club member shall drive around to the Scale House parking area and walk up to the Scale house to request assistance from LFUCG personnel to retrieve aircraft. Do not drive onto the scales to talk with Scale House personnel.
- If the aircraft lands on the landfill facility when landfill is closed, then leave the aircraft where it falls until the landfill reopens and follow the above “normal hours” recovery procedure. During special fly-in events, the Club may make pre-arrangements to call-in a landfill employee to retrieve aircraft, if needed.
- Any entry upon the landfill facility in violation of the above procedures, shall be deemed a breach of the Agreement which may result in **the immediate and permanent loss of the airfield to all club members.**

In the past, we have not had any issues, when pilots have driven to the Scale house and kindly asked permission to retrieve their aircraft. When the rules are not followed, then the club officers have had the unpleasant task of addressing a breach of Agreement with the City.

Obviously, if you see someone about to break any of these rules, please make an effort to remind him that we don't want to lose our airfield. The inattention of one person can result in the loss of our airfield.

## **“Inventing Flight” – Conkwright Middle School**

by Bob Cooper



As a young person, did you ever dream of flying ? I would say that most of us in the model airplane hobby have dreamed of flight at an early age. For many of us, those dreams turn into a vocation, or at least, an avocation for life time of enjoyment.

And, this is true for the members of the Clark County R/C Barnstormers Club. As a matter of fact, they have lots dreams and are making them a reality. They are not only enjoy building and flying remote control (RC) model airplanes, but they also enjoy volunteering their time to make the dream of flight a reality for young people in the area through their program called, “Inventing Flight”.

After hearing so many good things about this volunteer activity, I decided to join the group for their two day program at the Conkwright Middle School, Winchester, KY on February 16 & 17, 2011.

“Inventing Flight” is a hands-on learning experience conducted for about 130 students in Mrs. William’s 6th, 7th and 8th grade Technology Class at the School. The basic program was developed by The Agency for Instructional Technology (AIT), NASA, and Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). A grant from the AMA Youth Educational Stipend “YES” Program was used to purchase the program from AIT. Bob Strosnider, Club President, and Dave Giles, a former Barnstormer member, enhanced the program for local school use in 2006, and have been spearheading this program ever since.

On the first day of the program, the Barnstormer class room instructors, George Bubnar, Bob Strosnider, Dave Sublette and Dan Thompson presented a very enlightening and fast moving 40 minute presentation to each of Mrs. William’s six classes. I was impressed with the level of the student’s interest which was peaked by the three professionally prepared ten minute videos modules entitled, “ Life & Times of the Wright Brothers”, “Total Control” and “Wings that Work”. These modules illustrated how the Wright Brother’s systematic approach was the key to converting their dream of flight into the world’s first “practical” flying machine.

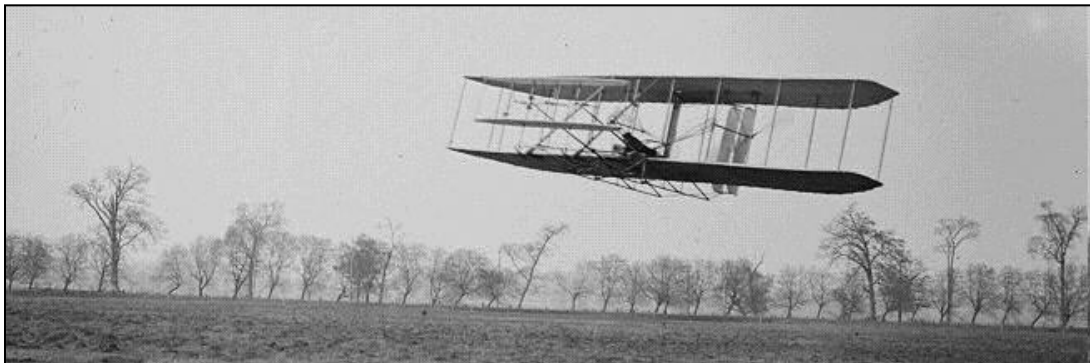


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As the familiar history lesson goes, the Wright Brother's built a successful bicycle company, then set their sights on doing something more significant. The spark that ignited their interests in flying machines came from a rubber band powered flying toy at a young age. Later in life, they decided to pursue their dream of flight. After using existing theories to build several poorly performing flying machines, they came to the conclusion that the existing theories for lift were in error.

This further challenged them to research the true science of flight. Using their creativity with a tremendous amount of testing in their homebuilt wind tunnel, they were able to develop new theories on aircraft design. They are credited for developing efficient airfoils, originated the concept of aspect ratios, and developed flight controls for roll, pitch and yaw. Then, after years of diligent effort, they had designed and built the world's first "practical" airplane on Oct 5, 1905. This plane had full aircraft controls for roll, pitch and yaw that flew 30 times ( about 24 miles) around Huffman Prairie, Dayton, OH. Their theories are still being used in airplanes today.



This history lesson as presented by the Barnstormers was told with strong emphasis on the Wright Brother's diligent and systematic scientific approach to problem solving. This attribute separated the Wright Brothers from all the other aviation adventurers of the late 1800's and early 1900's



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Each of the 3 classroom learning modules were introduced to the students, and re-enforced afterwards by club members; Bob Strosnider, George Bubnar, Dan Thompson and Dave Sublette.

Of these club members, Dan Thompson and Dave Sublette are FAA licensed pilots, who additionally served as role-models for the young dreamers want to fly real full sized airplanes.



On day 2, there were two hands-on learning center activities setup in the gymnasium for the 5 classes of students.

In one of the learning centers, each student was given an opportunity to experience pitch, roll, and yaw control over a remote controlled (RC) model airplane while it flew around the gym. The club members provided the little battery powered RC plane called a, "NightVapor". It weights less than an ounce, and flew slow enough that many students were able to successfully pilot it around the gym using the control sticks on the RC radio.



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Dan Thompson explained that these RC flight controls are similar to what the Wright Brother's invented, and are still used on full sized airplanes today. Each student was given a turn at holding the RC radio and fly the plane while a club member was ready with another RC radio to help the student avoid crashing the plane.



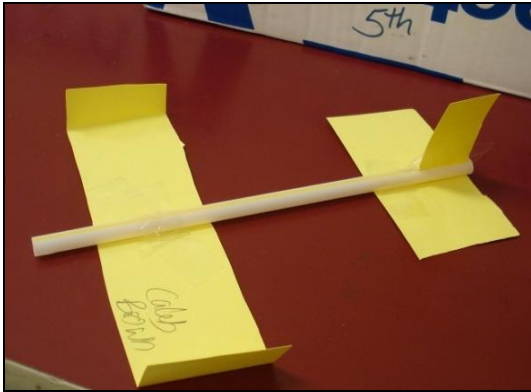
Club members leading this learning center activity were Butch Krebs, George Bubnar, Dan Thompson, Bob Strosnider, Roy Foushee and myself.

The students were really engaged in this hands-on activity with this amazing little model airplane.



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At the other learning center, the students experimenting worked with aircraft design and balance concepts that were developed by the Wright Brother's. A soda straw airplane or balsa glider had been previously built by each student for final flight trimming in the gym.



The students quickly learned about the iterative process of adding or removing small amounts of clay nose weight to make the plane to glide well. Club members, Roy Foushee, Mike Lambert and I helped the students interpret the model's glide performance so they could learn what nose weight changes were needed.

Mrs. Williams challenged the students to a longest glide contest. Everyone felt like a winner when their glider was finally balanced for a long smooth glide across the gym floor.



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Looking back on the 2 day program, I was very impressed with how well the students responded in accomplishing the learning objectives of the “Inventing Flight” program. Also, I must say, the Barnstormers deserve high marks for this well planned and presented program.

No doubt, the memories of this lesson on the scientific approach to problem solving will be with the students of Mrs. William’s 6th, 7th and 8th grade Technology Class for a long time. And, as for as model airplanes go, the students of Mrs. Williams classes have formed a model airplane club with 17 members to continue the joy of flight.



As we sent the students off to follow their dreams, I reflected back on a famous quotation that our club member, Dan Thompson, likes to reference.

“ When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return ”  
-- Leonardo da Vinci

# Directions to Club Meeting Location at the VA

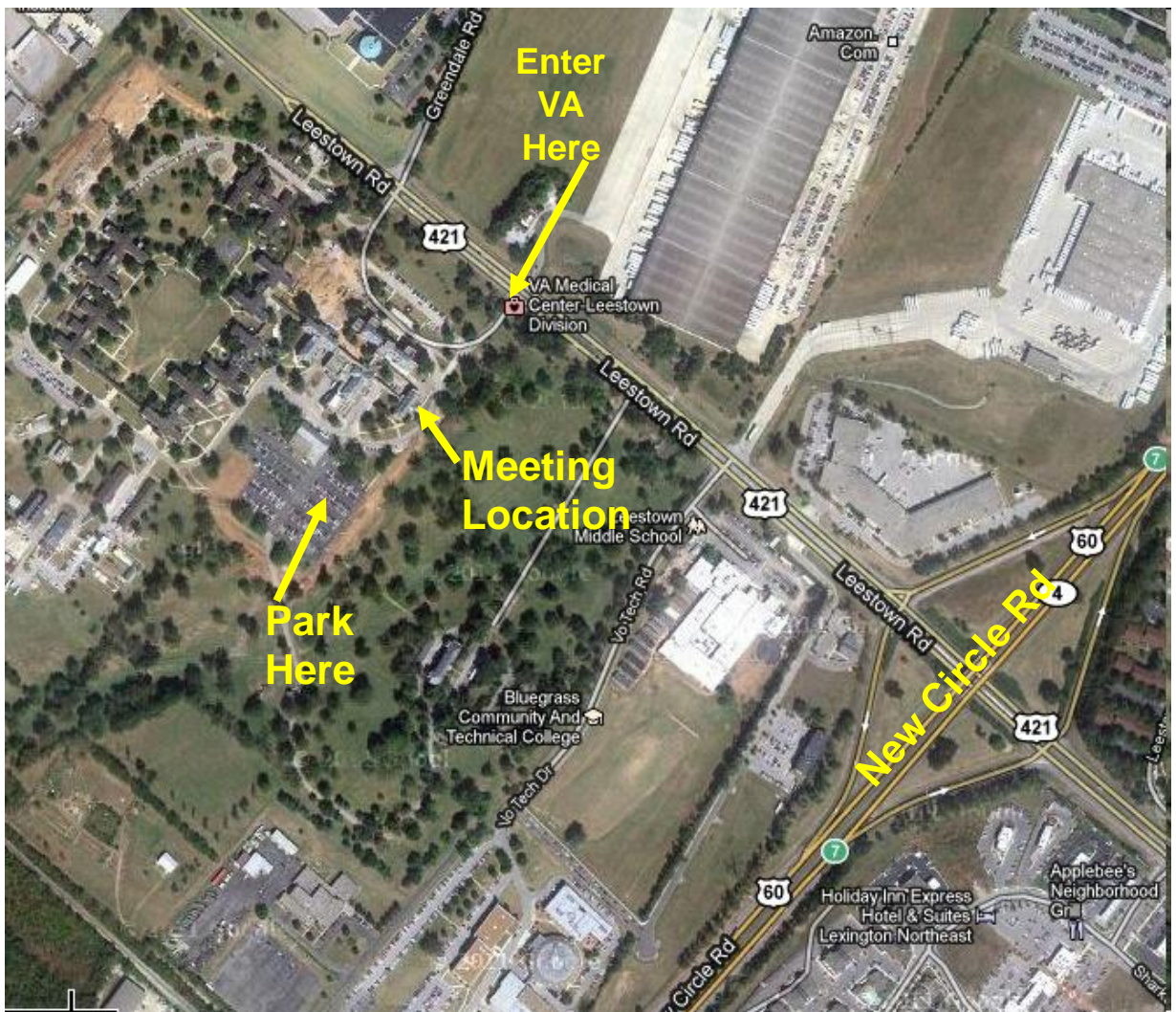
by Bob Cooper



A number of people have remarked that finding their way to the LMAC meeting location can be a little intimidating. This article will provide directions and maps to make it easy for you to attend our club meetings. The Club has access to a very nice, large auditorium with audio and video systems available for programs.

The meeting location is at the VA Medical Center on Leestown Rd at Greendale Rd. (GPS: N38.073310, W84.538043). These satellite photos show the auditorium building, parking areas and road system on the VA Medical Center complex. Most of the road construction is completed now.

If you are coming from New Circle Rd on Leestown Pike, make a left turn into the first main entrance to the VA Medical Center property.



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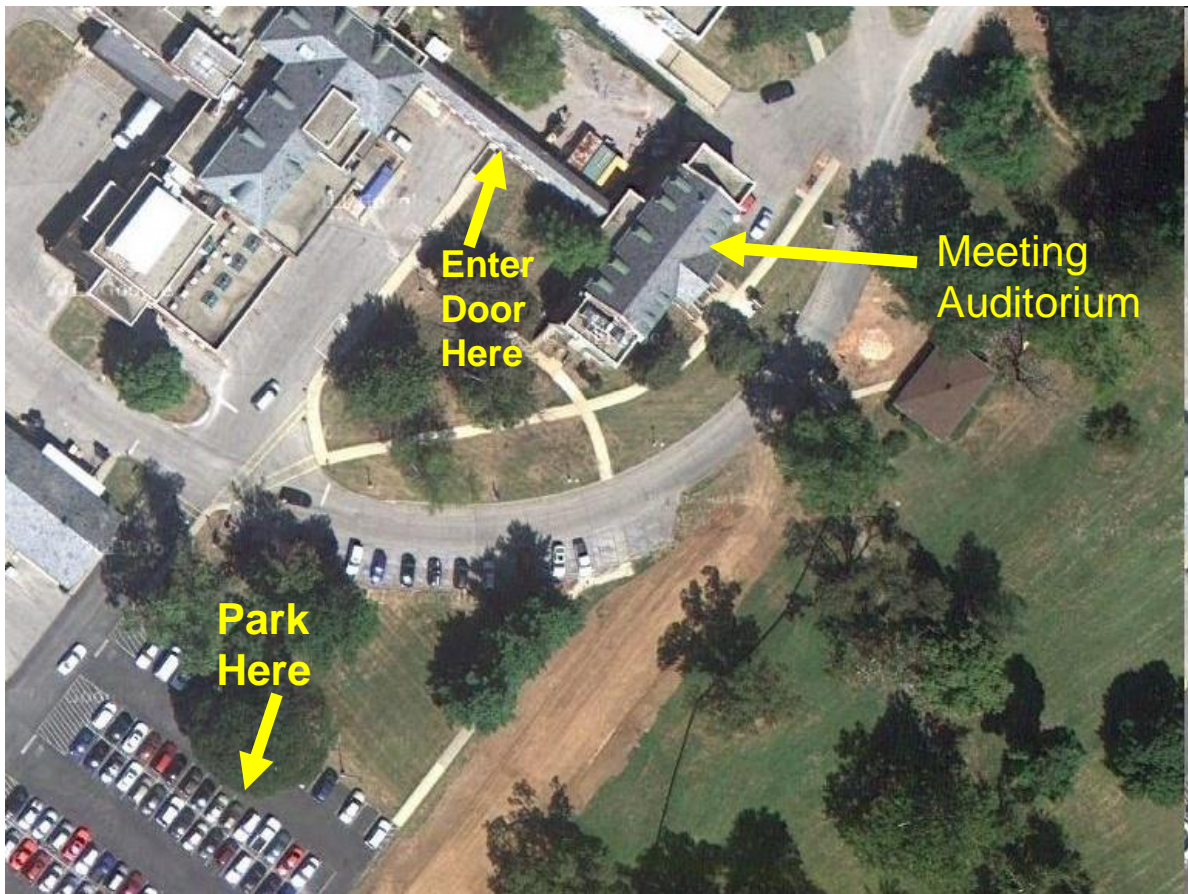
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Keep to the left as you drive around behind the building complex. Park in the large parking lot behind the building complex. Walk across the street and up the sidewalk into the back of the building.

Once inside the door, turn right and go down the hallway and up the stairs to the 2nd floor auditorium.

Hopefully everyone will feel more comfortable by knowing exactly how to get to the Club meetings. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Satellite View of VA Medical Center and Club Meeting Location



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## ***Flight Training Program Report***

*by Bob Cooper*



With the upcoming time change, the LMAC Flight Training program will be starting up Tuesday afternoon, March 15, if we have some good flying weather.

There are 2 new members who are eager to begin our flight training program. We will be asking them to make appointments for their flight training sessions with Bob Cooper so we can plan to have instructors available.

On the instructor side, we now have a total of five of us who have signed up to share our model aviation skills with the new club members. Many thanks to our instructor volunteers.

There is still time for any LMAC member to formally signing up to share their flying skills with new members. Do so with an email to Bob Cooper. If you don't formally sign up, we will assume you don't have interest in this club volunteer opportunity.

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### **Next Meeting:**

***Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 PM***

***VA Medical Center - Auditorium  
2250 Leestown Rd, Lexington, Ky***

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### **2011 Meeting Calendar**

***March 10, June 9, September 8, December 8  
at VA Medical Center, 2250 Leestown Rd, Lexington, KY***

Regular General Club Membership meetings will be held at the VA Medical Center on a quarterly basis, normally on the second Thursday of the month, unless we need an additional special meeting.

Newsletters will continue to be published on a monthly basis.

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**Lexington Model Airplane Club**

**2011 Events**

Vintage Radio Control Society Fly-in.....May 28,29  
 Cubs & Classics Fly-In.....June 11  
 LMAC Club Picnic.....July 9  
 LMAC Trainer 'Banger' Competition.....July 16,17  
 IMAC Meet/Fly-In.....July 30,31  
 U-Control Fly-in.....July 31  
 Electric Fly-In.....August 13  
 Helicopter Fly-In.....September 9,10,11  
 Kentucky Fall Classic Fly-in.....September 16,17,18  
 Swap Meet.....November 12

**Clark County R/C**

**Barnstormers 2011 Events**

Thursday's Breakfast and Fly....8:45 AM  
 every Thursday at Frisch's Big Boy Restr.  
 with a 10:00 AM fly at the YMCA gym.  
 Event is only run while Clark County  
 Schools are in session.

Spring Indoor Fly-in (YMCA Gym)...Apr 9  
 Sailplane/Glider Fun Fly..... Jun 4  
 Harold Brown Memorial Eat/Fly-in .Jun 18  
 Brown Bag Fall Fun Fly.....Oct 1  
 Fall Indoor fun fly (YMCA Gym) .....Nov 5

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