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2008 Meeting Dates

Location:
Thomaston Town Hall
Time: 7:30pm

January 10th
March 13th
May 8th
November 13th

From the Prez,

Well it looks like the weather has turned with the wind blowing harder and the days getting colder. We only have a few weeks left to the season so try to get down to the field if you can – remember the gates close on December 1st!

All in all we had a very good year. The before and after flood cleanups went well and the field actually was in better shape than the last couple years. The decision to purchase the lawn equipment was the right move and with the savings realized we were able to put some cash back into a C.D. A well deserved thanks should go out to Paul as he did the cutting some 30 out of 32 times! The officers will be reviewing the mowing duties to see if we can spread the workload out next year.

As many of you know field safety was a big concern this year and we have been trying to impress upon members to stay out from the fence line when taking off and landing. This is very important as most problems seem to crop up at this time. Please try to be aware of what's happening around you at all times when at the field. It's for your own benefit as well as others.

Nominations for club officers will be voted on at the November meeting so if any of you are interested in running for one of the positions we encourage you to do so. The present slate of officers has decided to run for their positions again this year with the exception of Don Clark. Don has been Webmaster for a number of years now and has decided to step down. Keith Runge has temporarily taken over Don's duties and will be running for the Webmaster position. We all owe Don a thank you for all he has done as Webmaster and as Treasurer before that.

Thanks to all members for a great year. See you at the field!

Kim Symmonds

A Few Words from Our VP by Paul Moses

As I write this in early November, it's forty degrees and windy outside. Great Cub weather!

The year got off to a slow start, what with 78 feet of water in the dam basin leaving an inch or two of greasy silt on the field and parking lot. Nobody was more surprised than I when all the new grass seed started growing.(the instructions did say keep it moist) The flying was great this year with all the temperate weather, I hope everybody got their share of stick time in.

I would like to again thank the membership for allowing the board to spend some of the clubs hard earned savings on lawn equipment. This is going to pay long term benefits to all. For those who didn't get to fly much, a quick update. On a normal season we paid for about 18 cuts of the grass, or once a week. This season, even

with a four week delay in opening, your runway was cut over thirty times. This was twice a week for most of the growing season. What this means to you is always having as short grass as we can get. Also....The break even point on the mower purchase will be sooner than we had hoped. I tried to cut the field on off peak times, and I thank those I interrupted for their cooperation.

As I wrap this up, we need to thank the Army, and the Rangers for all the help they gave us this year. There were at least three organized cleanups. This year your board worked very closely with the Corps and was rewarded with loads of mulch to spruce up the pit area. We are also pleased with the extra things we were allowed to do, we widened the runway again, cut back some of the overgrown brush at each end of the runway, and adjacent areas. We thank them for their trust.

I hope to see you all at the winter meetings. Let your board know how you feel, You steer the club.

Thanks,

Paul

A Few Words from Our Secretary by Doug Wennberg

Hi Everyone. Hard to believe we are coming up on the close of another great flying season. We had 92 members for 2007, not bad, but hopefully we can eclipse the 100 mark for 2008. Thanks to everyone for training and bringing in new members, there were quite a few that replaced some of those who opted out for this year.

Remember when you are renewing for 2008 to include a copy of your AMA card and please fill out an application with your latest email address and radio frequencies so we can keep our lists updated. If we don't have your latest email you may miss special announcements or the newsletter. We will also be getting new locks for 2008 so you will be getting a new key.

Remember renewals are due January 1st 2008. Dues not paid by the close of business at the March club meeting (second Thursday of the month) will be considered delinquent and subject to a \$10.00 "Late Fee". Members not renewing by April 1st will be dropped from the roster. Reinstatement requires full membership payment plus the \$10.00 "Late Fee" (no initiation fee will be re-assessed, this is a one time fee only).

Thanks again to everyone for making this a great season!

Doug

What are you building this winter? By Keith Runge

I have decided to be different this year. No ARFs, auctions, or "new to me" airplanes! I'm going to scratch build my favorite WWI plane from plans. That way, when I crash it, I can rebuild it more easily. Model Airplane News has been publishing plans in the magazine for years so I read some of my old issues and found a plan that was "just right" for my building skills. Unfortunately, cutting out formers is a massive pain and time consuming so I decided I needed a jumpstart.

After searching the R/C forums and the web, I decided on a lasercut short kit from LazerWorks (<http://www.lazer-works.com>). They have a large selection of RCM, MAN, and Zirol plans already laid out so there was no setup fee and their prices were very reasonable. Because each short kit is cut after ordering, there is a little delay before shipping but you also aren't getting a kit with dried out wood that has

been sitting around for years.

After I received my kit, I carefully inspected all the parts. All the wood was a very high quality balsa and ply. The burns were precise and smooth. Lazerworks advertises that their kits ".. includes the formers, ribs, and anything on the plans that would have to be cut to a certain shape." On my kit, they went beyond that. They included lightening holes, pieces I didn't expect at all, and scalloping for the top wing's tailing edge. It made me feel they had built this plane and not just transferred from plans to CAD. I don't know if they have done this on every set of plans they offer but it was very encouraging.

My building project is going well and I may just have to order that HOTS from them as well.

Keith