

THE WINDSOCK

June 2021

Greetings to all, hope this finds you and your families all still well.

Club membership as of June 1st stands 100 Members, that puts the Club at the membership cap. As of June 6th, the club has received 66 + or – a couple of membership renewals.

We also have four people waiting to join the club when renewals close in June.

ACTIVITIES AT THE FIELD:

Not as much wind, so a few more flying days were had.

The Club has purchased a 3000-gallon water tank so that we can continue to water our trees in the pit area during the drought and be able to clean up the mowers for maintenance.

Thanks to Jack Allaway and Bill Ardizzone for checking this out and getting the material ordered. Thanks to Jack Allaway, Bill Ardizzone, Jim Lansen, and Doug Russell for helping with getting the base in and setting the tank in place.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Just a reminder that your membership dues are due June 1, 2021. The Club will accept your 2021-2022 due any time you wish to renew but your dues must be paid NO later than June 30, 2021 or you will be dropped from the membership and any waiting people will be invited into the club. The DUES are again \$250 like last time and please include an application with your payment as two different people need to make sure you get on the membership list and you get your membership card. Also, this allows us to make sure the club has your latest information to keep you updated. Also please include a copy of your current AMA membership with your application. If you have already sent in your stuff and did not send a copy of your AMA you can take a picture and email it to Kevin. His email is Thompson.crosswinds@gmail.com.

Based on when we finish updating the membership list this may be the last newsletter non-renewing members receive.

ACTIVITIES AWAY FROM THE FIELD:

I received word that long time member Dave Belcher passed away in late January of this year. Dave moved to Nevada a few years ago and when in town he would come by the field. Dave served as our Safety Office for a long time and always provided the field with entertainment with his flying abilities. He will be missed.

As you may have noticed this newsletter looks different from the normal letter. It is in progress of being changed due to the fact that our long time Newsletter

Editor Jim Schwagle has had to step down from his position. I wish to thank Jim from me and on behalf of the club for getting the newsletter out for many years. Jim took over these duties not long after I became club president and this month is column #108 for me. So, Jim getting these out to you is about the same amount. Thank you, Jim, for all your work all these years.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS:

As in past years we open the floor for nominations at the April and May meetings as the Club elections take place at the June Meeting. We will be having a May meeting at the Field to allow for this. So come to the meeting, step up, and get nominated for a Club Officer position. There is no pain in it.

At the April meeting we opened the floor of officer nominations. So far, the only nominations we received were for the existing officers to serve another term. At the May meeting we again opened the floor for nominations for club officers and received no new nominations.

FUEL UPDATE: As of this writing we have 22 gallons of fuel on hand. Thanks to Bill for getting it ordered and picking it up. **A Note on fuel cost:** The cost has been going up on fuel and Smith Brothers has been kind enough to sale the club fuel at their cost but with their price increase we had to raise the cost to \$25.00 a gallon. Please bring correct change for your fuel as we don't keep change at the field.

CLUB HATS, SHIRTS, AND SWEATSHIRTS:

The club has new hats and sweatshirts available at the field. They came out very nice. The cost is \$20.00 for hats and \$40.00 for sweatshirts. See a club officer for yours.

The Board welcomes your ideals to make the club a better place for all members. We also welcome your criticism as long as it's constructive criticism.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Board-General Meeting and Club Officer Elections will be on **THURSDAY JUNE 24, 2021 (notice the day of the week change) at 7:00pm at the field.** The day change is so that ALL board members can make the meeting. I'm hoping by having our meetings at the field we can maintain a safe environment for our members that wish to attend. Also bring a plane and come early and get in a few flights.

On behalf of the CCW Board, take care of yourselves and your families. Stay well, stay safe.

Take care and see you at the field,
Jim Desautels

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Throughout the years, AMA established and evolved a safety program that guides aeromodeling activities through education and voluntary compliance. As technology advances and the model community continues its growth, disciplines and interests have increased. Most model flying that takes place today is recreational rather than within a formal competition framework, and sometimes it occurs on publicly accessible sites with little or no formal control. Creating a safe environment to protect bystanders, other model pilots, as well as surrounding property, is crucial and the responsibility of every individual participating in modeling activities. AMA highlights the most important safety aspects through its Safety Code, but the safety program encompasses many more facets.

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- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulations.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

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