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KENT COUNTY AEROMODELERS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2008

March Events

4th General Membership Meeting at Modern Maturity Center 7:30PM.

19th Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM.

29th Field Maintenance 10:00 AM.



Highlights

General Membership Meeting
February 5th 2008

KCAM welcomes it's newest members. Robert Marks and Christopher Williams. Both Robert and Christopher are members of the United States Air Force. They are both new to the hobby and will be assigned a Flight Instructor.

Joe O'Connell is recovering nicely from his shoulder surgery. He is now going to physical therapy. He has been seen at the field.

KCAM has Logo patches for sale at \$3.00 each. See Reagan.

The Cub has plenty of fuel at \$9.00 a gallon if you furnish the jug. \$10.00 a gallon if Lee Messick furnishes the jug. Contact Lee at 302-492-0499.

Reagan reminded everyone that there were some problems with the early Futaba 2.4 GHz radios that might shoot someone down. Please check out articles in AMA magazine. (See pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter for Futaba info).

The Treasurer John Opsitnik announced that whenever he is out at the field, he will be able to accept club dues for renewal.

Fun Fly Report (Bill Judd) Bill talked about the fun fly's and what they consist of for any new members. They will be held Sundays at 2:00 pm but the number of fun fly's may change. The awards money has been changed to \$100.00. Bill wants more members participating because everyone has fun including spectators.



Awards Dinner

Members present voted for Sorrentino's Restaurant. The dinner will be Saturday April 26 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Adult beverages are available for purchase. There will be a choice of a beef, chicken or fish dish. Reagan will create a form to post on the web site and to E-mail to all members. Money will be given or sent to the Treasurer John Opsitnik by the end of April's general meeting which is April 1, 2008.

Annual Raffle. Members present voted to raffle an airplane package (plane, radio and engine), put together and ready to fly. The tickets will be \$10.00 each with only 100 tickets being sold. The drawing will be held at our Open House on July 27, 2008. Once the package is bought, Reagan will create the raffle tickets. Tom DiCuircu who works at Hobbytown USA said the plane can be hung in the store and the store will sell raffle tickets as well. Thanks Tom for your suggestions and help.



The President Donald Vincent proposed a change to the Constitution and the Field Safety Rules to handle visitors who want to fly at our field. The Club has had an unwritten rule for years, but this will finally put it in a formal document. Since this includes a change to the Constitution, 45 days notice needs to be given to the members. **This notice** was sent to the members via e-mail by Reagan Paquette the Club Secretary on the 9th of February 2008 @ 4:11:24 PM

SANDTOWN AIRFIELD RULES AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

New item

17. Any visitor to the field who is a current AMA member and desires to fly as a club guest shall be considered to be a membership candidate and is required to meet all airfield rules and safety regulations Any attendant club member shall determine the visitor's qualifications through conversation and a cursory evaluation of the visitor's equipment. Attendant members have the right to deny flying privileges to any visitor deemed unqualified.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

7. Membership Candidate - Any current AMA member who wishes to evaluate the club and its flying facilities. There is no fee, but the visitor is limited to three separate flying visits to the field when any other current member is present. Exceptions to the three visit rule include infrequent visitors to the area such as vacationers. Membership candidates shall be subject to all field rules and regulations when at the field and shall demonstrate flying qualifications to the member or members at the field. The attendant member or members may deny flying privileges if the visitor is deemed unqualified. The attending member or members do not assume any financial obligations for the visitor.

Field Report. (Nick Nicholson)
Nick and John Opsitnik repaired the cable on the fencing but will need more cable if any more repairs are needed. Ted Petroulis volunteered to see if he could get some cable for the fences. Thanks Ted. Nick asked that when the field is wet, please drive around the mud holes so they do not get any worse. Discussed filling and grading the roadway and entrance. Hopefully something can be done on Maintenance Day. John thanked Pat Breslin for picking up and trying to fix the Jacobsen mower again.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Futaba Service Advisory on Page 3 has some very important information about the FASST 2.4 GHz transmitters. I checked the serial number on the bottom of my transmitter. It has the serial number that may be affected and has to be checked out by Futaba. The Service Advisory provided by Futaba informs how to determine if your transmitter should be checked. Test stations at hobby shops are being set up to analyze transmitters or you can send to Futaba at no charge. Contact information is included in the Advisory.



KCAM extends Sympathy to Tom Englehart and family on the loss of Tom's wife Elta who passed away on Feb 13, 2008.

Copied from AMA Insider January 2008 Edition:

Tips & Tricks **Good Cleaner**

Here is a concoction I came up with. In an empty spray bottle, add a tablespoon of dish washing detergent, then fill the bottle halfway with regular rubbing alcohol, and top off with hot water. I have found this to work really well for cleaning the oil off of the wings and fuselage after a days worth of flying. Strong cleaner but will not hurt the covering or take the colors off.



Futaba 6EX, 7C and TM-7 Service Advisory

Updated January 30, 2008

This service advisory affects only owners of the Futaba TM-7 module and 6EX and 7C FASST systems. Each FASST transmitter contains a unique eight digit identification code, programmed at the factory to identify the respective transmitter and to allow a receiver to be paired only to that radio's signal. Recently we have learned that a very small number of the TM-7 modules, and 6EX and 7C FASST systems were incorrectly coded with a common code number during the manufacturing process. These units were subsequently sold prior to our awareness of the situation.

If two or more units, utilizing this common identification code, were to be in use simultaneously, they may cause interference with one another. Please note: Units which utilize the correct identification code will not be affected by these units.

We're extremely confident that this is not a widespread problem. However, to catch any possible incorrectly coded units in the field and to give you peace of mind that your system is not affected, we have set up test stations at participating hobby shops throughout the country where you will be able to determine -- within a matter of minutes -- whether or not your transmitter is affected, at no charge to you. There are 100 such Test Stations in place now, and the number will be increased to 500 over the next two to three weeks. Please see [below](#) for a listing of these testing stations. Or, if you prefer, you may send it in to our service center and we will analyze it for you at no charge. If any problem is found, it will be replaced. We will gladly pay the postage for returning the unit and sending it back to you.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Futaba Service Center at: 217-398-0007 or via email at: service@futaba-rc.com. Our staff is available to you Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm U.S. Central Standard Time.

It is important to note that the precautionary measures are relevant only to the Futaba FASST items with serial numbers as described below. To determine if your transmitter might be affected, look on the bottom of the transmitter case. If using the TM-7 module, the serial number is located on the inside portion of the module:

6EX: A7xxxxxxx without the "I" (Inspected) sticker
7C 07xxxxxxx without the "I" (Inspected) sticker
TM-7 07xxxxxxx without the "I" (Inspected) sticker

The precautionary measures do not apply to systems that utilize a serial number as noted below:
6EX ALL A8xxxxxxx or systems with the A7xxxxxxx serial number which include the "I" (Inspected) sticker
7C ALL 08xxxxxxx or systems with the 07xxxxxxx which include the "I" (Inspected) sticker
TM-7 ALL 08xxxxxxx or modules with the 07xxxxxxx which include the "I" (Inspected) sticker