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From The President



Bud Brinkley—President 2007

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As a new year begins, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of our club. I have received many comments, suggestions and ideas over the holidays. I met with the Executive Board in January and we have formulated several plans to improve both our club facilities and club activities. As the year rolls on, I will unveil these projects and ask for your input. We are fortunate to have a wealth of hard working folks who keep things running smoothly and try very hard to make this club enjoyable for all of us.

We had an incident in January that bears discussion to remind us of our responsibilities as hosts of any guests that we bring to the club field. A member brought two guests to the field and proceeded to let his guests fly without signing the guest pilot sign-in sheet posted under the pavilion. In addition the host left the field for a while and his guests stayed there to fly alone. It was also noted that the guest's AMA number was in question and things got worse from there. The point that I want to make is that you as a member in good standing of this club, are responsible for the activities and actions of your guest(s). It is a standing rule of our club that you must sign in any flying guests and that person must have a valid AMA card and number with them. Your guests must read and abide by the flight line and safety rules that are posted on site. Your guests must fly in the same traffic pattern as flown by the other club members that is determined by the prevailing wind to the runway. (Look for the arrow out by the flight stations.) You also will not leave the field for any reason while your guests are present. We encourage folks to bring visitors out to our field and have a great time. But they must be courteous and abide by these rules or you will be held accountable for their actions.

On another note, recently I was in San Antonio and toured the Texas Air Museum at Stinson Field. While I toured the old airplanes and looked at some of the military exhibits, I spotted a dusty stack of old modeling magazines for

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sale. I dove in and bought a bunch including a prized issue that was published the month and year that I was born! Back at home I was looking through a 1971 issue of Model Airplane News and was surprised to see a young version of our very own Bob Upton on the cover. He published an in-depth construction article and plans for a FAI class pylon racer. I began to think of the vast storehouse of knowledge that our membership has accrued over the years and I'm humbled to be part of this today. I hope to bring that experience together this year so that we can all share and learn. I've been flying models for 37 years and I've never stopped learning something new in this hobby.

Till next month ...

Bud Brinkley

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Minutes of the Meeting

December 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

This was the last meeting of the current year.

There were 8 visitors.

Ken Bauske introduced the past club presidents that were present (even those with quite short tenures).

Ken brought the members present up to date on health problems of several of our members.

November minutes were approved.

Jim Porter (vice president) reported that the flagpole for the Texas flag is complete. This completes the projects he wanted to get done this year. He thanked those who helped.

Adam Kaminskis reported that there was only one accident for the year. He requests that pilots be careful taxiing. Also, please use tail restraints when starting your aircraft.

Adam is the C.D. for Big Bird. He requested and received approval to move the event from October to April.

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* New members were approved. Please make welcome Doug Van Orman and Greg Temme.

* New officers were installed for next year. Bud Brinkley is our new President and Mike Wood is our new Vice President. Other officers remain the same.

Treasurer: Harper Taylor

Secretary: Gary Baumgartner

Editor: Bob Johnson

Safety: Adam Kaminskis

* New President Bud Brinkley reviewed some of his thoughts for the coming year. He is quite interested in tapping the club talent to buildup the club. He prefers communications by e-mail rather than phone.

* New Vice President Mike Wood requests that we bring ideas for projects to him.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The meeting was followed by a swap meet.

We were reminded that there would be no January meeting. Next meeting will be the first Thursday in February.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Baumgartner

2006 Secretary

Treasure's Report

We currently have 142 members and one new applicant to vote on at our Feb. meeting. Of the current members there are 21 which have not renewed their 2007 AMA membership. I would like to remind you again that you must have a current AMA membership in order to be a member of our club and to fly.

Our cash position is very good and in the coming months the executive committee will be presenting some projects that will continue to improve our site. If you have any worthwhile ideas then please propose them to Bud Brinkley before being presented to the club.

Harper Taylor

FROM THE VP

As the year started with balmy, spring weather, it looked like we might need to start mowing earlier than usual. Then old man winter finally got here in mid January and I'm pretty sure the grass is not growing very much. We have been doing some preventative maintenance on our equipment. Max Taylor and Jim Porter disassembled and replaced the bearings in one of the Craftsman mower decks. It's back together now, and should be ready for mowing this spring. Still need to change oil and get the grease gun out. I will get with Max to see what service the John Deere needs before spring. I am hoping that the mowing crews from last year are looking forward to the 2007 cutting season.



Mike Wood—Vice President 2007

Our previous supplier of road bed material seems to be having business problems. At least I haven't been able to contact him. So we are looking at alternatives. After talking to concrete and aggregate companies, and rock haulers, I discussed our options with some of the officers. They educated me about Texas 'iron ore', native sandstone, limestone gravel, and chopped asphalt. The wash-out material we have been using seems to be the best choice. Weather permitting, we should have some material spread by the end of January.

See you at the meeting...

Mike Wood

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