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**THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWLETTER OF THE
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******Next Meeting October 26th 7 P.M.**
Maplewood Center, Maplewood West of Merriman,
Garden City MI

******It is that time of the year again. Annual elections are at the December meeting that will be December 16th, a Wednesday, the week before Christmas week. Nominations are currently open for all officer positions. Why not run for office. Our current officers have served us well, and some, for quite some time. I have no idea for sure but I suspect some wouldn't mind a break.******

*******Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are now available from Bob Dunlap. See him and pick up yours to save mailing costs.*******

I need newsletter material please*****

******A couple notes from the AMA safety code*****

*I will abide by this Safety Code and all rules established for the flying site I use.
I will not willfully fly my model aircraft in a reckless and/or dangerous manner.*

All model flying shall be conducted in a manner to avoid overflight of unprotected people.

I will have completed a successful radio equipment ground-range check before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft

Mother nature has not been the friendliest lately. Jason Horn and I have been out numerous times though, wind or not, flying his Hobbico Avastar .40. As of this past Wednesday (13th), I would say he has soloed if I was allowed the make that decision. I don't think he as even stalled it on landing in about 2 weeks. The trick, non stop touch and goes. Started doing that a couple weeks ago. If you can do that with precision, you can fly! On that note, if anyone sees one of these for sale and needs a great sport plane that is pretty forgiving, snatch it up, at the least call and tell me about it because I might want it.

I recently purchased the electric version called the Electristar. Basically the same plane but it does have a bit more dihedral. Came with NIMH batteries originally with a lithium polymer option (4 cell). Going with Lipo batteries saves something like a pound of weight. I don't have any 4 cell packs but a bunch of 5 cell packs. The speed control will only handle 4 cell so I replaced that. From what I read the motor will handle the additional voltage just fine as long as I keep the amperage down with a smaller than stock prop. Flights may be as long as 25 minutes on one charge. We will see, should have a report by meeting time.

Hope to have the sign up before the meeting. 45 degrees and rain last couple weeks just didn't give me motivation to install it.

Just a note, if there is a field issue please notify an officer. The lock has been missing for awhile and first I knew about it was a week before the meeting. We are responsible for the property.

John Stevens will be getting a new one.

The porta pottie was damaged. John will also be checking with the company about this.

Please make sure your planes are airworthy and you are flying in front of yourself and not over the pits. I have also noticed that some common courtesy that was always apparent seems to have gone somewhere. Wednesdays are training nights. I don't think anyone is prevented from flying as a rule but if there are students practicing landings or other training, give them the field. It is their night. Please make sure your guests are following these rules as well. It is the members responsibility to ensure they are flying safely and are actually accomplished fliers They should also have their AMA cards available.

Generally speaking a counter clockwise circuit is the norm when several planes are in the air. Be courteous and respect the other flier's abilities. It is very uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous to be flying in the face of others right over the field while they are trying to fly. Everyone, regardless of ability should be able to have fun flying at our field. It is also hard to hear your plane when the others are right in your face.

SIGNAL SEEKERS RC CLUB MEETING

Meeting Date September 28 2009

Meeting called to order by Bob McDonald, roll call was by sign in as Paul Blanchard was on vacation. The attendance list will be provided to him for points registration. Minutes taken by Bob McDonald.

REPORTS

- The minutes were not yet available for approval at the time of the meeting but the treasurers report was given and approved.
- Field report: the lock is missing from the gate; John Stevens will procure a new one with the same combination. Also the porta john was damaged John will check with the provider to see what if any costs are involved.
- A complete report on the control line contest was given by C.D. Curt Nixon. The event was quite successful and made a profit of about \$269.00.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new entry gate sign should be installed this week.

NEW BUSINESS

- New application for the meeting room has been submitted to Garden City Parks & Rec. and the 2010 fee paid.
- Reminder that nominations for officers begin at the October meeting concluding at the November meeting.
- Christmas raffle tickets were available at the meeting for pick up and will be at the next meeting as well. After that they will be mailed to the membership. Please pick up your tickets to help reduce mailing costs.
- The meeting raffle has been changed to 50/50 raffle. John Brzys won this one.