



December 2009
The Signal Squeaker

**THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWLETTER OF THE
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AMA chartered club #371
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"Merry Christmas"

and Happy Holidays if the above doesn't apply!
******Next Meeting Wednesday, December 16th,***
7 P.M. In the big room next to the regular one.
Maplewood Center, Maplewood West of Merriman,
Garden City MI.
This is our Christmas meeting. The merit raffle is
held at this meeting as well as elections. Please try
to make it.

********Tickets for the Christmas Raffle have been mailed***
out. They are due back on the 16th, Thanks.

I need newsletter material please*****

Current nominations:

- President:- Bob McDonald and **Scott Paschen**
- Vice President:- Darren Covington
- Secretary:- Paul Blanchard
- Treasurer:- John Stevens
- Safety Officer:- Jim Esper, Mike Ferguson
- Board:- Bob Dunlap, Jim Esper, Jay Dunkin, Mark Knote,
John Brzys, Bob McDonald, Scott Paschen

******Please remember, we are the only ones that are allowed to use the property. No motorcycles or anything but airplanes and of course spectators.**

There has been a guy running his dogs around the field this summer. Apparently he was using the field for other things as well and has been asked to leave several times. I have seen him parked near the gardens recently. After the last time he was asked to leave, some minor damage was inflicted on the sign and the lock. Not sure if the two are related.

Field notes

I spoke to Steve Bathersby from Ford land today (12/10/09). He called because he couldn't get the lock open. They have brought in fill dirt in to fix some low areas. He has rented a dozer to take care of that as well as grading the road. He as asked that we stay on the ground asphalt road. He will also be advising the person mentioned above about the private use of the field.

He also stated he will be suggesting some verbage for signs to post out there.

This may cause a little disruption is access to the field although I have a feeling sub zero windchill will cause that too. They will be installing a cable "gate" at the corner of the gardens preventing access by car even if the main gate is left open.

My good friend, Larry Berman's new Hanger 9, 1/4 scale J-3 Cub powered by at Zenoah G20 Gasoline engine. He will be a member for 2010.



The new sign.

Field noted continued:

My dad, Bill Paschen, took care of the paint on the sign. Fortunately it came right off with a little mineral spirits and looks like new.

I also forgot to note in the last newsletter that Jason Horn helped me get the sign mounted! I appreciated the help in preventing me from getting cut in half when the sign fell on me!

I think we were out after the last meeting at least once. Can't keep track. Darren did one last cutting, the field looked great.

Jason Horn's plane stayed in the air for numerous flights after his unintentional landing a few months ago.

I have heard a couple people mention coming out New Years day to be the first to fly in 2010. I know Jason Horn mentioned that and Darren as well. Unless the road is snowed in, it is probably the first year in many that we would want to venture out being that the road is no longer an issue. This was a tradition for years or at least I remember as a kid freezing my butt off and flying on skis for years. If the winds are calm, I am in!

New members:

A gentleman I met, through a highschool friend, that I met through Facebook.....get that! Anyway, Larry Wilchynski joined through me at the last meeting. He is a 757 pilot with Northwest/Delta and an accomplished RC flyer and builder. He came out with me one day, months back and flew. It was a 20 year old plane he built from a kit. Unfortunatley I heard it met it's demise via a radio issue at Midwest. I believe he has a son that will be flying with us as well. He was unable to make the November meeting as he got called in to fly to that horrible place called Hawaii for a few days! He said he will be able to be at the Christmas meeting with us normal folk in the ice cold weather. Larry lives in Northville.

Meeting notes:

Chuck Wooley brought is a couple of great looking airplanes. A House of Bals "Cheap ass" with and O.S. 10 on it and a Craig's list acquired Sig Cadet, a staple trainer and sport plane. The Cadet was covered in silk and dope, he stripped it and put a gorgeous Monocote covering job on it. I think it turned into a taildragger as well. Again, "back in the day", I started flying RC in 1981 (14), the Cadets were everywhere at Signal Seekers in every form you can imagine, even with tuned pipes!

Chuck has been flying for years as well as building. He disappeared for a few years to do family stuff and it is good to see him back around with his skills as a modeler.

Chuck came with another gentleman that has also been around our club a long time. Denny Sumner. Denny was part of a large pylon racing group at our club and can make Monocote look like a custom paint job. I still give Denny credit for teaching me 28 years ago how to keep an airplane in the air. We figured out he was 26, I believe at the time. Of course there were numerous others like the late John Kilsdonk, our own Joe Merlino, the Laskers, the late Barney Polzin and on and on. Enough making us feel old for now.

I brought in a well used Hobbyzone Super Cub. It is all foam with a (I think) brushed 380 geared motor. They came stock with a 27MHZ radio that was glitchy as all get out, and a 7 cell nicad. My friend and former member Phil Winters gave it to me. I passed it on to my dad and he converted it to a standard 72 MHZ radio. This required a new speed control and micro servos. It also had a gadget to keep it in the air but that was all disconnected with the conversion. He also added a cell making it an 8 cell pack which woke it right up and makes it fun to fly. The newest ones now come with a Lithium Polymer battery which saves weight and increases flight time. I got almost 10 minutes out of it though with a nicad. I hope to get my kids on the sticks soon.

I have the roster updated and about 20 people will be getting newsletters mailed and the rest will be via e mail.

I think that is all for now. If I missed anything and you get this via e mail let me know and I can update it.

*****If you got this mailed and you don't need it mailed please e mail me at baylinermy@sbcglobal.net this is somewhat of a daunting task keeping track until I can figure out a database to get it all in. Thanks!**

*****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.

November Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date November 23,2009

Meeting was called to order by President Bob McDonald and the roll call was taken.

REPORTS:

- The Minutes were approved as printed and the Treasurers Report was approved as read
- The field was reported to be in excellent condition.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Additional nominations were Mike Ferguson for Safety Officer and Bob McDonald and Scott Paschen for Trustees, the entire slate is as follows

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NEW BUSINESS:

- The December meeting will be held on Wednesday the 16th in the big room next to our normal meeting room.
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MONTHLY RAFFLE:

- The November 50/50 raffle was won by Pau l Blanchard, \$22

SHOW AND TELL:

- Scott Paschen brought in his Hobbyzone electric Cub that had an upgraded motor, battery and controller. He says it has a lot better performance now.
- Chuck Wooley showed his House of Balsa Cheapass and also a Sig Cadet that he bought on Craig's list. It was in pretty rough shape when he got it and has spent considerable time in rebuilding and recovering it.