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The Signal Squeaker

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWLETTER OF THE
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AMA chartered club #371
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******Next Meeting November 23rd 7 P.M.**

Maplewood Center, Maplewood West of Merriman, Garden City MI.

Christmas meeting is December 16th. The merit raffle is held at this meeting as well as elections. Please try to make it.

******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*****

Rich Malik has a 1/2 off voucher for Fox Mfg. He would like to make a group order if anyone is interested. Along with saving half the item cost, ordering as a group would also cut down on the shipping cost per item.

Current nominations:

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

I received a couple of requests for a detailed treasurers report which I believe was the norm in the past. I emailed John Stevens so he had time to get this together in case it was asked for at the meeting.

******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.

******Please remember, we are the only ones that are allowed to use the property. No motorcycles or anything but airplanes and of course spectators. On election day, a guy with motorcycles in a green Chevy Avalanche was advised he was not allowed on the property. He insisted Darren Covington told him it was ok. I found out he was told the same thing by Darren, "you need to leave". No need for a fight but, Westland PD will come out and I also talked to a Wayne Co Sheriff Deputy who was driving around by the gardens. He said give their station a call on Henry Ruff and they would be glad to come over. I have contact information for Ford if prosecution is necessary. I contacted Steve Bathersby after the motorcycle issue. He said he would look into securing the North gate or adding an additional gate just after the gardens. I have not heard back from him.*****

If you have a guest, you are responsible for them and must confirm they have a current AMA card. It is probably a good idea to have them have their card in their possession when they are at our field.

“Mother nature has not been the friendliest lately.”, was a quote in the last newsletter that seemed like yesterday. Wow, I have been flying several times a week since. Weather has been beautiful considering it is mid November.

Jason Horn has soloed in my eyes but it is not clear who will sign him off. He did have a little “incident” flying inverted. I hadn't taught him to fly upside down yet. Was a little lower that he wanted so he went up by pulling back on the stick. Oops, he went down and almost all the way around but struck the ground almost parallel to it only way too fast, way off the field to the West. He was upset. Further inspection revealed it wasn't so bad after all. About two weeks, some epoxy, new firewall, nose gear, needle valve, and some Monokote it was back in the air. I took it up and it didn't need a bit of trim. I was happy to see an ARF put back together instead of thrown in a garbage can. Jason says a kit is in order for the winter, but not self made!

Jason is also using a 4 channel, 4 model, 72 mhz Futaba radio that came with my Electristar. This simple radio has expo, servo reversing, servo throw adjustment, and I believe dual rates. The radio that came with his was a basic 4 channel.

THE SIGN IS UP and if I say so myself it looks pretty darn good!

For those of you that have a Facebook account, Jerry Turchanik created a facebook page for us. “Michigan Signal Seekers” in the search will find it. Feel free to throw pics on there or anything else constructive that promotes are club and the hobby. This is not the place for controversy and I will delete any of that. Right now it is public and anyone can be a fan. If dumb things start happening I will make it invite only. I have posted a satellite pic and some basic information.

Over the past few weekends I have had several guests come out and fly. Larry Wilchynski is a Northwest/Delta 757 pilot and has about 22 years of RC flying. He will be joining by the next meeting. I will have his information, AMA and a check for the next meeting. Hopefully he will also be at the next meeting as well. Another schoolyard flier, Larry Berman is also leaning towards joining. He flies at Bryant in Livonia quite often but enjoyed the camaraderie and ringing out the one nitro plane he had without bothering the neighbors in Livonia. I am pretty sure I will have him hooked soon!

The field is in very green condition. The grass is fairly long which a few of the smaller plane fliers complained about. Hopefully we can take care of these folks so we don't lose them to the schoolyard. We need their dues to run our club.

A good part of the website isn't working so great. My friend Larry Wilchynski attempted to join several times via the website but it is not functioning. Hopefully we can get a volunteer with the expertise to take care of the site. I think it is a huge part of gaining new members and providing information to our membership.

I have acquired a copy of our roster. I will be contacting everyone on there to get email addresses. I have given up getting this information from anyone else.

I forgot to mention in the last newsletter that Bob McDonald took first place in Cleveland back in September at a control line event in Cleveland.

October Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date October 26, 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 is in good condition, the road is a little rough but dry.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The new sign has been installed by the gate by Scott Paschen.
- A new lock has been installed on the gate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was proposed and voted on to spend \$500 for prizes for the Christmas Merit Raffle.
- Nominations for the Club Officers for 2010 are as follows:
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- Nominations will again be opened at the November meeting

MONTHLY RAFFLE:

- Jay Dunkin won the 50/50 raffle

SHOW AND TELL:

- Scott Paschen brought in his Hobbico Electri Star Powered by a 5 cell battery
- Rich Malik has a ½ off voucher for Fox Mfg. He would like to make a group order if anyone is interested. Along with saving half the item cost ordering as a group would also cut down on the shipping cost per item.