

The Flying Times

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT –
December 2008
by Chester Williams

It's time for our official "Annual Membership Meeting". This is the meeting where a new Board of Directors is elected. For this to happen, we need YOU to be there. We must have a quorum to conduct the business of determining who will lead the club next year. If you haven't attended a club meeting this year I beseech you to come to this one. It really is important!

At the last meeting the Nominating Committee (Dave Burgess, JR Varela, and Dan Myers) presented the following list of people who have agreed to serve if elected: Aaron Swindle (President), Melvin Simmons (Vice-President), Pete Shifflett (Secretary), Dan Myers (Treasurer), and Chester Williams (5th Board Member). Please keep in mind that nominations will be

accepted from the floor at the meeting just prior to the election, so if you are willing to serve and would like to give it a try please throw your hat into the ring. It's been several years since we've had a truly contested election.

Don't forget about the Christmas Dinner/Party coming up on Sunday December 14th at the Wood Grill Buffett. It starts at 5pm and you will need to contact JR Varela to reserve your seat(s). (Email: ovjrflly@comcast.net, Cell Phone: 540-908-8256). There will be NO gift exchange this year. The cost is \$15 per person.

Also, don't forget about the 2009 Icy Carb Fly which occurs on the first Sunday of the new year (i.e., January 4th) at the flying field. The idea is to attempt to fly regardless of the weather. You must take off from the runway, make at least one circuit of the field, and land on the runway. Your aircraft must end up in flyable condition for the flight to be

considered a success. There will be a sheet for you to sign if (*and only if*) you have a successful flight. There will be a prize drawing at the January meeting from among those who participated.

I'd like to conclude my final report by saying that it has been an honor to serve you in 2008 as President. Thank you all for your support during this (personally) difficult year. Please give your full support to the folks who are elected to serve in 2009.

One more thought: In life as in flying airplanes, it's never a good idea to attempt take-off until you've reached flying speed!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

PLEASE NOTE..

.....CHANGE YOUR CALENDARS...
for our
. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER..

The dinner will be held on *****

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th at 5 PM
at the "" WOOD GRILL ""

across from the Rescue Station and
beside the
Exxon Station on Reservoir Str.
Harrisonburg.

The Saturday December 13th date at
7pm at Pano's has been
CANCELLED and moved to Wood
Grill on Sunday

Sincerely Dave Burgess Past Ors.

DUES LETTER

Dear Members,

Following you will find the latest Dues Schedule for the Valley R.C. Flying Club. It's membership renewal time, so please use this chart when determining the dues you are to pay for 2009.

The most important changes from previous years are as follows:

- (1) The Standard Adult Membership rate has increased from \$45 to \$50 and all other rates, which are based on this rate, have changed accordingly.
- (2) The Special Student Membership category has been dropped.
- (3) A new Extra Adult Membership category has been added.
- (4) The Junior Membership rate has changed from \$1 to 20% of the Standard Adult Membership rate.
- (5) Honorary Life Membership is now formally defined.
- (6) The Late Renewal Fee as increased from \$5 to \$10.

Please read the "Conditions, Definitions, & Explanations" section of the document for complete details.

Dues chart

Valley R.C. Flying Club
Dues Schedule

(Revised November 4, 2008)

Standard

Extra Adult

Senior Adult

Junior

Members Members Members

Members

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Jan.-Mar. 100% 60% 50% 20%

(\$50) (\$30) (\$25) (\$10)

Apr.-Jun. 75% 45% 38% 15%

(\$38) (\$23) (\$19) (\$8)

Jul.-Sep. 50% 30% 25% 10%

(\$25) (\$15) (\$13) (\$5)

Oct.-Dec. 100%! 60%! 50%! 20%!

(\$50) (\$30) (\$25) (\$10)

Note: Any renewal that is made after the regular February meeting must include an additional Late Renewal Fee of \$10.

Conditions, Definitions,
Explanations, etc.:

☐ All dues shown above are based on the full year Standard Adult Member rate.

☐ To establish new dues amounts, all the club needs to do is decide on the full year Standard Adult Member rate. This becomes the 100% reference point from which all other rates are derived.

☐ When new rates are calculated using the above percentage figures all amounts are rounded off to the nearest dollar.

☐ Part year rates apply to new members only. All renewals must use the appropriate Jan.-Mar. rate.

☐ Dues for new members will be based on the rate that's in effect on the day they complete their membership application paperwork and submit their dues payment.

☐ Dues paid by new members joining during the Oct.-Dec. period will cover their dues obligations for the following year. (See the "!" notations in the chart above.)

☐ Standard Adult Members are defined as those who are 19 years old or over on July 1st of the membership year. AMA membership is required.

☐ Senior Members are defined as those who are 65 years old or over on July 1st of the membership year. AMA membership is required.

☐ Extra Adult Members are defined as those who are 19 years old or over on July 1st of the membership year and live in the same household as a current Standard Adult Member. AMA membership is required only if the Extra Adult Member wishes to have flying privileges, hold office, or be a member of the Board of Directors. *Only one Extra Adult Membership is permitted per household.*

☐ Junior Members are defined as those who are under 19 years old on July 1st of the membership year. AMA membership is required.

☐ Anyone who qualifies for inclusion in more than one of the four membership categories listed above may use the one that results in the lowest dues.

□ Honorary Life Members are those who have been granted free lifetime membership in the club. Honorary Life Members may hold office and be a member of the Board of Directors. AMA membership is required only if the Honorary Life Member wishes to have flying privileges.

FOR SALE:

Airplane Carrier 2002 Homesteader
Cargo Trailer white

6' x 12', 6' head room

EW-1200# GW-2990#

Single axle

36" side door

Double rear doors

6' wide x 24" high stone guard on
front

14 x 14 roof vent

manual jack on front

Wired for 120 volts with plug strip

Fluorescent light

Linoleum floor

Stabilizer jacks on rear

Floor and wall tie downs

Spare tire

Removable storage cabinet in front

Removable rods for more wing
space

Trailer is currently set up to carry RC
airplanes

And associated equipment

Side door has some water damage
on inside from previous leak.

Very stable, easy to tow

\$1900.00

Call or email Randy Ryman

for pictures or more information

540-434-2646

540-810-5084 cell

Wanted to buy

If anyone knows of someone looking to sell an enclosed trailer, please let me know. I've got to get these Jet-A smellin' airplanes out of the house.

Looking to spend under \$1500 on one. 4x8 is the smallest i can use, would prefer a 5x10 or 6x12 though.

thomas
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SEEN IN *MODEL AVIATION*

MA FAQ Column Dec 08

The frequently asked questions (FAQ) column in the December issue of *Model Aviation* pp. 98-100 has a few questions which may be of

general interest to VRCFC newsletter readers.

One question asks if there are any new devices being developed for model aircraft use which employ GPS technology. The answer is yes. It is a device manufactured by Magellan Technologies called SkyTraceGPS. It is a GPS logger (recorder) which records GPS position, altitude and ground speed at one second intervals. The recorded information can be downloaded to a Windows PC where the data can be analyzed and even viewed with Google Earth.

SkyTraceGPS can be used to provide climb rate and show climb angle, ground speed, distance flown, angle track and more. The unit is selling for \$149.

Another FAQ is on foam-friendly products. There is a primer on foam-safe adhesives and one on foam-friendly paints.

A third FAQ deals with finding good sources for both standard and custom-made decals.

To you Air Force types who are nervous about flying your T-28 Trojan electric with U S Navy showing prominently on the wings and fuselage, this article is for you.

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MA Safety Incident Dec 2008

In the December *Model Aviation* safety column, "Safety Comes First", a story is retold about a RC modeler's auto accident on the way

to the flying field. Don't think we tend to think too much about what would happen in the event of a "rear-ender" as we turn into the road to our field.

The story is about a modeler making a turn into an exit when he was rear-ended by a hit and runner going seventy miles an hour. Our modeler ended up in the ditch backwards. Luckily his vehicle did not overturn. Lessons learned were to pack your vehicle carefully and tie stuff down.

In the story, two 12V starter batteries broke loose and crumpled the two fuel cans like empty cigarette packs. The batteries had plastic caps over both terminals which would have prevented sparks even if the fuel had leaked. The models were pretty well-protected by PVC racks and with towels for wheel chocks, only minor damage there.

His 3-cell 2100 mAh Li-poly just happened to be wrapped separately from the box containing the charger. The box was ripped open by flying debris. A punctured Li-poly or shorted starter battery plus two cans of 20% nitro fuel could have been a problem.

Statistics show that a majority of aero-modeling accidents have nothing to do with our flying machines. They can happen anywhere including on our way to the field.

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