



# AIRMAIL

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## President's Corner

At the last meeting I discovered that I haven't done a very good job of communicating our plans for 2011. As it turns out, it spawned one of the best Club meetings I've ever been to! It was great to see such excitement and enthusiasm. Everyone in attendance got involved in a positive exchange of ideas. I have to admit it started out a little rough but once people started to speak their minds the group seemed to really focus on what we *can* do and not what we *can't*. One simple question changed the entire tone of the meeting. It was a lot of fun to see the group do a 180 degree turnaround. From grumbling about what we have to do to banding together and planning something great – all in 30 minutes. Fantastic! It was a reminder of why attending the meetings are so important. This is YOUR Club so get involved! If you haven't been to a monthly meeting in a while then now is the time. If the next one is anything like the last you won't regret it.

For 2011 I can tell you what we *do* have and what we *don't*. What we do have is one of the finest flying fields I've seen anywhere. I've never met anyone who visited our field and didn't comment on what a nice field we have. With the exception of real heat at the Chili Fly and air-conditioning in August it has all you can ask for and more. What we don't have is the strongest membership count we've had. That's due to a number of reasons that we hope to address this year. For one - no one knows we exist. We're planning on getting the word out on who and where we are. We've got a new Club brochure ready to go to all the appropriate places and several other ideas in the works. The biggest plan is for –brace yourself-

a **Charity Fly!** I've already emailed the Club with the basics of the Charity Fly so no doubt you are aware but in my mind this was one of the single best decisions the Club has made. A great idea from a group with a common goal. I hope to see the event not only draw some folks we might not otherwise see but benefit both the Club and the community. I hope you like the idea as well as those at the meeting and if not maybe it will be the motivation you need to attend the next one. At any rate I'm sure it'll be a spirited meeting! A Charity Fly and two Float Fly's – I for one look forward to 2011. See you at the field . . . --Wes Parker

## 2011 Events

April 9 – Field Maintenance Day  
April 16-17 – Float Fly  
May 7 – Electric Model **Charity Fly**  
May 14 – Swap Meet  
June 4 – Static Display  
June 12 – Open House  
June 25 – Family Day/Scale Model Day  
July 17 – Military & Jet Model Day  
Aug 21 – Big Model Day  
Sept 17?-18?– Float Fly  
Oct 8 -- Swap Meet/Fun Scale Event

## Meet a Board Member



**Lynn Costello** got into model airplanes through Tim McWhorter and Jason, Lynn's son. He was trained by Bryon and Barry on his old Duro-Plane (remember

dodging it in the pit area?). He became a member of the club in July 2009 when he was learning to fly. He flies a new pizza box and a Night Vapor at the Soccer Dome. At the field he flies an Aero-Star-40, Pulse 125, Little Toni, Slow Stick, and some times his old Dura-Plane. He says his favorite is between his Little Toni and the Pulse 125. Presently, he's working on a 20cc Taylorcraft. He would really like to have a Reactor Biplane (hint, hint – for those out there needing gift ideas). Lynn was a fleet mechanic and retired (early) this last Dec 22. Lynn also enjoys fishing of all kinds and gardening. We are pleased to welcome him as a new board member for 2011.

## Field Marshal Focus

My congratulations go out to this club for its constant vigil concerning safety! With only minor issues of non-safety related matters, I am very proud of all our pilots, and am looking forward to an excellent year of flying and camaraderie.

--James Parks

### Next club meeting:

Thursday, FEB 3, 7 pm

>> **Library Center** <<

South Campbell

Story Hour Room

### Ski Fly

Anytime when snow conditions are available

## Meeting Minutes Jan 6

We had 16 members and 1 visitor at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm, and without hesitation, old minutes were moved to be noted as posted, and seconded. Motion passed.

►The Parks Department's development of a new field site has been slated for 2011 or 2012, so that is still in the works. ►The miscellaneous junk around the field will be hauled away, and the runway issue will stand mute until spring. Odds and end items that our last field maintenance day left incomplete will be addressed this upcoming maintenance day. ►The Chili Fly was a huge success, despite the weather, and upgrades to the field house proved worthwhile.►Two members joined tonight bringing us to a total of 39. ►The Treasurer's report was shown, motion to accept was seconded and it passed as written. ►Butch Scott was officially inducted as a board member this evening, replacing Cal Adams. ►Our website is still undergoing upgrades, and should be ready to show soon. ►The event schedule was discussed and coordinators set for the events, with a schedule change of July 16th, and August 20th events being moved ahead to the following days, for convenience. ►The January 8th Swap Meet will be the venue for a meeting of Officers between the North and South clubs to discuss cooperative event issues and other inter-club concerns. ►The motion was made, and seconded, to change the language of rule #3 concerning the necessity of the use of frequency pins for the 2.4GHz pilots, and will be voted on in the next meeting. This will not distract from the fact of Member card, and AMA card placements in the respective column of the board being a firm rule. ►Motion made and seconded for the Intro Pilot fees for Barry Harper, James Parks and Bryon Scott to be paid by club passed for this year again. ►The prospect of incorporating solar power use in our field was tabled and will be considered on a freelance basis for future consideration. ►Mention was made of removing the transmitter confine box, and relocating the field storage shed, but no motion was made for either. ►A motion was made, and seconded, to donate \$500 in conjunction with a charity event on May 7th. The motion passed, and any suggestions for a recipient charity would be greatly appreciated. One suggestion will be chosen for this year's donation. ►The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

## Sky Fly Report

Pilots begin to arrive around 10a. The runway had some bare spots but the grass was still fully covered. By 1p the snow had just about melted from the grass, but the grass was still wet/slick enough for floats or skis to still work. At this point the snow patches actually slowed down any take off attempts. The clouds came in around 3p and it began to get a lot cooler. The snow was about gone anyway. [Photos below]

**In the January meeting it was proposed to change the club field rules to eliminate the need for 2.4GHz users to obtain a frequency pin: This rule change will be voted on during the next club meeting Feb 3. [2.4GHz users will still be required to display their club membership card in one of the old 2.4GHz card slots]**

### **Old Rule**

3. All pilots must take a frequency pin when available and insert your membership card on the frequency board according to the channel you will be flying on. If you are a guest your current AMA card should be placed on the frequency board according to the channel you fly on if available. If another pilot has the frequency pin then each pilot should rotate the frequency pin. No transmitter is to be turned on without first securing the appropriate frequency pin, **regardless of radio type**. Storing transmitter(s) in the impound box under the pavilion when not in use is optional, but is still a good idea.

### **Proposed Rule**

3. All pilots must display an identification card on the frequency board (club membership cards for members, AMA cards for guests). All pilots using channel numbered transmitters must take an appropriate channel frequency pin when available and insert their membership card on the frequency in the appropriate channel slot. If another pilot has the channel numbered frequency pin then each pilot must rotate the frequency pin. **Channel numbered transmitter users must secure an appropriate channel frequency pin before turning on their transmitter.**

### All Season Patch Available



The above patch is available from the AMA online shop for those who qualify (flying at least once outdoors in all 12 months of the year). We know there are several club members who qualify! (and several who have done so for years!)



## Ski Fly Jan 22



Skis from anti-freeze cans – worked well



Dubro skis come in black.... and pink!



Yes, floats work on snow too!



Take off!



Innovative skis and wheels....combined!



These floats worked well on snow and wet grass

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