



August Meeting Minutes

by Lanora Campbell, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President David Campbell at 7:00 PM. There were 19 members present and 1 guest.

Motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes as read and published. Bob Schwandt then gave a members report of about 70 members. Bob then reported on the food paid out from the Open House of \$141.37. Bob then gave the final treasurer's report. Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report with a balance of \$10,402.46.

Old Business:

Sparky gave an update on the Float Fly for August with the Park Board. The practice date for the float fly was to be August 9th but due to lack of interest the practice float fly was cancelled.

Jerry Kutz had a meeting with Jody of the Park Board. It was concluded that the Park Board would Co-Sponsor the float fly and therefore would waive the \$100 per day fee. It was approved by the Park Board that Sparky could spend the night where all the tents and equipment would be set up the night before the float fly but no one else. The area where the float fly will be has rest rooms in the boat houses. The gates Open at 6:00 a.m. and there will be a need for someone to help park cars.

The Pattern Contest is still on schedule for September 12th and 13th.

The Pylon event has been tabled due to Scott Causey traveling at this time for his sponsored events. Congratulations to Scott for placing 8th in the Nation for Pylon Racing.

David Campbell was to try and replace the broken wind indicator at the field but had a hard time finding any.

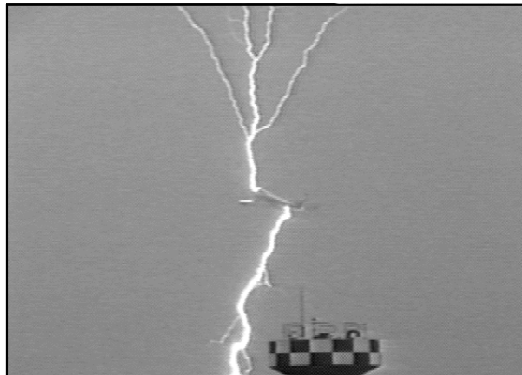
New Business:

Dogs at the field was brought up and discussed again. It was agreed that all dogs would stay behind the white fence out of the pit areas and be on a leash. If this can't be adhered to then the club will be voting to ban all dogs from the field. There is danger to people, equipment and the animals themselves when they run loose.

It was brought up about the usage of unacceptable language at the field. We all need to take in consideration that there may be guests at the field and this reflects on the club.

Someone brought up the reminder that everyone is to take home their own trash, including bottles, cigarette butts, etc. as there is no trash service.

With no other business to come before the club the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.



This image shows an aircraft being struck by lightning at takeoff during a storm. To the photographer's knowledge, no one on the plane was injured. It is also unknown if the aircraft experienced any damage in the incident. According to scientists examining this image, the airplane itself triggered the lightning discharge.

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Note to Members Bringing Guests

There has been a noticeable rise in the amount of non-members and guests at the field recently. It was decided by the Board that ALL Members be reminded of the Club's Field Rules and Flight Line Safety Rules. These need to be strictly adhered to at ALL TIMES for safety as well as compliance to AMA's rules for insurance purposes. We don't want property damaged and certainly don't want anybody hurt, so please - even if you WROTE the rules - read over them again and make sure you are doing all you can to keep that from happening!

AMERICAN TURF FLYERS, INC 8th ANNUAL BUY & FLY

Yes, folks - it's that time again!!
on Labor Day

Monday: September 01, 2008
9:00am to 2:00pm
NO FEES

Concessions Available
Current AMA required to Fly
Noise Rule is 102 dB(A) @ 10 feet

Setup begins at 8:00am. ALL setup and sales MUST be in the parking lot. Bring your own tables. RC Related stuff only. No bath tubs, '78 Chrysler Cordobas w/"Corinthian Leather" or sinks please! Come on out to "Buy-Fly-Swap-Sell" and have a good time. 400 foot asphalt, 600 foot grass, covered areas, indoor facilities, wide open spaces. Heli's are welcome.

Fitzgerald Field: 71st (Kenosha) exit from Broken Arrow expressway, East 9 mi to Hansen Road then North 1/2 mile to the field. Visit us on the web at www.americanturfflyers.com and click on "map2field".

The American Turf Flyers, Inc. is not responsible for any items bought, sold, swapped or fondled.

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President's Corner

by David Campbell, President



After my last letter asking for more members to come to the monthly meetings I received a phone call explaining that many of our members joined the club to fly and not to attend meetings!

OK, fair enough. Do these members care what rules are added at these meetings? Maybe they care that we might ban their style of flying at one of these unattended meetings. Maybe we'll ban electric flying or night flying? Hey, we banned gas engines for a

period of time and then re-instated them. Maybe we might vote to do something really stupid but if they were there they might be the one person who could stand up and point out why that one thing is wrong. Instead, these same people are the ones who complain when something gets voted in or out that they don't like. Hey, if you're not going to show up and make your wishes known then don't complain about those who do. I don't know what else to say about that so I'll get down off my soap box and leave this alone.



Field Rules

1. All pilots must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, AMA. The rules and regulations of the AMA govern the operation of the aircraft flown here.
2. Only AMA legal transmitters are permitted at this field. This does not apply to transmitters operating on ham frequencies.
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. Storing transmitter(s) in the impound box under the pavilion when not in use is optional, but is still a good idea.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages while anywhere at the field whether flying or not is prohibited.
5. Flying hours are 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with exception of quiet Electrics after 8:00 P.M.
6. Minors (under 16) have to be accompanied with a Parent.

Flight Line and Pit Safety Rules

1. Do not taxi in the pit area or to the runway between pilot stations. Do not approach the runway with a running model engine between or near occupied pilot stations.
2. Do not fly west of the runway (over pilot stations, or over the pit area).
3. The pit area is for pilots and guests accompanied by the pilots only.
4. Start all aircraft engines with the nose of the aircraft pointing towards the runway.
5. Be sure other pilots and spectators are clear of the propeller arc before starting engines.
6. Full throttle tests of the engines should be done on the flight line. New engine runs or break-ins should be conducted in the grassy area west of the parking area to minimize noise distraction to those who are on the flight line.
7. Announce to those on the flight line intentions to approach the runway (on the field) take off (taking off) or land (landing). When you are clear of the runway announce (clear). **When your engine is dead and you are landing announce dead stick (dead stick).**
8. Any pilot who declares they are dead stick has the right of way. All pilots should clear the runway immediately, and any landing approach that can be safely aborted should be done.
9. Glider and hand-launched aircraft must take off from the end of the flight line, and the end from which the prevailing wind is blowing. [Do not launch with initial flight path in front of other pilots.]
10. Do not walk in front of other pilots on the flight line at any time.
11. Do not fly over or near the houses located on the south or north ends of our property boundaries. [There is a house in the woods to the east of the runway, so avoid flying over the woods to the east.]
12. Each pilot should use the stations that have been positioned between the protective fences on the flight line. Only 3 model aircraft are allowed in the air at any time with the exception of a fourth being a glider.

Calendar of Events

September 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
September 4th - Club Meeting, Library Center South Room A						

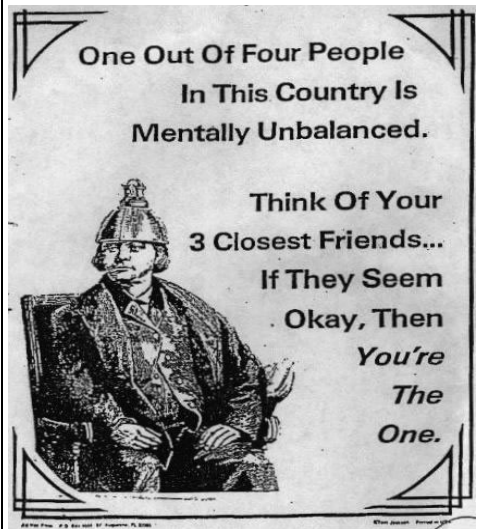
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Second thought! Maybe there is a middle ground? Do we really need 11 meetings a year? Some of the meetings are pretty short and maybe we need to change the by-laws so we can have bi-monthly meetings or even quarterly meetings. What do you all think about one of those solutions?

The only problem I see with not having monthly meetings is getting the events planned and executed. Not saying we couldn't do it but communication has not been all that great with the event planners this year and if we let it go more than a month some of it may not happen.

So, point is, show up for this next meeting and let's change something!

Now for some agenda items: Officers and Board selection committee is to be announced at the next meeting. If you want to help select the new slate of officers then let me know before the September meeting.



Springfield R/C Club

(Black Sheep Squadron)

Springfield, Missouri

Name: _____

Name of significant other: _____

(Optional)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: Home _____

(Optional) Office or Cell: _____

Radio Frequencies You Will Broadcast On: ____ _

E-Mail Address: _____

AMA Membership Number: _____

Note: Proof of membership in the AMA is required for membership in the Blacksheep Squadron.

All members are to complete and sign this form, mail a copy of your AMA card along with this form and include a check payable to SPRINGFIELD R/C CLUB to:

William "Bob" Schwandt, Treasurer

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I agree to abide by the club's constitution and bylaws, club field rules and the rules and regulations of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

_____ Date: _____

Member Signature

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