

Plane Talk

December 2008



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Next Meeting

Wednesday December 10, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
at the Deere Wiman Carriage House
817 11th Avenue
Moline, Illinois

ELECTION OF OFFICERS





2008 Officers

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Minutes of the November 12th, 2008 meeting

President Rockne Brosman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

12 Members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Announcements and Business:

1. Mark will call to have the Porta-Potty closed up for the season.
2. Making a donation to the AMA in memory of Donn Huggins was voted on and approved.
3. Election of Officers will be held at the December meeting. All Officers have agreed to run for another term except Club Secretary, Kelly Bryant. If you would like to step up and fill this vacancy please come to the December meeting, or let one of the Officers know.
4. Rick will contact the AMA to get the sanctions for our annual flying events.
5. Making one of this years events a competition fun fly was discussed.
6. Our Internet domain name is up for renewal, Rockne will look into the renewal process.
7. Having our annual banquet at the Windmill restaurant in East Moline was discussed. Wayne Youngberg will contact them.
8. To make the December meeting more interesting we will be having a paper airplane competition. Come out and join the fun. Prizes will be awarded. There will be door prizes as well.

Show and Tell

No Show and Tell.

Program

Next months program will be Foam Cutting, presented by Rick Haney

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Bryant - Secretary

Calendar of Events

Dec 7 Freeport Swap meet and Auction Cedarville, IL
Dec 10 QCSR Club Meeting Deere Wiman 7:00 PM
Jan 1 DRCS Chili Fly, 10am - ? at Kroeger Field, Dav. IA
Jan 14 QCSR Club Meeting Deere Wiman 7:00 PM



How I See It – by Rick

I awoke this morning thinking about how our membership has dwindled down from over one hundred and fifty to where it is today. Wow! What a change has taken place in our club! In the hay day of our club's life, we had many "older" members that would come out and sit by the hour watching the younger members fly. They would enjoy the evening by eating peanuts and telling their war stories of building, flying and crashing in the good old days. Most of those "old" guys are gone now. Many changes have occurred over the life of our club. We lost one of the best hobby shops that anyone could wish for. We lost a good field. It may not have been the best field in the world but it was a nice place to enjoy our hobby. We did acquire a new field thanks to the City of Moline. It has some issues but it's not all that bad either. It's still in the city limits and cost isn't an issue.

Today we struggle with low membership numbers. Our operating costs are on the rise. The cost of mowing the field, paying for the portable toilet service and the other incidentals that come along, one looks at dollars in and dollars out and hope that one covers the other. So far so good. It could come down to increasing the dues to help defray costs or it might just take care of itself. We will see.

As I look at last years membership roster I can only hope that the names on the pages have not lost their desire to have fun with the model airplane hobby and that they will support the club in any way that they can. I know these are hard times for some and that we all have priorities that dictate what we can and can not do. This is a hobby and isn't at the top of many priority lists.

Election time is here again and for some reason there is no line forming to run for offices in the club. Now is your chance to get involved to help make the club run smoothly, not that it isn't running smoothly, just that it needs to continue to run like the finely oiled machine that it is. Laid that on pretty thick didn't I? If you are so moved come to the next meeting and jump right in.

Hopefully you have received your AMA card in the mail. I just got mine and I did just what every one else does, I tore off the card and put it in my wallet and threw the rest of the paper work away. Hang on a minute!! Dig that paper work out of the trash and read it! There is some important information in that paper work! The kind of need to know stuff. Take a minute to read the paper and then you can throw it away.

Can you believe it is almost Christmas! Thanksgiving is gone, along with too much food. As anyone who knows me knows, I dislike winter with a passion. I probably should move down south somewhere. I can't wait for summer to get here. I will have at least two new planes ready to go, one being a new Sr.. I love my Srs!

The gate to the park has been closed since October. We can still access the field by using the combo lock on the gate. I do plan to fly this winter. Maybe not too much but I will get some flight time on my skis.

Dome flying has started and the first night we had twelve sign in to fly and of course our combat flying is alive and well. Oh what carnage! Ain't it great! As of this time we do not have a scheduled time frame.

Swap Meets are in the near future. Lots of good stuff will change homes. Check out you AMA magazine for dates and places. Freeport has a good meet coming up December 7th as does DRCS (Davenport club) February 15th.

Don't forget next meeting will be December 10th and the program will be on foam cutting.

This is how I see it.
Rick

Rick Haney

What is missing in these pictures?



HINT:.....YOU! Come join us at the next meeting!

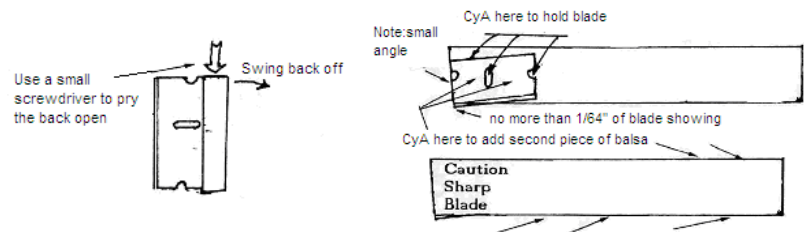
From the San Diego Orbiters Free Flight Club, San Diego, California

Inexpensive Tissue Trimmer

By Jerry Sullivan

I sometimes (no, all the time) have trouble trimming the wing or fuselage tissue to get a nice straight fold over to lock the tissue to the model. I have tried to use the commercial trimmers, but they were made for big models generally covered with MonoKote. I have tried to cut the tissue using a razor blade space from the model with a stick of balsa. This kind of works, but needs more hands than the two with which it was issued. The following is an easy way to make a tool that I dreamed up which works quite well.

1. Remove the back from a single-edge razor blade. Use a small flat blade screwdriver to open one end and then just swing it off. REMEMBER the blade is very sharp, so do this carefully using appropriate tools to hold the blade while removing the back.
2. Use CA to glue the blade to one end of a piece of 1 x 6-inch balsa as shown. The thickness should match the size of the longeron/stringers. Use 1/16 for small models, 3/32 or 1/8 for larger. Just a couple of drops of CA will hold it. Do use a fan to blow the air and CA fumes away from yourself or anyone else. CA fumes carry the risk of serious illness to all who breathe them.
3. Put a couple of drops of CA on the blade and drop another piece of 1 x 6-inch balsa of the same thickness on the assembly. Put CA along the joint, keeping it away from the exposed blade. Harden the very tip of the tool with CA.
4. Mark the tool with a warning label that the blade is sharp.
5. Trim the tissue with the edge to be cut on a trimming pad. Rock the fuselage as you go along so that the actual cutting area is supported. You can tip up the trailing edge of a wing while cutting the leading edge.





DeCap's Corner



A Couple of Building Hints

How many times have you used the household iron and been jumped on for leaving sticky stuff on it? Have you used iron-on film and had the color pigment stick to the iron and bleed to another section leaving streaks and marks on the second color (red on white, for instance)?

Solution: Heat the iron, put some salt on any sheet of paper and rub the iron over the salt. PRESTO! Iron face back in pristine condition.

—From the *Tingalpa Transmitter* in Australia

When drilling a hole in balsa, the wood has a tendency to splinter out and make a nasty mess where the drill bit exits. Drip a few drops of thin Hot Stuff around the exit area of the drill bit and let it cure. You can now drill a hole and the wood will hold together much better. It may still splinter out some, but not nearly as much. This method also works great when drilling wing hold-down holes on built-up wings.

—From the *Windy Flyer* newsletter, Downers Grove, Illinois

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