

The AVIATOR

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Frederick Model Aircraft Club



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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and happy. If someone had told me in July 2004 when I joined the club that I would become club president in 2005, I might have turned and run for the hills. I came to this hobby later in life than many club members (but earlier than a few). It grew from a lifelong dream of wanting to fly model airplanes. I remember the first time I ever saw my neighbor flying his control line planes in our backyard. I remember the frustrations of my brother and his friends trying to learn how to fly control line. Then there were the larger scale planes that some brave soul was flying at the junior high school football field. Finally, I remember being a teenager watching radio control planes at Smokey Glen Farm during a corporate picnic. But life and school intervened, and I had no idea where to start, how much it might cost, etc. My father wasn't so inclined, so I was never introduced. Three years ago, while surfing the internet one day, I ran across some information about "park flyers." Alas, the old memories returned, and I decided to buy one and learn to fly. It was a two channel Hobbico Firebird II. Small enough to fly in the local school yard, I quickly discovered that "its harder than it looks". But I kept at it, and quickly learned to fly it. After flying it for about a year, I was at Ballenger Creek Park one day, when a guy showed up with a glow powered plane. It was a U-Can-Do 3D with a Barbie pilot figure (turns out he's a club member - anybody else know who it is?) Watching him fly that plane was an inspiration. I was determined to learn to fly glow powered planes. Some more internet surfing, and I learned about SPADs (Simple Plastic Airplane Design for the uninitiated). These inexpensive, but very tough, designs were perfect for me. I'm now building my first Balsa kit (a Great Planes Cap 232 .40). I hope it sees air in the spring.

What's my point? In order for model aviation to survive and grow, we must learn to reach out to the uninitiated. We need to find ways to get the word out, to inspire youth and their parents to try it. We need to look back at what first got us interested in model aviation and regenerate our own excitement. I hope that during the next 12 months as President, I can help us as a club do just that.

Brad Davy
President, Frederick Model Aircraft Club

NOTE: The next General Meeting will be held at the Church of the Transfiguration, Maryland Avenue, Braddock Heights, on MONDAY November 21, 2005 at 7:30 pm. Note the change in the day of the week.

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Carl Angleberger

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FMAC 2006 FLEA MARKET

LAST CALL FOR HELP, CLUB INCOME WILL BE LOST

For the last 3-4 years Steve Biron and Bob Pitt have been running the club Flea Market at the 4H center in Frederick. They informed the club prior to this year's event of their intentions to step down as organizers following this past April's event, and many new requests for help have been in the newsletter. Steve has secured a date at the 4H center for this spring's '06' flea market; however as of the October club meeting no one has stepped forward to put the event together for the upcoming year. This annual event brings in \$400 - \$500 in revenue that directly goes to helping offset club expenses, as of this writing it is the only money raising event the club has. Without one or two volunteers to keep this going, we will lose this income. Income isn't the only reason to have this event. Our flea market is well known in the Northeast and brings together fellow modelers from as far north as Long Island, and as far south as S. Carolina. Many new friendships have been made, and in the past all of the local clubs and hobby shops in our area have come out to support us.

This is the **LAST** call for volunteers. If by the close of the November meeting we have no one to replace Bob and Steve, they will cancel the reservation we have at the 4H center. The 4H center books up 12 - 16 months in advance so if we give up this reservation, there will be no chance of getting the flea market going again at that location this year. Bob and Steve are willing to share what they have done in the past to get vendors, post ads in the AMA magazine, send out flyers and round up the four or five volunteers needed on the day of the flea market, with anyone that might be interested. This activity takes about 8-10 hours of preparation starting in February, followed by a full day commitment on the day of the flea market. If you are at all interested please contact one of our old or new board members. **REMEMBER, BY THE END OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING IF WE DON'T HAVE ANY VOLUNTEERS THIS CLUB ACTIVITY WILL BE CANCELLED!!!!**

Plases step up and keep a great tradition going.

Bob Pitt

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Please state your name and club affiliation, if any

FMAC Board Meeting
October 24, 2005

Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 PM. By President Brad Davy.

Don Borton informed the Board that, Minuteman Press will start charging the Club to print the Newsletter. A discussion followed as to which way to send out the newsletter to the Members. After some discussion the Board will determine this at a later date.

New Business:

Budget: An effort was made to put together a budget for the club's 2006 season but known expenses could only be guessed at without having the records from 2005 and unknown expenses were unknown. They are in the hope that they will have gotten that information from last terms treasurer prior to the November "club" meeting so that it can be discussed in detail with the membership during the meeting.

Dues: Keep dues at current amount at this time.

Young Aviator Program: Plan for a spring Youth Day Fly in for Frederick Co. Brad will write a proposal for the program.

Members Participation: Have a program at each meeting; Show the Video's the club has. Have a Sign in Sheet at the meetings and at the flying field and present an award for activities.

Club Schedule for 2006: Change meeting to Tuesday or Wednesday, the November meeting will be on the 21st. Brad will check with the church.

January Banquet: See what the members want.

Fun Fly: May, Jul, Sep. with no business.

Business Meeting: Jun and Aug.

Board Meeting: Each Month.

Audit: Vivian is waiting to meet with Bill Autry to complete the audit and transfer the Treasurer's books.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow Don to spend up to \$50. to have the November Newsletter printed.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned. Next Board meeting will be on December 7th 2005 at Don and Vivian's.

Submitted by Bill Mackinzie.



FMAC GENERAL MEETING
October 24, 2005
Church Meeting Hall

President Cramer brought the meeting to order at 7:40 pm with 12 members present.

There were three new applicants to be voted into the club at this meeting: Bourke Maddox, Conner Perrett, and Robert Perrett. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept these as new members.

Carl reported the flying field is open and ready to use.

Bill Autry presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept his report was seconded and carried.

Old Business.

Stored Material. A motion made to give the fence material to Pastor Bill and the Toms Creek Church was seconded and carried. Bill Autry will pick up the impound boxes and tables on October 29th. A motion made for Adam, Bob and George to pick through the rest and then dispose of what is left was seconded and carried.

2006 Flea Market. Space is reserved for next year but if we are not going to have it we must tell the 4H by the end of January 2006. A motion was made, seconded, and carried, to notify the membership in the November Newsletter of a Last Chance to have someone step up and take over this activity; if no one volunteers we will not have a Flea Market in 2006.

The members thanked Carl for doing the cooking at the fun fly meetings this past summer. Well done Carl !

New Business.

Don says he is having trouble sending emails to members because people's inboxes are full.

When members change their email addresses, please let Don and Bart know so they can keep the membership information up to date.

Life Members will stay on the membership list but will no longer receive mailings from the Club because of incorrect addresses.

Election.

Since there were no other nominations to add to the proposed slate of officers a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the proposed slate of officer be accepted as previously announced.

Audit of Books.

Bill and Vivian will audit the books and publish the findings at the November General Meeting.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bill Mackinzie.



September 17, 2005
Toms Creek Flying Site

Members started to arrive about 10:00 AM for some flying. At 12:00 we moved to the pavilion for lunch prepared by Carl and Vivian along with goodies brought by the members.

AFTER LUNCH Rich announced the beginning of the drawing which was won by Carl, George and Rich.

President Rich brought the meeting to order with approx 15 members present.

First order of business was nominations for the 2006 year Board. The slate of Officers is as follows

- Brad Davy-----President
- Ron Grimm----Vice President
- Vivian Borton—Treasurer
- Bill Mackinzie----Secretary
- Carl Angleberger-Field Marshall and Safety Officer

Next order of business was the Young Aviator Program. After much discussion of the program a motion was made, seconded, and carried to hold the money for the new Board to come up with a solution and implement the Program in 2006.

With no other business and more flying to do the meeting was adjourned.

Bill Mackinzie

[Editor's Note: This report did not appear in the October Newsletter].

Membership Renewals for 2006

By now all members should have received their AMA renewal notices for 2006. Please renew your AMA memberships asap. When you receive your 2006 AMA cards, please renew your club membership for 2006 BEFORE you spend all your year-end discretionary income on Christmas presents and wild News Years events. You will note that the club membership form, page 6, has been updated. We would like to get all our club renewals completed by year's end, not in March or April. Thanks, in advance, for making this a priority action item.



Frederick Model Aircraft Club, Inc.

2006 Membership Renewal and Application

Name: _____ Renewal New Member Since: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

ST: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: (H) (____) _____ - _____ (W) (____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ AMA#: _____ (attach 2006 Copy)

e-Mail: _____ Radio Channels Used: _____

How would you like to receive our monthly Newsletter? Print from Website www.frederickmodelaircraftclub.org or US Mail

All members are expected to help with club activities. What areas would you like to help with?
__ Training/Help with training __ Ground Crew/Maintenance __ Programs and Presentations
__ Fund Raisers __ Flea Market __ Wings of Freedom Air show __ Help Organizing/Run Events
__ Fun Fly's __ Other _____

Table with 3 columns: Membership Fees, January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, Amount. Rows include Adult Membership (\$50.00), Senior Members (\$40.00), Junior Members (\$5.00), New Member Application Fee (\$10.00), and Total.

ALL renewals for the current year are due before March 1st. Renewals received after that date are considered new and the applicant will have to be voted in and pay the \$10.00 Initiation Fee.

Conditions of Membership

I hereby agree to comply with the current Academy of Model Aeronautics' (AMA) Safety Code(s) and Frederick Model Airplane Club, Inc. (FMAC) Rules and Regulations. I also agree that I will comply with all changes and modifications that may be made to the AMA Safety Codes and the FMAC Rules and Regulations. I understand that my failure to comply with these commitments may result in failure of coverage for any claims of damages resulting from noncompliance and expulsion from FMAC including rights to fly at the FMAC flying fields. I am aware that building and flying model aircraft presents hazards and I exempt and relieve FMAC, it's officers, contest directors, site sponsors and the AMA from all current and future liability for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death caused by negligence or otherwise.

Applicant: _____ Date: __/__/__

Legal Guardian if under 18: _____ Date: __/__/__

Mail completed application with your current AMA membership information to:
FMAC Membership – c/o Bart Schmidt 101 Linden Ave., Hanover PA 17331
Makes checks payable to "Frederick Model Aircraft Club" or "FMAC"

FMAC memberships are not valid until we have verification of your 2006 AMA membership



2005

**November 21: General Meeting: Church of the Transfiguration,
Middletown, MD., 7:30 pm.**

**December 7: Board Mtg at the Bortons, 7pm.
There is no club meeting in December.**

2006

Meeting schedules/dates for 2006 are still to be worked out.

There may be a Youth Day Fly In for Frederick County in the Spring

There will be Fun Flys [no business] in May, July, Sept

There will be Business Meetings in June and August

The Board will meet each month



THE MODEL SHOP

For sale:

- 1 Spirit Select, 2 meter with gas power pod**
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- 1 Sophisticated Lady, 2 meter with electric power pod**
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