

# The AVIATOR

The Official Newsletter of the  
Frederick Model Aircraft Club, Inc.



**June—July 2006**

**FMAC HAS A NEW FLYING  
FIELD IN FREDERICK.  
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## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

As I write this month, I have both good news and bad news. First the good news. Our May Fun Fly was a real "blowout"! For those that attended, you know what I'm talking about. Although Mother Nature didn't want to cooperate, we had a good turnout by club members, and actually had a couple interested newcomers attend. Even better, we had a photographer from Frederick.Com that came. He took over 100 pictures of the event including lots of in-flight pictures for the braver pilots, and some nice group photos. You can find the pictures at <http://pages.frederick.com/FrederickModelAircraftClub>. We'll also be getting a link from our web page. You can tell from the smiles, we had a lot of fun.

More good news comes on the membership front. With the opening of Warner Field, several previous members are coming back. This is one of our richest areas for club growth. If you keep in contact with any previous members, make sure you tell them to come on out. It's always fun to meet these people, and I enjoy hearing their stories (although my wife isn't always happy with my inability to leave the field when I say I will).

Still more good news – As of May 25, 2006, the Frederick Model Aircraft Club is officially incorporated in the State of Maryland!

Finally, I'm happy to say that Butch Belote has agreed to take over as Membership Secretary from Bart Schmidt. Bart has dutifully served the club in that position for three years, and we gratefully thank him for all that he has done. We hope this change will result in faster issuance of membership cards, and easier administration of the club rolls. If you have any old membership forms, or know of any that are posted with Bart's address, please let me know so we can get the forms replaced with the new address.

Now for the bad news. I am sad to report that Bill Prensky, a long time member and supporter of the club, died May 16 at his home. We would like to make a donation from FMAC in his honor to the Beth Shalom Temple in Frederick. If you would like to contribute to this donation, please contact me.

Finally, more bad news. Bob Pitt was involved in a serious accident at his home on June 3. As of this writing, he is in the Washington County Hospital Trauma Center. We'll be keeping you posted on his progress. In the meantime, please keep Bob and Patty in your thoughts and prayers.

And before I forget, we're still accepting donations for the Mower Fund. I'm also looking for any high resolution photographs you may have of either Warner Field or Toms Creek Field for an article I want to submit to Model Aviation Magazine. Any proceeds from publication of the article will be put toward the Mower Fund.

**See you at the Fields!!**

## Club Officers

**President**  
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## Additional Contacts

**Field Marshal**  
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Brad Davy  
IP

**Instructors**  
(IP=AMA Intro Pilot)

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FMAC Membership Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2006

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 PM. 19 members present. Minutes of the Jan 16, 2006 meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Old Business. New Flying Field. Warren Field Site 51, was discussed at length. Subjects were property owners concerns, comparison to Toms Creek Field by aerial video and photos. A motion was made to vote on Lease agreement as written, seconded and carried. Rent for the field will be \$1500.00 per year. It will take 100 members to support two flying fields.

A start up fund of \$500.00 will be needed to get the new field ready for the summer flying, tables pilots stations. A motion was made seconded and carried for this fund.

The field rules will be amended to have a 90 db at 9 feet as AMA recommends. Motion made seconded and carried.

Workday at Toms Creek field is April 8, 2006 9.00 AM. Workday at Warren field is April 22, 2006 with rain date on April 29, 2006.

A motion was made to incorporate the club to protect its members. Seconded and carried. \$500.00 will be needed to file the papers.

May 20, 2006 is youth day at Toms Creek Field. Brad has asked the members to bring airplanes to show and fly and help for the food preparation.

New business. Bill Loudon has done the newsletter for 12 years and to show our thanks the club will give Bill a life membership. Motion made seconded and carried.

Training will be moved to Wednesday night and will start in May.

Remember a member-to-member swap meet will be included in the membership meetings. Bring something to swap at the next meeting, which will be held on May 15, 2006 at 7:30 PM

Submitted by Bill Mackinzie.

\*\*\*\*\* Bob Pitt. At last report, Bob Pitt was still in the CCU following surgery at Washington County Hospital Trauma Center, Hagerstown. He suffered serious injuries after falling off the roof of his house on June 3rd. They are just now attempting to bring him out of a lengthy chemically-induced coma. Cards and letters should be addressed to his wife at their home address. It is perhaps too early for flowers for Bob at the hospital. We will keep you posted on his recovery. \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* New Mower. The Club has a brand new John Deere 20hp, 42" cutting deck, riding mower for Warner Field. Special thanks to all the members who contributed so generously to the Tractor Fund and to Ron Grim for the use of his trailer for tractor storage at the field. \*\*\*\*\*

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FMAC Meeting  
May 15, 2006

**General Membership Meeting.**

**One Airplane for sale by Carl. \$200.00 bought by Rich.**

**Video of the giant scale RC fly in France was viewed by members before the meeting.**

**Meeting was brought to order at 7:55 PM.**

**Minutes of the last meeting were read, a motion to accept was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.**

**Treasurer report was read— a motion to accept was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.**

**Old Business.**

**Youth Day. May 20<sup>th</sup>. Members are asked to bring any food sodas water for lunch. Help is needed in the pit area to insure safety. Come early to help.**

**Carl has donated a roller for the field maintenance. Bill Mackinzie will bring his roller to the Warner field to get it smooth.**

**New Business. Change BY-Laws to revise Article III Section I. To add Provisionary Membership. Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried with one exception.**

**New Members. Michale Marnar, Tom Sawters, William Wilson, Russell Frezier, Ronald Frezier, Andrew Johnston (and his father) accepted as new members.**

**Next General membership meeting at the Church, Braddock Heights, on Sept 18, 2006**

**Next Board Meeting on Jun 19,2006 at Vi and Don's house.**

**Next fun fly July 8, 2006 at Warner Field.**

**Meeting Adjourned till Sept 18, 2006**

**Submitted by  
Bill Mackinzie**

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**We sincerely welcome the following new members and encourage them to become active flyers as well as active participants in the various functions of the Club:**

- Richard Benjamin, Frederick.**
- Russell Frazier, Jefferson**
- Alton Hughes, Emmetsburg**
- Andrew Johnston, Frederick**
- Andrew's Johnston's father, Frederick**
- Mike Maher, Frederick,**
- Robert McCulley, Ijamsville**
- Ryan McCulley, , Ijamsville**
- Thomas Sawyers, Buckeystown**
- Chris Swann, Frederick**
- William (Greg) Wilson, Frederick**

**This brings our current membership to 54. We need to increase our dues-paying membership to about 100. Everyone needs to encourage their fellow flying enthusiasts to join our Club. Electric flyers are welcome.**

Club rosters are available to current club members in good standing, via our website [www.frederickmodelaircraftclub.org](http://www.frederickmodelaircraftclub.org) Go to the bottom of the "Club Info" page and follow the instructions.

**WE ARE TEMPORARILY UNABLE TO ADD NEW MEMBERS DUE TO SOFTWARE CHANGES ON OUR ISP'S SERVER!**



## **AMA Club Outreach: Helping New Modelers**

**by Dave Mathewson, District II Vice President**

Hundreds of AMA chartered clubs have programs designed to offer assistance to newcomers entering the hobby. Programs range from simple flight instruction to more elaborate and structured programs that even include classroom sessions. The intent in each of these programs is to help ensure that these new modelers' first experiences are enjoyable and successful.

In some cases, many who have purchased their first model are testing the waters to see if model aviation is something they would be interested in pursuing. Today's low-cost trainers and entry-level models make it easy to do that.

Several years ago AMA created the Introductory Pilot Program so that our clubs could reach out and help these new modelers without his or her having the initial, additional expense of an AMA membership and, at the discretion of the club, a club membership.

Throughout the years, the program has resulted in several thousand new members for AMA and our clubs, although the program was a little cumbersome.

Recently the AMA Introductory Pilot Program has gone through a complete revision to make it easier to utilize. Some significant changes include extending the program period from 30 to 60 days, eliminating nearly all of the required paperwork, and adding the ability to register online both Introductory Pilot Instructors and students. Any limit on the number of Intro Pilots a club may have has been removed. The key advantage to this program is that it allows AMA chartered clubs to help non-AMA members while being able to provide liability insurance protection to the non-member student provided he or she is flying at the club field under the direct supervision of an AMA Introductory Pilot Instructor.

AMA is creating a campaign to promote this revised Introductory Pilot Program to potential new modelers. More recognition and rewards for instructors, clubs, and students with the potential for more worthwhile benefits to the clubs are coming in the near future. Clubs that participate in the program will have their contact information made available to those searching for help from experienced modelers.

Participating in the program is voluntary but it does offer a club several opportunities. A certain percentage of these new modelers may ultimately decide that our hobby/sport isn't for them and move on to something else. Others might continue, but choose to participate outside the AMA environment. Even so, we will at least have had the opportunity to help these newcomers be successful in their approach and be aware of concerns we all should share as modelers.

A number of these new modelers will consist of those who find AMA and our system of chartered clubs attractive. Some will want to move to other aeromodeling disciplines once they've been made aware of the possibilities that exist. Some may enjoy what they're now flying but want to take advantage of the camaraderie and social aspect of belonging to a group that shares a common interest. These are the new modelers who will eventually help grow our clubs and increase the AMA membership.

We here at AMA are excited about the possibilities this revised program offers, but to be successful, we need the help of our clubs by participation in the program. If you'd like to know more about AMA's Introductory Pilot Program, you can visit the AMA Web site at [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org) or call AMA Clubs Secretary Lois Pierce at (765) 287-1256, extension 291.

If you are a club officer you can register your club's instructors as Introductory Pilot Instructors by visiting the Member's Only section of the AMA Web site.

Introductory Pilot Instructors, as well as any AMA member, are always eligible to qualify for the AMA Ambassador Program. Sign up three new open or senior citizen AMA members during the year and receive your next year's AMA membership as AMA's way of thanking you for your efforts.

[From the AMA Insider, June 18, 2006],



**From the Gold Coast Radio Controllers Club, Boca Raton FL**

**Sun Safety**

**by Howie Kelem**

**Many of us are not young kids anymore, but whether you're young or old, it really doesn't matter. There are so many problems going on all around us that I think its time to slow down and get familiar with yourself.**

**Being here on our little piece of heaven (Florida) is wonderful, but it comes along with an unforgiving sidekick. I'm referring to that great big beautiful sun that brings us all of those wonderful days. However, it also brings along with it many nasty problems. Statistics show that there are 700,000 Americans who develop some sort of skin cancer every year. Naturally, the best way to avoid this is to stay out of the sun, but we can't do that; we have to fly!**

**That means you should find ways to protect yourself. I suggest getting rid of those baseball caps. They may look great with fancy slogans and designs, but they only have one good feature, especially for guys like me. It covers the part of the head where the hair is thinning out a little, but it leaves your face, ears, and neck uncovered and that's just asking for trouble. Wear a hat with a wide brim, or one that has a flap in the back to cover your neck—anything that will shade the skin.**

**Where other exposed parts of the body are concerned, use a sun screen with at least a 15 SPF rating. If it's the dollar that is making the difference, think of it as another tank of fuel. It's a good investment.**

**There are so many different types of cancer. Should you ever develop some sort of abnormal looking spot, don't be a Mr. Macho. It could be nothing or something minor, but check it out ASAP before it turns into something major.**

### **Terms and Definitions**

**Melanin:** The substance found in skin that gives it its color. The darker a person, the more melanin they have. It acts as a natural guard against harmful UV rays.

**Basal Cell Carcinoma:** The most common type of skin cancer; usually found on the face and neck. Those who work outside or spend long hours of leisure time in the sun are more prone to this type of cancer. Basal cell carcinoma is rarely fatal.

**Melanoma:** The most dangerous form of skin cancer; usually found on larger parts of the body: arms, leg, and trunk. It appears as a dark patch on the skin. When caught early, melanoma is almost 100% curable.

**Metastasize:** The spread of cancer throughout the body.

**Squamous Cell Carcinoma (Non-melanoma Skin Cancer):** The second most common form of skin cancer caused by prolonged exposure to the sun. It is found mostly on body parts exposed to the sun: head, ears, shoulders, and arms.

**Sun Protection Factor (SPF):** The amount of protection the sunscreen provides. Usually expressed in numbers; the higher the number the more protection. For the best protection, apply sunscreen liberally and often (especially if you come in contact with water).

[from the AMA Insider, June 18, 2006]



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)

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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, Senior Members, New Member Application Fee, etc.

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.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Legal Guardian if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Mail completed application with your current AMA membership information to: FMAC Membership - c/o BUTCH BELOTE, 4834 OLD SWIMMING POOL RD., FREDERICK, MD 21703. Makes checks payable to "Frederick Model Aircraft Club" or "FMAC"

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2006

<p><b>June</b></p>	<p><b>Jun 10th &amp; 11th:</b> Buc-Le Aero Sportsmen - 24th Annual Harold Weil Memorial Model Airplane Fly</p> <p><b>Jun 17th:</b> Chesapeake Bay Radio Control Model Airplane Club (CBRC)- Open House 11:00am – 3:00pm(rain date Sunday June 18th)</p> <p><b>June 19th: Board Meeting - 7:00pm - Don &amp; Vivian's - All members welcome</b></p> <p><b>Jun 24th:</b> Pegasus Annual Fun Fly</p> <p><b>Jun 24th:</b> NVRC "Biplane Fun Fly "</p>
<p><b>July</b></p>	<p><b>July 8th: FMAC Fun Fly at Warner Field - OPEN HOUSE</b></p> <p><b>Jul 16th:</b> NVRC "Big Bird Fly In at Arcola "</p> <p><b>Jul 22nd:</b> Loudoun County Aeromodelers Assn 7th Annual Electric Fly In</p> <p><b>Jul 29th &amp; 30th:</b> Buc-Le Aero Sportsmen - 9th Annual Warbirds Over Pennsylvania</p>
<p><b>August</b></p>	
<p><b>September</b></p>	<p><b>Sept 10th:</b> Bealton, VA - Airshow and DCRC Model Airplanes</p> <p><b>Sept 18th: Club Meeting, Church - 7:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Sept 23rd &amp; 24th:</b> NVRC Aerobatics/Pattern Contest</p>
<p><b>October</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 15th:</b> NVRC Auction, Vienna Community Center</p> <p><b>Oct 16th: Club Meeting, Church - 7:30pm</b></p>
<p><b>November</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 4th:</b> NVRC "Toys For Tots Fun Fly "</p> <p><b>Nov 20th: Club Meeting, Church - 7:30pm</b></p>
<p><b>December</b></p>	



05-06 Fun Fly



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# FMAC May Fun Fly And Youth Day

For Many More Photos—go to  
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