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Operating for Public Benefit at the Milwaukee County RC Flying Field
South 70th and West Oakwood Road

Our next meeting is:

Wed, Sept 7th

7pm at

Waterstone Bank

6560 South 27th Street



Pictured above are the bleachers that were added for our visiting spectators. Just one of the many improvements that were made during Tom Ryan's presidency

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A Word From The Prez!

Fall looks to be warm and nice. After one of the worse summers on the books in Wisconsin we deserve a nice fall.

As I close out my Presidency and look at how nice the field is, and all the hard work and dedication that went into getting the field that nice, I want to thank all those who made that possible.

The latest news out of Muncie is, several key people have left and others are bidding for re-election and will have their campaign statements in the up-coming magazine, so look at them and make it a point to read those so that you can vote for the candidate of your choice who'll do the most good.

As for me, I'll be resigning as the area AVP at the end of this year and onto other things. It's been a long haul in that position and time to move on. I wanted to leave a few years back but was asked to stay on, I agreed but now it's time to move on.

We'll that's the latest, hope to see you at the next club meeting.

Regards,
The Prez



Come to the next meeting to help plan for our future. Wednesday, September 7th, 7pm at Waterstone Bank, 6560 South 27th Street in Oak Creek

A club as defined by the Merriam–Webster dictionary:

“an association of persons for some common object usually jointly supported and meeting periodically; also: a group identified by some common characteristic”

As I look back five years as one of your club officers, I reflect on a number of different things that I had experienced and learned from. We have accomplished many great things. We grew our club to over 100 members. We added shelters, pilot stations, new field equipment, expanded the parking lot, increased our field’s size, streamlined our by-laws, and even created a new pilot training program. The officers had a vision, and a group of volunteers made that vision a reality. Looking at all the club rosters however, I noticed how only a small handful of members are actually involved. Let’s look at some examples...

In July of 2009, we had a very successful club fly-in event that was sanctioned by the AMA. It was completely supported and paid for by friends and businesses who sponsored us. Out of 100 members, about 20 registered to fly and about 20 volunteered to help in other activities for the public to enjoy. Where were the other 60 percent? This event was planned out for about 8 months. From the 100 year flood of June 2008, we suffered severe field damage. Again, only a small percentage of members came out to help in the cleanup. When we built pilot stations, expanded the fence line, or groomed the field entrance, only a small percentage of members volunteered their time.

At the monthly club meetings, which all members sign an application stating that the pledge to be a part of, the same 25 to 35 members attend.

My observation is that it seems if one quarter of the membership takes full part in all activities, and one fifth of the membership serve as officers planning, coordinating, and taking the blame for the complaints of the remaining three fourths of non-involved club members. I understand the circumstances that arise to excuse volunteering for one thing or another, but am I to believe that there is absolutely nothing one can contribute in some fashion other than to complain about the efforts of those who do?

Now is the time to consider what you can do to make this club a fun, relaxing, friendly association of persons for some common object usually jointly supported and meeting periodically before the current officers take their seats in the back of the room.

Craig Manka

To all AMA Chartered Clubs and Members.

You will shortly be receiving your AMA renewal and election ballot. 2011 is an important year for the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Why, because it is an election for some very important offices, the AMA Presidency, Executive Vice Presidency and last but not least the District VII Vice Presidency.

It is a time that the leadership must be chosen on what direction the AMA will follow in continuing to promote the hobby we all enjoy. Leadership that has that promotion foremost in the actions that has to be taken. Particularly in regards to dealing with issues pertaining to what models we can fly, when we can fly and without having to look over our shoulders.

For 75 years of aeromodeling the AMA has had a self regulating method of safety unheard off in any hobby. And now the FAA is involved in questioning if we are safe.

Currently discussions are going on that seem to be leading our hobby down a path that I think we as members don't want to go. Therefore I am asking you all to look very closely at the candidates, their resumes and campaign statements. And I am also taking a stand as your DVP that I have NEVER done.

I am asking you all if you never voted NOW is the time to let your voice be heard and VOTE for Bob Brown for President and Gary Fitch for Executive Vice President, www.amaelections.com. I have a very high regard for these two gentlemen having worked along side them for many years.

I am also asking for your support and vote to continue on as your District VII Vice President to continue the fight that is before us. You, the clubs and members are the glue that binds us together in this enjoyable hobby we call aeromodeling, VOTE! Use it or lose it. I know I have helped some of you over the years, now I am asking you for your help and vote for me, your D-7 V.P.

Thank you
Bill Oberdieck District VII V.P

Upcoming August Events

(Provided by The Milwaukee R/C Association)

Sat.Sep.10 EAA Big Birds Fly-In by Pebble Creek, Oshkosh,
Jeff Voss, 414-416-4713

Sat.Sep.10 Flying Electrons Swap Meet, Men. Falls, Kohler
Lane (Sun.rain date)

Sat.-Sun.Sep 17-18 Flying Electrons, "Tamarack/Bud Weber
Mem. Pattern Con-test", Men. Falls, Kohler Lane



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