



AMA Club #617

NEWSLETTER

March 9, 1975

Meeting Notice:

Where: Southwestern Savings Building
When: March 13, 1975; 7:30 p.m.
Program: Dan Hitch: "Applying Silkspan with White Glue"

Dave and Sharon Church didn't let us down with the food and drinks; there were plenty and good--keep up the good work!

Model of the Month for January was won by Melvin Reed and his Kaos. The February winner was Paul Claeys with his Olympic 99. I believe that this part of our club activities has added greatly to our meetings. Its nice to see an airplane or two there. Bring yours and let us see your latest effort.

Fuel has been ordered; but to keep from selling it in baggies, bring your 1-gallon cans to the March meeting. If you want the same can back, put your name and phone number on it. I am donating 15 of these gallon cans and if anyone else has some they don't want (and are in pretty good shape) bring them on in. We are trying to keep from buying new ones at 78¢ each. When our time comes cans will be purchased to reach the 55 needed. Let's try to reduce or even eliminate the number we have to buy--after all fuel is expensive enough now without the added cost of new cans.

Sonny Beckham wants to start a plans library. He now has a goodly number of plans and will lend them out to interested persons. Only thing Sonny asks is \$1.00 if the plans are torn or ruined in any way. He will also handle anyone else's plans along with his. Give him a call at 479-7550, if you need further information.

If you read RCM, you probably have noticed an ad for framed-up planes which are built in Mexico. The prices seem very reasonable. Sonny has indicated that if he gets enough response he will make a trip to pick some of these up. Give this some thought and be ready to tell Sonny if you are interested at the March meeting. We all wish Sonny a speedy recovery--just takes time to heal, Sonny.

After two years of work, we now have both decals and patches for sale to club members. 97 patches came in on February 23rd. They are just like the original ones. Prices: \$3 each, two for \$5. The decals are 25¢ each. If you have been waiting for either of these, your wait is over. See Dave Hoffman at the meeting.

Hey! Did you forget? The building is open at 7:00 p.m., so come out and do some old-fashioned hanger flying. I may get hung by Jim, but I feel that this is the best part of our meetings. We don't see each other enough off the flying field and this early opening time lets us find out just what each other is up to.

Robert McKay has offered to print this newsletter at a cost to the club of \$0.00--can't beat that price. He also is collating, stamping, addressing and mailing it. We (and especially I) owe a great deal of thanks to Robert; after all he is saving us money and volunteering to help the club--we can use more members like him. Again, thanks.

Our membership, as of 2-28-75, stands at 74. I think this is fantastic! In the February newsletter I made some remarks about clubs with closed memberships. Boy, did I get a response! (means somebody out there is reading this). While I was not trying to throw bricks at other clubs, only show advantages of an open membership program, I still stand by what I said: In MSCRCC's present situation, I feel that a closed or limited membership policy would do greater harm than good. Other clubs feel differently. All this shows is people march to the sounds of different drummers (or is it fly to sounds of different engines?) Anyway, I still would like to see 100 this year. If we get the Nats in the near future, we are going to need all the help we can get.

I hollered enough about flying safety so this month I thought I'd go into the building room. Let's see--soldering iron plugged in, oops, well the carpet was old anyway. The Titebond bottle is on its side and is spilling on the dog--it will keep him from running through the house. The pins are loose on the floor--keeps you on your toes. Watch it! Sorry about the X-Acto knife rolling off the work bench and into your foot--but remember hardly anyone gets lock jaw these days. The little lady hates the smell of dope so I go in the bathroom to paint. After 30 minutes I start missing the airplane with the paint brush, but I feel so good I don't care. Doctor says that with luck there won't be any scar tissue left in my lungs. Which reminds me of the time I tried to dry a doped wing in the open oven; 32 seconds from finished wing to just finished. And the firemen were very polite. I used to mix fuel in the garage but my pilot light on the gas water heater stopped that--kinda sudden like too. One time I was using the Dremel Jig Saw to cut a new bulkhead. I still maintain that the blood from the tip of my finger helped lubricate the motor. Well, so long, see you at the field. I'll be flying an old plane from 3 years ago--every thing original on it, including the rubber bands. What's that? you won't be there. Too bad, I have a feeling you are going to miss a real treat. You know I'm a great flyer--ever see my low, inverted pass over the pits? Sure its allright for me to do that I'm a safe flyer--never had a wreck I couldn't blame on the radio.

In a more serious vein, be careful when you work with Hot Stuff. The main problem I've found is putting the small teflon tube in the top of the bottle. You have a tendency to look directly into the opening from the top and if you squeeze too hard instant eyelid bounding. I purposely glued my fingers together to see the time needed and the strength of the bond--its quick (3 seconds) and strong. Its a great glue but use common sense when working with it.

The attached roster is current to 3-1-75. As MSCRCC's membership increases, I'll put the names and phone numbers in the newsletter; and you can add these to the attached roster. If you need one of the member's addresses either call that member or me and I can supply you with it. Also, any additions or corrections to the roster will be put out in the future newsletters. Hopes this helps all you who were waiting for it.

Did you ever stop and think that R/C is a combination of wood-working, metal-working, painting, electronic installation, engine work and in many cases a large amount of LUCK?

SWAP LIST: please contact each person before the meeting so they can bring the item to the meeting.

Paul Claeys, ph 333-2105	
Kaos (ready to cover), Veco .61	\$ 115.00
Cirrus 3 channel, 2 servos, dry cells	75.00
Zlin Akrobat kit (for .60) Fuse complete	40.00
Aeromaster with new O.S. Goldhead	145.00
Walter Laich, ph 444-3665	
Fournier RF-4 powered sailplane kit	30.00
Delux Dremel Motoshop w/ access. new, never used	50.00
Dave Hoffman, ph 941-8485	
Las Vegas radio 4 channel, 2 servos	95.00

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Wear you name tags to the meeting; if you haven't got yours yet Jim is working on them.

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Be thinking about a club get-together that would enclude the wives and families. How 'bout a picnic, planes & people party at one of the local parks? We need to show the members of our families that there is more to R/C than balsa dust and paint fumes. Be thinking for something before it gets too hot.

The last part of the meeting will be devoted to the up-coming contests. Everyone who has an interest in helping with any of these is welcome. You don't need to know anything about judging or scoring--its easy and we can explain all of it. Even if you are not sure if you can make it, to the contest stick around anyway and learn about the inner workings of a contest. We have committed ourselves so lets fullfill our obligations.

The contest calendar for the remainder of the year (or at least a good part of it) will be passed out at the meeting. The cost of paper and lead time for this newsletter kept me from getting it in this month's. Start making plans for the summer--its going to be a busy one from the list of contests.

Now that the weather is getting hotter give some thought to the temperature that developes inside your transmitter and more importantly inside your fuselage. In no time at all it can get to well over 100° F. On hot afternoon days shade the plane as much as possible. Heat really puts a crimp in battery life.

Fly Safely,

Walt

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115.00	Toni Clavys, ps 333-2105
75.00	Knox (ready to cover), Vaco, 41
40.00	Citrus 3 channel, 2 servos, dry cells
145.00	Bliss Aircraft Kit (for 60) base complete
	Aeromaster with new 0.8, Goldhead
30.00	Walter Laitch, ps 444-3665
50.00	Fontaine RT-4 powered sailplane kit
	Delux Dream Modelshop w/ access, new, never used
95.00	Dave Hoffman, ps 641-8885
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Texas City had a very good A gasp contest. Jim Wachman says all there had a good time. From the MSRCO members, thanks.

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Be thinking about a club get-together that would include the wives and families. How about a picnic, picnic, picnic party at one of the local parks? We need to show the members of our families that there is more to R/C than just dust and paint fumes. Be thinking for something before it gets too hot.

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Minutes: March 13, 1975

Meeting opened at 7:35, by President James Mathenaa.

Treasurer's report: \$373.00 in bank; Approx, \$600.00 in goods

Paul Claeys reported trainer is O.K.

Dick McGuire reported on Tex Cit A pattern contest. About 8 MSCRCC members were there and a good time was had by all.

Fuel has been ordered.

Mike Gaudiano reported on Hou RC helicopter meeting. 4 'copters were at the meeting; it was a good program

~~Paul~~

Paul Claeys reported on future contests:

March 22,	San Antonio	Pattern
April 12	Dallas	S.W. 1/2 midget
April 26	Ft. Worth	Pattern

Other club newsletters passed around.

A chairman for the family event/fun fly was asked to volunteer... no takers.

Membership cards will be needed to get on site--security to get tougher in near future.

Paul Jaschke wanted to look into a club electric winch.

Owen Morris reported glider contest moved to May 5, because conflict with another contest.

Model of the Month was won by Melvin Reed and his T-28.

Meeting ended with contest volunteers getting together and working on assignments.

respectfully submitted;


Walter Laich, MSCRCC Sec.

