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## Black Hawk R/C Pilots Newsletter

September 2011

### Club Calendar

<b>Club Meeting at the Field</b>	<b>Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Des Moines ModelAires Swap Meet &amp; Auction</b>	<b>Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am</b>
<b>Club Meeting. Location TBA</b>	<b>Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm</b>

### Notes From The President

It's that time again! What time is that? Well, it's election time. I know that it seems like it's always election time in Iowa, but this is different than all those other elections. It's time for club elections. Al Erdmann is working on nominations for the club officer positions. If you'd like to run or would just like to know what the job responsibilities are, you can contact Al or me. We're always looking for new people to be club officers. New people bring new ideas and new enthusiasm to the job. So if you think you have some ideas for change and improvement in the club's operation or the way things are run, throw your hat into the ring.

The AMA is also holding officer elections this month. In many previous elections there has only been one choice on the ballot for the various positions. This year is different! There are three candidates for AMA President, three candidates for AMA Executive Vice-President and two candidates for District VII Vice-President. You should be receiving a ballot in the mail shortly. I don't have recommendations for these positions, but I would recommend that you read the campaign statements of all the candidates and then vote for the ones that you think will do the best job for the AMA and for YOU. The campaign statements are on the AMA website ([www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org)), but you must sign-in to the "Members Only" section of the site to view the campaign statements.

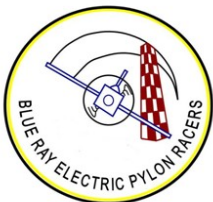
The qualifications I look for in a candidate are:

Ability to negotiate with governmental agencies such as the FAA and the FCC - Issues about the use of the National Airspace System (NAS) and radio frequencies will continue in the future.

A plan to increase the AMA membership numbers - AMA membership is trending downward. What actions are needed to reverse this trend or at least minimize the losses?

Willingness to redefine "Competition Events" - Few AMA Sanctioned events are competitions, yet the AMA event sanction system is structured for completion. Sanctioned events generate over \$50,000 in sanction and insurance fees and the only direct benefit is a listing in the Model Aviation magazine.

Provide effective oversight of the operations of AMA - The AMA's annual budgeted expenses are \$9M. This is a large organization with many employees and property to manage at the Muncie Headquarters.



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Improve the technical operation of AMA - Add to the web site functionality with online sanction application and easier to use forms. Release iPhone and Android apps to access AMA information such as membership status, events and news.

Openness to redistricting - AMA District VII includes Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. One possibility would be to drop Michigan and add Illinois. There are several other arrangements that would be better than the current alignment.

That's all for this month. See you at the field.

*Neal Leeper*

President - Black Hawk R/C Pilots

## **Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2011**

### **Minutes were accepted from July.**

#### **No Treasurer Report**

#### **Tri-Hawk Invitational**

- ◆ Bob Camarata was the CD for this event.
- ◆ The event went well. We had several members, as well as some guests, participate at the event on Sat. and even some on Sunday.
- ◆ Brian Jebe grilled the GOOD FOOD that was served up on Saturday.
- ◆ We had Todd Davis fly his jet. Possibly the first jet to be flown at the Black Hawk RC Pilots field.

#### **Safety Officer**

- ◆ REMINDER - The pit side edge of petro-mat is safety line.
- ◆ Aircraft are not to pass the safety line. The line also extends out past the petro-mat.  
LET'S BE CAREFUL!

#### **OLD Business**

- ◆ We have some new posts that are on the North side of the gate.
- ◆ They are not real visible. Field Marshall will get some white PVC and install over posts.
- ◆ Stan has installed the new wind sock.

#### **NEW Business**

- ◆ Next event is the Harvest Swap Meet and Fun Fly
- ◆ Noah Butler from Iowa City said he might come up with his WWII airplane that he won 1st place with at Owatonna war bird fun fly.

- ◆ Is Brian Jebe going to have a night flying get together this year?
- ◆ Terry Floss is a new member. He flies at Central, in the winter the Hudson gym, and the UNI-Dome event. He needs some help flying bigger 4 channel planes, so he joined our club.

### Field Marshall

- ◆ The runway is rough and the staples need to be hammered in.

**Move to adjourn -all eyes**

*Kenny Roeder*

Recording Secretary - Black Hawk R/C Pilots

### Field Marshall's Report

- ◆ Paul and I put pvc pipe on the fence posts that were put in at the gate to keep four wheelers from going through.
- ◆ The new sign posts are in and the frame painted & installed
- ◆ Dave is going to paint the new sign.
- ◆ Stan and I put yellow and black tile on the fence of the flight line, at the ends where there wasn't any.
- ◆ Neal has been smoking the gophers and it looks like he is making headway. Also looks like he drug the bar around to level off the gopher mounds and the road. Looks good.
- ◆ Don is doing a great job mowing. The field looked really good for the swap meet.

*Keith Johnston*

Field Marshall - Black Hawk R/C Pilots

### Time for a laugh

Two blind pilots both are wearing dark glasses; one is using a guide dog, and the other is tapping his way along the aisle with a white cane. Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes, and the engines start up. The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming. The plane moves faster and faster down the runway and the people sitting in the window seats realize they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport. As it begins to look as though the plane will plough in to the water, panicked screams fill the cabin. At that moment the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly and soon all retreat into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands. In the cockpit one of the blind pilots turns to the other and says,

Ya know, Bob ..... one of these days, they're gonna scream too late and we're all gonna die.



## 2011 Harvest Fun-Fly and Swap Meet

This years *Harvest Fun Fly and Swap Meet* went off well in comparison to the last few years. As in the numbers of people that attended and the weather was a little better.

This year it started off cold in the morning and a light breeze. When my daughter Emily and I were setting up, a few guys showed up shortly after 9am. We worked feverishly to get the generator started just so we could at least have some hot coffee. As we worked on setting up slowly more and more vehicles made thier way through the Black Hawk RC pilots field gate. At one point I counted at least 15 vehicles parked in the drive either buying or selling. Back to the generator, I saw Al and asked him if there were any tricks to starting the generator. He looked it over, filled the oil clear to the top, maneuvered the wheeled generator so that it was *perfectly* level. Then ol' Gary Lenius watched me and Al pull and pull on the generator to get it to start and said "Stand Back, let me try!" So he tugged on the starter cord and on one pull the generator came to life and sang out at high idle. Now we had lights and power!

Soon after Joe came up and asked when would you like me to start cooking? It was 10:30 and I mentioned we better get started or the natives will get restless with no food in their belly. So Joe cooked us up a good meal with hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, beans, chips and pop. For dessert our newest member, Terry Floss, brought four different trays of bars ranging from brownies to lemon bars. They were soooo good! Don't forget the hot coffee that we could now make, thanks to "*strong arm Lenius!*"

As we ate, the wind picked up and stories were swapped as were some planes and parts. After we ate, many helped to clean up. With so many helpers it didn't take very long.

I heard some guys say that that not much was moving. However, I recall seeing many planes and parts moving around throughout the day. Such as Feazell buying a Byron Original Corsair, how out of character is that!

I didn't count how many sorties there were, but I saw more than one person out flying their aircraft. Even a light foam Parkzone F4F Wildcat was bounced around in the wind. I remember a cool sight of two P-38's in the air. That was neat to see and hear two forked tail devils flying loosely in formation by Stan and Dave. By the middle of the afternoon many started to wonder off to where they came.

Thank You to all that came out to the Harvest Fun Fly and Swap Meet!!

Thank You to all that helped set up, cook, clean and pick up!!

Thank You Emily for helping Dad out and being good!

*Kenny*

Swap Meet CD

## **Letter from Bill Oberdieck, District VII Vice President**

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 aero modeling the AMA has had a self regulating method of safety unheard of 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](http://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 aero modeling, 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

Incumbent

The previous letter was submitted for print in this publication by Tim Jesky and is in no way an endorsement of his candidacy. It is published for consideration by our membership and we welcome any such letters submitted by other candidates so as to be informed voters in the upcoming elections. Paul Johnston - Editor

## **From the Editor**

- ◆ HAVE AN IDEA! Maybe you have a new plane you'd like to show off with some pictures & possibly even your personal review for the newsletter.
- ◆ Send me a picture of your favorite plane and I will put it in the newsletter.

*Paul Johnston*

Editor - Black Hawk R/C Pilots Newsletter

Upcoming Event

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

WHO:       **The Des Moines ModelAires**

WHAT:       Swap Meet followed by an Auction

TIME:       Doors open at 8:00 AM.  
              Swap meet starts at 8:30 AM  
              Auction starts at 10:30 AM

For details and a map to the event, check out the event calendar on their website ( [www.desmoinesmodelaires.com](http://www.desmoinesmodelaires.com) ). Questions, call or e-mail Jim Lewis at (515)-289-1144, (515)-314-7904, or [clone2tb@mchsi.com](mailto:clone2tb@mchsi.com).