

# MATHER AEROSPACE MODELERS INC.

## AN AMA GOLD LEADER CLUB

### CHARTER # 1243



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## October Meeting

### Presidents Message

Dean Raymond brought the meeting to order and stated that last month was exciting for the club. He cited the Open Field event and the newsletter being published as a great success. On a serious note Dean talked about what to do if you have a plane out of control. The first step to be taken is to pull the throttle back to try and regain control. If that fails and the plane is headed for trouble then "Ground It". The last thing any pilot would want is to do is cause harm to a person or property.

### Secretary's Report

Mike reported that there a total of 192 current paid members. There were three new members added since the last meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Dick informed us that he had acquired several Irvine engines and screw assortments for the club's drawings. Details on the account balances can be obtained by attending a meeting or speaking personally with Dick.

**Old Business:** The Open Field Day was a success; attendance was approximately two thirds of last year. Two of three laptops for the simulators at the event ran out of power due to a faulty power supply. The volunteers pressed on with the single laptop and managed the flow of trainees. One airplane went out of control and crashed into the windshield of a visitor's pickup truck. There were no others incidences of significance except the smile on the first timer faces. Thanks were given to all those who helped make the day rewarding to so many beginners.

**New Business:** The club is exploring the availability of the Downtown Mall for next years mall show. Florin malls foot traffic has significantly been reduced over the last two years. There was a unanimous vote to have the club pay for the pizza this year at our Christmas Party and a second unanimous vote to sell drawing tickets this year for the prizes. Mike Clawson made us aware of an article in this month's issue of the AMA magazine (pg 147) on the subject of geotextile fabric. A club in Knoxville used this product over clay soil for a runway surface. Dick Lydick expressed concern of the durability and Dave Edwards stated that weeds or grass will grow through it easily.

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**New Business Continued from page 1:** Dean Raymond presented document #500-H (see pg 4) from the AMA dealing with paid instructors qualifying for AMA insurance and using club flying sites. The AMA is recognizing the shortage of flight instructors for its members. A motion was made to allow paid instructors to seek an agreement and use our field. An amendment was proposed to the motion that calls for any paid instructor to be a member of MASM. Also it was suggested that a due diligence be undertaken to ascertain the liability of the club officers. Hank Pajari offered to have club t-shirts made up, a sign up sheet was passed around. A portable chair was found left at the field, to claim your chair contact Mike Clawson. Dave Sullivan announced that MASM will be having a Club Fun Fly & BBQ on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The criterion is that there will be no events, no cost, free food and a drawing. Dave and Dean just want everyone to attend, have fun and bring a friend. Dean told us that he will know if the Capital City Air Show is a go by the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. MASM has pledged to provide volunteers to help with this event, anyone interested is encouraged to get on the sign up sheet. The 1<sup>st</sup> round of nominations for the club officers and positions was held at the meeting.

President:	Dean Raymond
Vice President:	Dave Edwards
Secretary:	Dick Lydick
Treasurer:	Mike Clawson
Safety Officer:	Chuck Roundy
Field Marshall:	Norm Pointer, Rex Williams
Webmaster:	Kenny Bemis
Newsletter:	Mark & Zack Sherrill
Member@Large:	Open

A second round of nominations and elections will take place at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, please make sure to attend.

**New Members:** One new member was present, welcome Rick Baden.

**Safety:** Chuck Roundy informed the members of the introduction of synthesized radio frequency module controllers. These new transmitters pose a higher level of responsibility for the user. When the transmitter is able to generate multiple frequencies the user has to be extra careful when turning it on at the flying field. Frequency management has to be in the forefront with this type of transmitter. The AMA requires that a pilot have their frequency posted on their transmitter while in use. Dick Lydick commented on observing a person standing in the prop line of an airplane in the pits. All persons at the flying field should look out for everyone and don't be afraid to point out a violation of the safety rules.

### Show and Tell:



Hank brought his Brietling gas powered plane to show to the members.



Dave presented his newest project, a SIG Seniorita.

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Richard presented his Windbuster brushless electric flyer. The plane weighs 5 oz and can fly at speeds of 72 mph.



Richard also showed us Matt's GWS helicopter. It has been modified with a brushless motor and a direct drive tail rotor.

### Winners of the MASM Drawing



Les took home the Ultimate Arf



Bob won the Irvine engine



Bill and Dick won the screw assortments



**NO  
PHOTO  
AVAILABLE**

Dave Sullivan drew the gallon fuel.

Liability Insurance Protection Program  
For Paid Instructors  
(February 7, 2004)

AMA recognizes that the number of volunteer flight instructors is limited. We also realize that, generally, "club training nights" are limited to once or twice per week. While we believe that the traditional form of teaching a new modeler to fly as a benefit of joining a club is an important aspect of the Academy and our system of chartered clubs, we also appreciate the fact that there are times when a club's training program may not fit into the schedule of some new modelers. Many of those new to model aviation have limited and specific times in which they can enjoy their new hobby. Some want to advance their skills more quickly or be trained at their convenience. They are willing to pay a reasonable fee for this.

To ease the burden on our volunteer instructors AMA sees a place for those that instruct for a fee. In fact, there are several, full-time, commercial RC Flight Schools operating very successfully in the United States, which are not insured by the AMA's liability insurance company.

AMA has developed a program, outlined below, to provide "paid instructors" with liability insurance protection.

1. As a benefit of membership, AMA's insurance protection will extend to those members who provide flight instruction for a fee on a casual basis.
2. This coverage does not extend to any commercial operation or business pursuit.
3. The coverage only applies when an AMA member is instructing another AMA member.
4. The coverage only applies when the instruction is being provided at a recognized model flying facility or during an AMA chartered club's previously planned and advertised "official" event.
5. Clubs reserve the right to either allow or disallow the use of their facilities to a paid flight instructor while providing instruction for a fee.
6. Clubs reserve the right to charge a fee for the use of their facilities to a paid instructor member when instructing for a fee. All agreements pertaining to these fees will be a matter strictly between the club and instructor.
7. AMA will provide, on the AMA Website in the Members Only section, a searchable database of all members who wish to be identified as flight instructors. This database will include both volunteer instructors and those that charge a fee. Inclusion in this database is on a voluntary basis. It is the instructor's responsibility to insure that his or her name is listed and that the information in that listing is accurate. The database will include the instructor's name, address, telephone number, email address, and club affiliation. There will be an indicator next to the names of those instructors that charge a fee.
8. AMA assumes no responsibility and makes no assertions as to the competency of any instructor listed in this database.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

AMA# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal Dues are \$40.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional family member. Family members must be under the age of 23, living at same residence and an AMA member. To receive a \$5.00 discount and only pay \$35.00, payment must be made by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2004.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

President - Dean Raymond (916)363-3326 or Secretary - Mike Clawson (916) 967-0424

If you need lessons, call Training Coordinator Al Clabaugh at (916) 387-6672.

Send applications to: Mather  
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**Mather Aerospace Modelers.**

**MASM, Inc**  
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*Charter # 1243*

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**October**

16-17/ T-34 Races Championship - Triangle Series @ Madera, CA

21-22-23-24/ IMAC - Tucson Shootout @ Tucson, AZ

23/ Open Fun Fly @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA

**24/ Fun Fly & BBQ @ Mather Aerospace Modelers, Sacramento, CA**

30/ Annual Auction @ Bayside - Holy Spirit Church, Fremont, CA

**November**

**4/ MASM Monthly Meeting**

6/ Pattern @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA

6/ Toys-for-Tots @ Woodland-Davis, Woodland, CA

7/ Trainer Race and Toys-for-Tots @ Red Barons, Sacramento, CA

13-14/ Pattern @ Prado, CA

20/ Annual Auction and Club Fundraiser @ DVRC, Pittsburg, CA

21/ Toys for Children's Home @ Delta Valley Modelers, Stockton, CA

**December**

**2/ MASM Monthly Meeting**

4/ Toys-for-Tots @ BARCS, Richmond, CA

4/ Flea Market @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA

5/ Toys-for-Tots @ DVRC, Pittsburg, CA

11/ Toys-for-Tots @ EBRC, Livermore, CA

12/ Toys-for-Tots @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA

Visit our website <http://takeoff.to/mather> for a complete list of events

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