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March Meeting

Presidents Message

Dean Raymond brought the meeting to order stating how he looked forward to a good year for the club. He reminded us of the upcoming Easter Spring Extravaganza on March 26th at Hagan Park, which the Rancho Cordova Parks and Recreation District is putting on. He stated that the club would be able to demo only electric aircraft for the crowd. Dean then welcomed our new members and introduced us to the guest speaker, Lee Frechette, who is the Planning Superintendent of the Rancho Cordova Parks and Recreation District.

Secretary's Report

Mike reported that there were 2 new members since the February meeting. A total of 163 members had paid their dues for 2005.

Treasurer's Report

Dick informed us of the current status of the club's accounts. Details on the account balances can be obtained by attending a meeting or speaking personally with Dick.

Old Business: Lee Frechette informed us of the decision by the RCPR to site an approved Aeronautic Hobby Field. The site would be approximately 30 to 35 acres in size with a large buffer zone from any residential dwellings. This Aeronautic Hobby Field would be used by rocketry, rc car, rc boat and aircraft enthusiast. MASM is being offered exclusive control over the flying site as the premier AMA club for the proposed field. The club would be a partner in the construction and maintenance of this site. MASM would be expected to make some sort of contribution which was not determined at this meeting. RCPR wants this to be a first class site in order to host competitions and attract visitors to Rancho Cordova. Lee stated that he needed for us to explain to him our wants and needs for the planning of the facility. This would need to be done as soon as possible so the field could be sited and built prior to any homes going in. This way it is a pre-existing facility and new home owners could not interfere in the construction. This location needs to be sited in the next 5-6 months in order to meet RCPR deadlines. Lee also said that our current site has approximately 1 ½ to 2 years left before it would be lost. A motion was made to work with the RCPR, it passed unopposed.

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Old Business Continued from page 1: Another motion was made to allow the board to establish the requirements for the new facility with help from the members. In order to expedite this process a special meeting will be held at the field on March 19th at 10:00 am. Please be prepared by putting your suggestion down on paper to present to the board members. There will be a presentation time limit of 2 minutes per person at this meeting.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Susan Bigler for cooking all the hot dogs at the field clean up day last month and thanks to all who participated.

On a sad note the club said goodbye to an old friend and member, Al Pederson recently passed on. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Pederson family.

Trainer's are still in demand so if you can help please contact Dick Lydick or Bud Buettner to volunteer.

New Business: The Golden Pilot award was presented to Keith for his recent stellar performance out at the field. The AMA is sending out a DVD to promote a new collection they will be marketing. Look for it in a mail box near you

New Members: One new member attended the meeting, welcome Lee.

Safety: This month's safety discussion was on the creation of a three member committee to monitor the air worthiness of member's airplanes at the field. A motion was made and it passed unopposed to allow Dave Sullivan, Dan Hagen and Ed Sutter to be the oversight plane safety committee members. When at the field, they will be available to assess the air worthiness of any aircraft. Please don't be afraid or ashamed to ask for their input, it could prevent an unnecessary accident, save you a lot of money, or both.

Lost and Found: If you are missing a parts box one was found at the field. Contact Scott Sanders with a description at 916-452-9331



Keith receives his coveted Golden Pilot award

Clean Up Day: One of the hazards our flying site incurs is the nocturnal visits of the neighborly rowdy youth. When this local species shows up they usually bless us with crop circles and gifts that are better left at the dump. The members descended onto the field to perform one of our many clean ups. The flying was temporarily halted while the trash detail did its job. Once the site was scoured and the trash removed, flying resumed. Dave broke out the big bird and demonstrated his piloting skills, WOW.



Clean Up Day Continued:



The Pits were full and the Cages were occupied before and after the clean up took place.



THANK YOU!

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The Mather Aerospace Modelers would like to thank Chet and Terry, owners of RC Country, for their continued dedicated support of our club. With your generous contributions and subsidies we have historically had successful raffles at our monthly meetings and events.

Drawing Winners:

Dick won the Irvine engine. Jim scored big and took home the carnival plane. John not only won the plane stand but he also picked up the second one too. For the second month in a row Mike wins, he received a screw assortment. Dick picked up his second for the evening, a screw assortment.

Show and Tell:



Bob shared his Cermark glider



Chuck's current build, a Great Planes Siren



Dave brought a 3D Bee Prototype he designed



Mike presented his home made Mini 3DX



WING TIPS

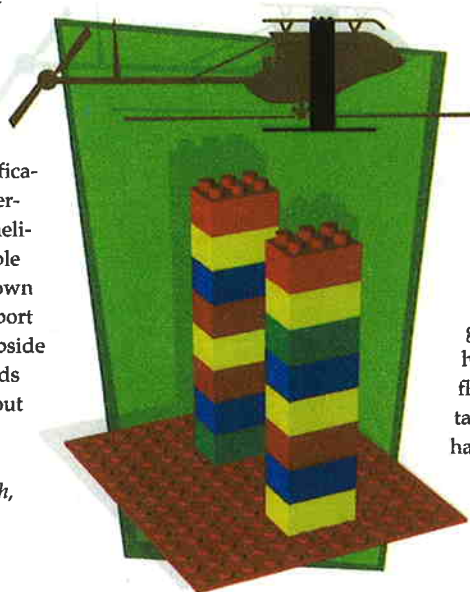
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CUSTOM HELICOPTER WORK STAND

The popular LEGO® and DUPLO® plastic building bricks can be used to make a helpful stand that you can use while doing maintenance and modifications to the underside of a micro helicopter. The simple pillar design shown will let you support the helicopter upside down by the skids with the rotors out of harm's way.

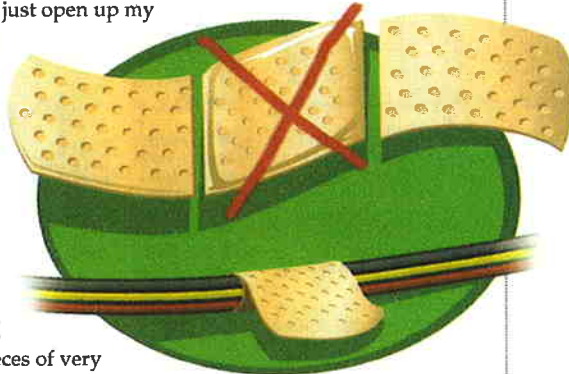
*Terry Rigden,
Martlesham Heath,
England*



WIRING FIRST AID

From time to time, I have needed to insulate wiring connections at the field and haven't had any electrical tape handy. Instead of not flying, I just open up my first aid kit and pull out a medium or large Band-Aid. After cutting out the center gauze pad, I have two pieces of very flexible and sticky "electrical tape" that can be used to wrap an exposed electrical joint. I have used this material for many years with great success.

*Ben Calloway,
Norcross, GA*

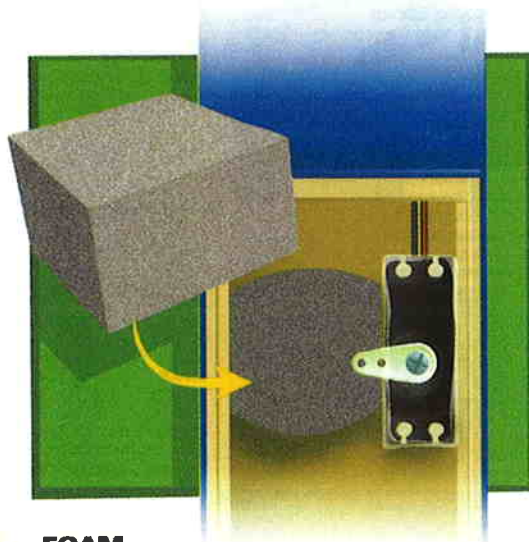
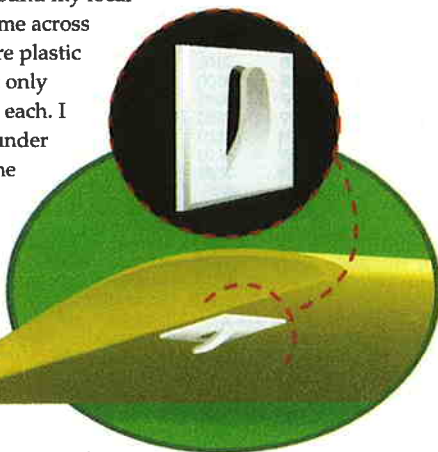


PROTECT YOUR TIPS

I am an RC student pilot and have had more than my fair share of wing tip scrapes and damage while learning to land. The wing tips of my models always needed recovering. Fortunately, I found a lightweight and inexpensive solution while wandering around my local hardware store. I came across some 1x1-inch square plastic picture hangers that only weigh about a gram each. I just stick one hook under each tip to protect the ground from my wings on less than perfect landings. Since they just stick in place, they are easy to replace at the field

if necessary, but they can withstand many scrapes before needing replacement. At less than \$2 for eight, they are also very affordable.

Milt Vought, Chino Valley, AZ



FOAM RUBBER CLAMPS

Clamping parts inside a fuselage can be challenging when building a new model; even more so with an ARF since you are usually starting with a completed fuselage. Blocks of foam rubber come in real handy here. For instance, when gluing a shrink-wrapped servo into your next park flyer, wedge a block of foam rubber between the servo and the opposite fuse side while the epoxy cures. The foam will provide just enough push to hold the servo in place but not enough to damage anything.

Dee Olsen, Hanover, NH 🍪

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March

- 12/ Intro Pilot Day @ SAM, Sacramento, CA
- 12/ Flea Market @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA
- 12-13/ IMAC @ Moreno Valley, CA
- 12-13/ Pattern @ PVMAC, Prado, CA
- 13/ Fun-Fly @ Vaca-Valley R/C, Vacaville, CA

19/ Special MASM Field Meeting @ MASM Field 10:00 am

- 19/ Interclub Fun-Fly @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA
- 19/ Swap Meet @ RC Fliers Unlimited, Oakdale, CA
- 19/ Open Combat-Battle of Britain @ EBRC, Livermore, CA
- 19-20/ IMAC @ Las Vegas RC, Las Vegas, NV
- 20/ Combat - F-27's Only @ Woodland-Davis, Davis, CA

April

- 2/ T-34 Triangle Series @ FRM, Fresno, CA
- 3/ Warbird Races @ SAM, Sacramento, CA

7/ MASM Monthly Meeting

- 9/ Warbird Races @ SCCMAS, Morgan Hill, CA
- 16/ Fun-Fly @ LFE, Livermore, CA
- 16-17/ IMAC @ Wavemasters, Hollister, CA
- 16-17/ Q-500/QM-40 @ Sepulveda Basin, CA
- 16-17/ Open House and Float Fly @ Woodland-Davis, Davis, CA
- 22-23-24/ Bob Francis Memorial Fly-in @ Salinas Area Modelers, Salinas, CA
- 23/ Electric Invitational Fly-in @ SACRC, Union City, CA
- 23-24/ IMAC @ Tucson, AZ
- 24/ Combat F-27's Only @ Vaca-Valley R/C, Vacaville, CA
- 30/ R/C Country's Spring Swap Meet @ R/C Country's parking lot, Sacramento, CA

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