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## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

BRAD CARTER

Hello fellow Arvada Associated Modelers club members. Just a reminder from your Membership Chairman, those of you who have not renewed your club membership, it's time to do so. The grace period for membership renewal ends March 31, 2006. After March 31<sup>st</sup> you will **not** be able to fly at our field (although you will always be welcome) and you will no longer receive the newsletter.

As discussed at the last club meeting if you have not renewed your 2006 club membership and are flying during the grace period you should be using your 2006 AMA Membership Card and a temporary frequency clip to mark your frequency on the frequency control board. You should **not** be using an expired 2005 frequency card or any other modified frequency card. Displaying your 2006 AMA card will let other members who have renewed their

membership know that you have a current AMA registration and that you have insurance coverage in case of an accident. That's a requirement of our lease with the City of Arvada. Temporary clips can be found in the beige metal cabinet on the left side of the frequency board.

There is no longer a penalty for a late membership renewal. Open Membership is \$48, Family Membership is \$60 and Juniors 19 years old and younger are \$6. So renew as soon as you can and avoid missing out on the good weather in April. Please call me if you have any questions at (303)989-6279.

Mail your renewal information to:

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*A list of those who have not renewed their membership can be found on page 4.*

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## **TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT TRAINING?**

**JIM WALLEN**

With the recent siege of cold and snowy weather it seems like spring is a long ways away. WRONG! One of the signature programs of Arvada Associated Modelers is its training program that starts in early April. Ron Evans is already checking out and cleaning up the buddy boxes for the new guys and gals. If you have an interest in helping out, please give Ron a call at 720 220-3384. You don't have to be a "crack" pilot to help. You may only be interested in checking out the planes prior to the maiden voyage. You may be not be available for the Thursday evening program but can help on other days. You may want to be on a "call list". No matter what your situation, you can make a contribution to our program. "Try it, you'll like it!"

## **CIVIL AIR PATROL**

**JIM WALLEN**

What or who is the Civil Air Patrol (CAP)? The answer is that CAP is a nonprofit corporation; auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force with more than 58,000 members including 27,000 cadets aged 12-21. They have the world's largest fleet of single engine, piston aircraft (550). You may have run into a few cadets at the field, as they have been involved with flag raising ceremonies at some of our events.

CAP called Arvada Modelers regarding a rocket shoot they wanted to conduct in February. As usual, we obliged and were happy to help out. As the conversation proceeded, it became evident that CAP cadets would be great willing candidates for our Junior Program that is currently being organized in our club. They wanted to learn how to build and fly RC aircraft. CAP was willing to fund the effort and asked if AAM could provide instructional help. We agreed and we are "off to the races"!!

Lee Fingersh has already attended one of the CAP meetings and conducted a great ground school. Each cadet was able to spend some time on the simulators as well. The class consisted of 3 females and 11 males between the ages of 12 and 19. It didn't take them long to get used to the sticks and get off of the trainer and try the P51 Mustang!

The tentative schedule calls for the building program to start in April. We should have the aircraft ready for checkout and introductory flights this summer. If you have an interest in helping out and have not already raised your hand, give Mark Pinder 720 887-6698 or Jim Wallen 303 421-9061 a call. The project will be rewarding to all.

# IMAC AT ARVADA!

DAN UNDERKOFER

This April, aerobatic competition will return to Arvada in the form of an IMAC contest. The event will be held on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the club field (with a rain/snow/wind date of Sunday) with competition in 5 skill-level classes and freestyle.

What is IMAC? IMAC stands for "International Miniature Aerobatic Club", is a special interest group of the AMA, and is devoted to the promotion of scale aerobatics. The large (up to 42% scale), gas-powered, planes semi-scale planes that IMAC is noted for certainly fly well, but are by no means required to compete or to do well.

Did you know that for the Basic class, you don't even need a scale plane? Did you know that the Basic class maneuvers all consist of simple components many fliers do in every flight? What I'm getting at is that you don't need special equipment, skills, a lot of money or excessive practice to give it a try. A few practice sessions devoted to

stringing the 10 maneuvers together into a sequence and you're ready!

So what if you're not the competitive type, why should you give it a try? Because it will improve your flying and give you personal goals! The practice will teach you to fly smoothly and gracefully and lead to the ability to perform advanced maneuvers. If you're interested, just mention so to one of the IMAC pilots out at the field. Any of us will be more than happy to talk to you about what's involved, help you get going, and coach you along.

Even a one day event like this requires a lot of support and help from club members. Please contact me at 303-665-0939 or [underdw@comcast.net](mailto:underdw@comcast.net) if you can help organize and/or work during the event. Please note that the east field will be closed to regular flying that day but we plan to keep the west field open if we can get volunteers to run transmitter impounds at both fields. Last, but not least, come out to watch some great flying!

## REMEMBER CONTROL LINE FLYING?

JIM WALLEN

Remember back in the "good ol' days" when you fired up a control line plane? R/C was way out of my price range in those days. Besides, the technology was too complicated and not even available in Seward, Nebraska! Well, there appears to be a renewed interest in dusting of some of that old stuff and giving it a try again. Several members have inquired about what it might take to get some sort of control line area designated at our field. Perhaps nothing

fancy to start, but nevertheless it seems worthwhile to put our finger on the club pulse and see if there is some reasonable level of interest. Jerry Jones has volunteered to be the "lightning rod" for control line. If you have a pleasurable memory from yesteryear about control line and might entertain the thought of giving it a try again, give Jerry a shout at (303) 422-0408.

In case you can not remember whether or not you have renewed your membership I have listed those members from 2005 who have not renewed their membership for 2006 below.

Thanks, Brad.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>CD/Contact</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 1	9:00 AM	Spring Fling Fun Fly	Mark Pinder	AAM East Field
April 6	5:00 PM	Flight Training Begins	Ron Evans	AAM East Field
April 8	8:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Model Swap Meet	Jerry Jones	Maple Grove Grange- 31st Youngfield
April 22	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	IMAC Event	Dan Underkofler	AAM East Field
April 23	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	IMAC Event	Dan Underkofler	AAM East Field
May 20	9:00 AM	Sweetheart Fun Fly		AAM East Field
July 22	9:00 AM	Summer Daze Fun Fly		AAM East Field
August 26-27	9:00 AM	Vintage RC Society Fun Fly	Travis McGinnis	AAM East Field
September 9		Harvest Festival Parade & Air Show	Don Sikkema	Arvada & AAM Fields
November 7	7:30 PM	AAM Election of Officers for 2006	Wes Dalesio	Regular AAM Meeting Place
November 18	9:00 AM	Turkey Fun Fly		AAM East Field

## AAM MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 7, 2006

MARV WHITE

**President:** Jim Wallen opened the meeting and introduced new members and guests. Sarge outlined how the Civil Air Patrol is structured. Jim discussed plans for the junior program. A program is being developed to work with the ages 11-19. Travis McGinnis reviewed the Saturday night meeting with the AMA president and staff. More AAM members were present than any other club. There is a trend of declining membership, electric park flyers without AMA membership/insurance. Travis also reviewed the 2006 Vintage Fun Fly event. Jim discussed the west field improvements and possible future development for control line flying areas. Reports were made as follows:

**Secretary:** Marv White noted he still has Gold Leader pins for \$3.00/ea, newsletter discs for \$5.00 and Plane ID stickers for free.

**Events Coordinator:** Don Sikkema reviewed this years events.

**Field Marshal:** Dave Doty noted that 2/3 of the



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new west runway has been completed.

**Safety Officer:** Pat Vachon outlined what the new DSM radio transmission technology is all about and how it works.

**Treasurer:** Jerry Johnson noted we have \$24000. in the bank and reviewed the financial statement.

**Membership Coordinator:** Brad Carter said we have 222 members with 129 not renewed yet. There will be no flying for non members after 3/31 if dues are not paid.

**Chief Flight Instructor:** Ron Evans said electrics will be included in training and he is checking out all the equipment.

**Vice President:** Larry Hansen has T shirts for

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Meeting adjourned.

**AAM BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES,  
FEBRUARY 15, 2006  
MARV WHITE**

Attendees: Larry Hansen, Jerry Johnson, Marv White, Jim Wallen, Dave Doty, Pat Vachon, Don McGraw, Don Sikkema, Brad Carter

Jim called the meeting to order. Larry opened a discussion on Grants issued by AMA. We will file for a grant on projected improvement costs of approximately \$26000.00. If approved, AMA can grant AAM up to 10% (2600.00) of this amount.

The following reports were given: Marv submitted the approval form to AMA for us to become a Gold Leader Club in 2006. Don Sikkema reviewed upcoming events. Jim opened a discussion on "Do we want a Mall Show in 2007. Brad said we have 212 renewed members and 112 not renewed yet. Don McGraw noted that we spent more postage on mailing out newsletters last month because we are e-mailing less of them. Jerry said we still have over 24000.00 in the bank. Jim asked for an update of the projected 2003 budgets by category and it will remain the same at this time. Pat will email the Board members a proposal for paid AAM instructors for all to review. Larry outlined the AMA three day "Grand Event" for feed back on whether we want to pursue holding such an event in 2007 or 2008. A discussion followed. Jim and Larry will meet with the City of Arvada to renew our lease.

Meeting Adjourned.

**I WANT TO STRUT MY STUFF**

**LARRY HANSEN**

I just want to let all of you know, that I was really proud to bring my 'scratch built' airplane to the mall show this year. I know that I didn't win any sort of award, but you know what? I was proud of it anyway. I had designed the total airframe, figured out what to build it out of, how to mount the engine, the radio, and how to balance the thing. I spent a lot of time with it, and best of all *the damn thing actually flies!* I even spent time designing a name for it and painting it up so that it will never be mistaken for anyone else's airplane. I'm sure my wife would have sooner done without all the times I brought my beloved "Pond Hopper" into the kitchen to show her what I had done to make the cowl (out of an old Jell-O mold), or the floats, or how I had glued small pieces of balsa over the foam wing to make it look as if it were created with ribs, spars, leading and trailing edges. Wow I was proud of myself!

I'm sure none of you really care about my thoughts about my plane! But I'm willing to bet a couple of bucks that some of you did a lot of the same things I did when you created the plane you displayed this year at the Mall Show. We don't all have to win to make this a good memory about a portion of our hobby that some of the "immediate gratification/ARF flying" guys don't understand, we just need to do it, and *show it off!* That's what I'm talkin' about, the chanced to build something, put it on display, and have three days to tell anyone who will listen, all about it!

Well, the mall show may go the way of kit built airplanes, almost a lost item in our hobby. We may have to discontinue this annual event, because it seems to cost too much money for the few of us who still remember what it means to create a flying machine with our own hands, and then put it in the air. I asking you... no beggin' you, if you think building planes and having a place to display them, and brag about them a bit is a good idea, then let a board member know you think the mall show is worth the time and effort. Tell that board member that you may even try to build one yourself to show off with someday! Help me and some of my pals "Strut our Stuff" again next year.

Thanks, and remember what my pal Jim Shaw always says, "Build 'em light, and fly 'em high!"

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