



TAILSPINNERS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 6th 7:00pm Club meeting at the Iliff Fire House one block east of Havana on Iliff
- Jan. 1 Polar Fly at the field

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CLUB OFFICERS

- President: Adam Bryant
- Vice-President: Gary Brady
- Treasurer: Roy Olsen
- Secretary: Bob Porter

- At Large Board:
Robert Plant (Chair)
- Dave Teich
- Rich Dix
- Bob Bergin

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Adam Bryant

CLUB SAFETY COORDINATOR

Walt Stroessner has volunteered to be the club Safety Coordinator. As our Safety Coordinator he will be responsible for looking at the "big picture" of how we are handling safety concerns at the field, how well we are following AMA safety guidelines, and will be taking your input for suggestions on how we can be safer on a day to day basis at the field. He is NOT the policeman at the field! If you see an unsafe act it is your responsibility to address it immediately!

INTRODUCTORY PILOT INSTRUCTORS

As a result of the vote at the October meeting to participate in the AMA Introductory Pilot Program a call was put out for Introductory Pilot Instructors. Dave Weiss and Walt Stroessner have volunteered to provide this service for the club. The club can add additional instructors at any time. If you are interested just contact a club officer to get the process started. The club will sign you up with the AMA and pay the extra \$5 fee.

SAFETY COORDINATOR MESSAGE

Hello all,

The AMA requires that chartered clubs establish the position of a safety coordinator. I volunteered to be that coordinator for our club. If you're wondering what exactly does a safety coordinator do, read on. The AMA has produced a document that outlines the duties of the safety coordinator, some of which are mandatory and some of which are recommended.

Safety Coordinator activities are too many to list here but may include the following:

- Promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members
- Provide a means by which important safety information can be shared between clubs.
- Be a communications liaison between the club and the AMA Headquarters to ensure the timely distribution of safety related material.
- Inspect operational areas for proper signage and safety equipment as applicable.
- Conduct safety awareness training and related programs during club meetings.
- Conduct, at least annually, a safety audit of club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public.

- Act as a liaison with the local EMS / Fire Department. Establish a club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents / incidents.

DECEMBER SAFETY ARTICLE:



Lets change gears for a moment and consider this, if someone at the field suddenly needed medical attention, do you know where the First Aid Kit is located? It is located in the locked cabinet in our east sheltered area. Access the kit by using the same lock combination as our entry gate lock. If the medical emergency that you may be dealing with requires a 911 call, you will find information that you need to convey to the 911 operator located on the lid of this First Aid Kit as well as on the front of the cabinet door. This information will guide you through the 911 call including of course the field address and GPS coordinates for the field. Thank you Steve Briola for updating the information for us. This updated information now reflects our new field location. Next time you are at the field, please take a moment to look inside the cabinet and familiarize yourself with the First Aid Kit which, by the way is well stocked and in two boxes. Keep in mind, minutes count in medical emergencies.

At our December 6th club meeting, one of the topics that I plan to talk a little bit about is safety awareness in the pit area, including the use of our AMA start up benches. Look for me to put safety related articles in our club newsletter each month.

Lastly, by the time you read this article, Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas will be a few weeks away. I'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Walt Stroessner - Club Safety Coordinator

MEETING NOTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance/Meeting Called to Order, Adam Bryant, President

Quorum – Require 8 members present (10% of voting members). 12 members present.

Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes – As posted in newsletter

- approved

Approve Treasurer's Report, Roy Olsen, treasurer

- Contact a club officer for actual amounts

- approved

Investment Report – Gary Brady, Investment Officer, given by Adam Bryant

- Contact a club officer for actual amounts

Membership Report – Gary Brady, Vice President, given by Adam Bryant

Introduction of new members. Steve Briola, Dave Kennedy

Current membership: 62 total.

Contest/Events Committee Report

Upcoming Events.

Polar Fly-In. Need a volunteer to organize this.

- Need restaurant certificates.

- Walt Stroessner volunteered to do this.

- Landing fee collected day of event.

Wings Over the Rockies. Bob Bergin. February 25th.

Museum is all finished with their refurbishment.

Trying to get Hoot Gibson to attend.



Other events

Larry Ott, President of MAS and former Mile Hi member contacted Mile Hi about hosting an IMAC event again. They want to have 4 events in the area as qualifiers for the Tucson Shootout.

- Motion passed to pursue this.

Dave Teich suggested a Fun-Fly event. Possibly June or September

- Motion passed to pursue.

Pluckrose possibly in June.

Event recaps.

Webelos visit to Mile Hi.

Field Maintenance Report.

- Patch party scheduled for Saturday Nov. 10 at 10:00am, weather permitting. Flying will be stopped until we are done. Would be helpful if someone could walk the runway prior to this and mark areas needing patched. Pink duct tape should be on top of or in box by the transmitter stand.
- Someone please check with John Neumeier to see if he has discovered an alternate adhesive.
- Roy Olsen contacted Bowman for a suggestion. Bowman has a product that they recommend. \$159 for a 5 gallon pail. Roy will pursue further.
- A couple of the starting stands are needing some repairs. Walt will look into this.

Safety Report.

- Don't forget to put your card in the rack even if you are exclusively using 2.4GHz.
- Marvin asked if we were going to get a sticker for the AMA cards again. Yes
- Chuck recounted an experience where he was running an engine on a test stand and it was not secured enough and took off when he started it. The moral of the story is to not be complacent. Chuck suggested possibly a meeting during the cold weather to go over safety procedures and possibly field procedures.
- If you fly electrics, make sure that the transmitter is on before you plug in the airplane.
- Steve Briola noticed that the directions on the first aid kit are for the old field. He will update them.
- Don't fly alone!!
- Dave Teich pointed out that props with painted tips are very helpful for safety purposes.

Unfinished Business.

Tax filings with State of Colorado and IRS.

- Completed by Adam Nov. 1.

- There was a \$10 fee for the State filing, the IRS filing was free.

Audit of 2011 financial records completed.

2012 budget. Still working on this.

AMA Introductory Pilot program

- What it really buys us. This program is really only valuable in very limited cases. In most cases our new pilots join our club and join AMA right away, in which case this program doesn't apply. Where it is valuable is if we have someone come to the field who is not certain they want to pursue this hobby and doesn't want to spend the money for an AMA membership right away. This program lets one of our Introductory Pilot Instructors instruct this person for a period of 2 months and gives that person and the club AMA insurance coverage.

- The club will submit the list of Introductory Pilot Instructors to the AMA and will pay the extra \$5 fee per instructor.

- Adam will get us signed up and send out an email asking who wants to be an Introductory Instructor.

We need to have the field safety rules at the field to be handed out to guests and memberships and what-not.

Safety officer election.

There was discussion about whether or not the AMA required this to



be an elected position. Adam will investigate.

Why we decided not to put in electric at the field.

- A motion was made and passed at the October 2010 meeting to indefinitely table this. The discussion at the time was that having electric at the field might make us a target for copper thieves and that it might have some tax implications for the land owner.

- If we take up this discussion again, how would we do this in a removable manner? What would we have to do to install this and still meet or flood plain restrictions? How do we do it in a manner that protects it from vandals?

- Marvin brought up that the electric bill would be an additional monthly cost.

- It was decided that we don't have any compelling need to do this. Motion made accepted to not do this.

Flight patterns/restrictions.

- Adam will draw the diagram.

Engine startup area.

- Anywhere on north side of the pit area.

- May change for events.

- Use your common sense when taxiing.

- Taxi out at the center, in on the sides. Or might it be safer to allow taxi out on the sides as long as takeoffs are still from the center out?

Chuck suggested having Field safety/field operations officer.

The board should decide the direction on this.

New Business

Container break in at the field.

- Modifications to limit access to the locks. Who has a portable welder? Motion made and accepted to do this.

- Different locks? Best locks? Tom Hanselin had mentioned that there may be a similar no-hasps lock with a stainless steel tumbler instead of the brass of the current locks.

Signage at the field? Dave suggested that this might generate interest in people deciding that there must be something of value.

Video camera(s)?

Lighting?

Dave brought up the idea of pouring a concrete pad underneath to limit access to drill the lower lock.

George Kerr related a participation incentive idea based on one used at the MAS club.

- Each club member would get a ticket at every event they participated in or volunteered for.

- These tickets get put into a can for a year-end drawing for \$25, \$50, and \$100 prizes.

- The more events you volunteer for or participate in, the greater your chances.

- This needs to be included in the budget for the year.

Next Board Meeting – As needed.

Next Club Meeting – Dec. 6, 7:00pm at Iliff Fire House

Drawings

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Program/Meeting Adjournment