



The A R F NEWS

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All the news that's fit to print

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2008 Officers

President	Joe Hebert
Vice President	Frank O'Neill
Treasurer	Leo Hebert
Secretary	Don Ellsworth
Safety Officer	Mike Muehr

Instructors

Frank O'Neill	Larry Hultman
Mike Muehr	

Upcoming Club Events

January		
12 th	Club Meeting	
February		
9 th	Club Meeting	
March		
8 th	Club Meeting	

Next Meeting

Saturday
January 12th
11:00 am
At the
Flying Field

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Presidents Column

A Reflection or Two

Pop and I were looking at some old records for the club dating back to 1996 and were remarking about how the ARF has grown in the ten plus years of its existence. Remembering back (difficult with my memory tools) we started out with a few guys (mostly new modelers and flyers) and a nice flying field location (Frank's ranch)—no assets, no nice facility like our “flight control center/meeting room/lunchroom”, no covered area for airplane assembly, no restroom facilities—Like we say, “nuttin”. We organized, calling our club “ARF”, which in those days literally meant “Almost Ready to Fly”. In those days we were not AMA affiliated, but secured our flying insurance through a rival organization. However, in the years since, we have joined the AMA, now defining the acronym for ARF as “Always Ready to Fly”. This defines our club. We have matured as an organization and as modelers. The club now has as members folks with all levels of skill and competencies, ranging from beginners to expert competition class builders and flyers. We enjoy the many benefits of a challenging sport/hobby that allows all the levels of participants to remain interested and also to progress.

Remember as we proceed into 2008 that the purpose of our organization is to facilitate our ability to participate in our sport. We will hopefully not have any major stumbling blocks in the years to come, but if so the club will continue to meet challenges with all our effort and continue the camaraderie that has developed through the years.

Joe Hebert

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Minutes of Last Meeting

Regular meeting of ARF R/C Flying Club 11-10-07.
Meeting called to order at 12:00 by Don Hirt.
Minutes read by Don Ellsworth, accepted by members.

Treasurer reports that we have \$1977.30 in bank, accepted by members.

Old Business

Christmas party payment of \$18.00 is due today, pay Leo Hebert.

New Business

Voting of Officers for year 2008.

Secretary. Don Ellsworth, reelected.

Treasurer. Leo Hebert, reelected.

Vice President. Frank O'Neill, reelected.

President.

Joe Hebert nominated, can't serve because he lives out of town.

Mike Muehr nominated, can't serve.

Lloyd Parrisher nominated, can't serve.

Joe Hebert reconsiders and is re-nominated and elected President.

Meeting adjourned by Don Hirt at 01:00.

Upcoming Area Events

For details please go to www.ama-dist-8.org

Huffman, Tx Mar. 29th

New Waverly, Tx Apr. 26-27th

Monaville, Tx Jun. 7-8th

The Doctors Report

By Larry Hultman

Recently I was putting the canopy on an ARF I had built up and did not want to screw it on. I decided to epoxy it on and make it look seamless. I mixed up some “epoxy gel” (from Lowes) and added a premixed color match of paint (enamel) to match the Monocote into the gel epoxy and stirred it up, and applied it to the canopy. Once I was happy with the fit I added a sand bag to the top of the canopy (a small bag) just to hold it in place. I took a playing card (cut in half) and pulled along the seam with it. The gel does not sag like regular epoxy, so it made a smooth feather to the Monocote. And since it was colored it matched the Monocote. When it dried (5 min) I pulled the sand bag off and cleaned up edges with alcohol and a rag. It looked great! With a little practice you will like the results.

Bits and Pieces

By Larry Hultman

TO BE or NOT TO BE

Scale Aerobatics

What does it take to be a successful scale aerobatic pilot? Well practice is the biggest part of it, but that’s only one step. The second step is discipline, discipline and practice along with a schedule, will provide the foundation for a successful aerobatic pilot. In time you will find that you will be able to fly just about anything the market can offer. In this newsletter over the next year, I will discuss several steps on aerobatics and hope that I can answer the questions that a pilot (young and old alike) will struggle with in their flight of success. See you next month. Larry Hultman

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2			5
6	7	8	9			12
13	14	15	16			19
20	21	22	23			26
27	28	29	30			2

February						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						2
3	4	5	6			9
10	11	12	13			16
17	18	19	20			23
24	25	26	27			1

Get together with your group and set up a time to mow either on Thursday or Friday.

Don't forget to check the oil level and tire pressure.

Don't forget to clean the mower deck when finished.

Please remember to clean the restroom before you leave.

Please report any mower problems to Frank O'Neill or Mike Muehr.