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President's Message

Hey, Everyone, This is Dan the prez, and I'm wondering "where is everyone??" I'm out at the Field almost every morning that the wind isn't over 15 mph and there's no lightening. I'm beginning to feel like this is my own private Airfield.

Really, I realize that a lot of folks are still working stiffes, but a lot aren't and I'd sure like to have some company, so those who can, grab your gear and get on out here!!

Dan Jackson

Quotable Quotes

My soul is in the sky.

— William Shakespeare, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Act V. Scene I

Thoughts for Independence Day:

I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

— Thomas Jefferson

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.

— Thomas Jefferson

Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.

-Thomas Jefferson

Editor

To those of you who have served our country in the military, I salute you and FIDO. For those who served in the public government and first response theaters, thank you. For those who served as parents, spouses and children, your sacrifices also are valued.

To all, Happy Independence Day and may God Bless and protect the United States of America and her citizens.

Glenn Ross

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 25 July 2019, 6:45 PM at Odom – Fennell Field, Tri Cities Model Airport

Member Information –

From 21 through 23 June, the **2019 Jet Precision Aerobatic National Championships** were held in Mountain City Tennessee and two of our members, Rod Snyder and Doug Lindauer girded their loins and participated.

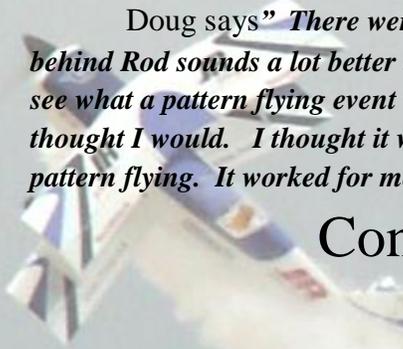
There were five classes of competition:

- F3S, Flying the 2019 F3S FAI sequence
- Scale Jet, a center box sequence setup for the finest scale jets
- EDF, a shortened version of the F3S sequence to work with flight times of EDF craft
- Basic, which is the entry class into Jet Aerobatics
- And Freestyle, a four to five minute flight set to music

Rod won the Scale Jet Class, finished second place in Basic and third place in the EDF class. In his first ever competition, Doug finished in fourth place in the EDF Class.

Doug says” *There were only 4 guys participating in the EDF class but saying I finished 4th, just behind Rod sounds a lot better than saying I finished last. :) Hey, I only did it to support the event and maybe see what a pattern flying event was all about. But I at least scored points, 47%, so I did a lot better than I thought I would. I thought it was a great idea and a way to get guys at the lower end of the spectrum into pattern flying. It worked for me. I’m hooked.* “ 

Congratulations to Rod and Doug!!!



This is what was happening with JCRC Twenty years ago, this month:

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Johnson City Radio Controllers, Johnson City, TN JULY 1999

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That Time Of Year

The time has arrived to start serious planning for the JCRC Annual Picnic. The event is scheduled for September 18th. There is no cost to members and their families, but a head count is required to determine the quantities of food and drinks to purchase. Each member should bring a side dish and come to have a good time with their families and other members. If each member would donate about an hour for working the event all should go well. Most members indicated on their renewal or membership application that they are willing to work a club event. There will be a dedication ceremony for the T-33 because it is supposed to be completed by that date. A sign up sheet is posted at Bowser Ridge to facilitate gathering the required information.

There will be a concession stand available for purchasing food and drinks until the picnic food line starts at 4:00 p.m. Anything that is safe to fly will be allowed, except full scale. It must also meet AMA and JCRC requirements. If you wish to set up and sell items, this is also a swap meet.

I hope that every member is enjoying the summer flying season and getting in a lot of "stick" time. Personally I have used a few jugs of fuel and enjoyed flying with the week day morning group. This is a very diverse number of people who have many different interests. This is very representative of the general membership of the JCRC. The one thing we have in common is the enjoyment of our chosen hobby and the mutual respect that we have for each other.

There will be no more presentations at the monthly meetings until we return to the Princeton Arts Center In October.

Jim

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 27, 1999, 7:00 p.m. at Bowser Ridge Model Airport

Upcoming Activities

Chill and Grill

6 PM till Dusk, every Tuesday evening, Rain or Shine starting 7 May and running through 27 August at Odom-Fennell Field.

Join us for Burgers or Hot Dogs with flying and fellowship – unless there's

⚡ lightening ⚡ !!

Club Work Day

13 July,
10AM – 3 PM
at Odom-Fennell Field.

National Model Aviation Day and Club Pic Nic

17 August,
rain date 24 August
at Odom-Fennell Field.

AMA Updates

The last few weeks have been busy AMA as it has focused on assisting Flying Clubs who are within the five mile radius of Air Traffic Controlled airspace with the process of obtaining Letters of Agreement on recreational UAS use. Following are the contents of two blogs put out by AMA:

On 12 June –

FAA Letter of Agreement Questionnaire Due June 16, 2019

Thank you to the club officers who have already participated in the FAA's new process to establish letters of agreement between clubs in controlled airspace and Air Traffic Control for flying sites in controlled airspace, as required by the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

In fact, thanks to your support, we have submitted information for over 200 clubs to the FAA to establish letters of agreement. We still have about 100 more clubs to go and will be working diligently to finish submitting those too.

Please know that we continue to work with the FAA to prioritize these letters of agreement and ensure that clubs can continue operating safely as they always have.

As such, we have been told by the FAA that they will honor both verbal and written agreements with ATC for the continued safe operation of model aircraft clubs in controlled airspace. This should ensure that there is no interruption in your club's ability to operate. (For the long-term, you will still need a written letter of agreement with ATC– this is what the new process mentioned above is designed to help with.)

Nevertheless, if for some reason you do have issues with a local tower or airport, please let us know so we can help resolve the situation. In fact, earlier this week we were able to help re-open two clubs in the Denver area that were previously shutdown due to misinformation.

If your club flying site is located in controlled airspace, please check with your club officers to ensure that your club's questionnaire has been submitted. All FAA questionnaire submissions will be due on June 16, 2019, any submission after this date could delay the LOA process for your club's flying site.

As always, please contact us at (765) 287-1256 or amagov@modelaircraft.org with your questions and concerns.

We appreciate your support and cooperation.
Academy of Model Aeronautics

And then on 28 June -

Executive Council and Government Affairs team meets with legislators

Earlier this week, the AMA Executive Council and the Government Affairs team took a trip to Washington, D.C. to advocate for our hobby. We had many productive and encouraging meetings with leaders at the FAA, members of Congress and several of our allies in the aviation community.

Throughout these meetings, we continued to emphasize AMA's commitment to safety and education. We also highlighted examples of how flying model aircraft is a pathway to STEM-related to careers and the work we do to support local charities.

Importantly, we discussed the upcoming FAA rule-makings for recreational UAS, and we were encouraged by the positive tone of the dialogue. The FAA recognizes the importance of the model aviation community and wants to continue our longstanding partnership. On Capitol Hill, members of Congress pledged support to AMA and stand ready to weigh-in with the FAA on our behalf, as needed.

We also spoke with representatives from ATC to discuss the Letters of Agreement process. We'll continue working closely with them to ensure that there is no disruption in our ability to fly. We've also learned that LAANC (the FAA's low altitude authorization and notification capability system) will be

available for recreational operators in controlled airspace on July 23, 2019. Currently, only Part 107 pilots have access to LAANC and recreational pilots are able to fly only at chartered flying sites in controlled airspace. We will provide more information regarding LAANC as it becomes available.

Rest assured – we are taking a proactive approach in working with government officials to influence the new regulations for recreational UAS in a way that is favorable for AMA members. Thank you for your continued support of AMA. As always, please reach out with any questions at amagov@modelaircraft.org.

Kind regards,

AMA Government Affairs Team

During our June Club meeting, Dan Jackson updated us that there had been no further contact by any of the FAA personnel who had visited our field last month and that he was continuing to liaison with AMA.

And finally, though not strictly an AMA issue, but in a related vein, in Tennessee, **starting 1 July**, the penalty for use of an unmanned aerial system (UAS/Drone) over “critical Infrastructure” without the owner’s express permission increases from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class E FELONY.

"critical infrastructure facility" means:

- (1) An electrical power generation system, electrical transmission system, either as a whole system or any individual component of the system, or electrical distribution substation;
- (2) A petroleum refinery;
- (3) A manufacturing facility that utilizes any combustible chemicals either in storage or in the process of manufacturing;
- (4) A chemical or rubber manufacturing facility;
- (5) A petroleum or chemical storage facility;
- (6) A water or wastewater treatment facility; or
- (7) Any facility, equipment, or pipeline infrastructure utilized in the storage, transmission, or distribution of natural gas.

Communication service facilities were added to the above listing. Be warned; don't fly over or under Power/Telephone wires if you want to be on the safe side, lawfully and from a damage standpoint.

For Sale

Two 5000 Mah batteries. One is 45C, the other 50C. Both are under 20 ounces so they are heavy and are as long as most 6S packs. Both have EC3 terminals installed. Asking \$40.00 for the pair.



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Hobby Town USA

Located at 3515 Bristol Highway in Johnson City, Hobby Town offers a full range of hobby needs, from model rail roading, to automotive modeling and aviation modeling. A strong sponsor of JCRC, they offer JCRC club members a 10% discount. Phone: (423) 610-1010.



Benedict's Ace Hardware Store



Due to the sale of *Great Planes model parts and accessories*, Benedicts Ace Hardware is discontinuing their aircraft parts sales. Once the current inventory, shown in the picture below, is gone, they will be out of this product line with no plans to restock. Get stuff while you can. They are at 3607 North Roan Street in Johnson City; (423) 282-1950.

