



Crayfish Tales

ARCC Newsletter - February 2010

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President's Cockpit: Jerry Walters

Hallelujah! Spring is almost here! The ARCC diehards have braved the cold, wind, rain, and mud for one of the coldest and wettest winters that I can remember. Soon it'll all be history and we'll all be looking forward to our first Sanctioned event on May 29, the ARCC Fun Fly.

All of your Board have been very busy this winter with work and personal issues, but we're looking forward to a bigger and better year for ARCC. Some minor field improvements are in order, a new lawn tractor is in the plans, and Larry will be doing a couple of non-sanctioned events that we've all enjoyed in the past. 2009 brought several new members to us and I suspect we'll see even more this year.

Flying fun, good fellowship, and safety will of course again be our focus. With 44 paid membership renewals thus far for 2010 our membership base is strong and our immediate financial situation is secure. Hopefully we'll finally get our aspiring pilots more active, trained, and soloed. Additionally we hope to again support the activities of our neighboring clubs and venture out occasionally to the bigger but more distant events like the B-17 Fly-in at Monaville, bringing back lots of good stories and pictures.

Our website will soon be updated with the 2010 roster, event and meeting schedule, as well as other useful information about ARCC 2010.

Fly Safely.....Jerry

Upcoming Dates:

March 13 CajunRC: Spring Fly-In
March 27-28 CajunRC: IMAC event
April 3 **ARCC**: High & Fast Event
April 10 WARPS R/C: Spring Fly-In
May 29 **ARCC**: FunFly (no size limit)
June 12 **ARCC**: Limbo- Carrier Landing
Oct. 30 **ARCC**: BigBird Fly-In

Membership Report: Mike Coffelt

Membership for ARCC this year is currently a total of 44 paid members. The Executive Committee is trying to improve our services to the club. One of the items is our membership application for new candidates for membership with ARCC. We are asking all new candidates for membership that they will have to do the following before they are accepted into the club:

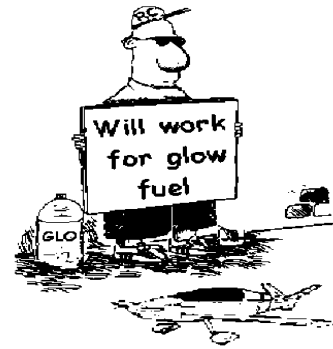
1. They must have applied for their AMA card and show proof that they have at least filled out an application and has paid for their membership to AMA.
2. They must fill out our ARCC Membership Application Form and have read and understand the rules set forth by the AMA and ARCC. These two items are mandatory for applicants to become new members.
3. They should attach a photo of themselves and or get one of the board members to take their picture so we can attach to the form. The completed form with their payment must be received by one of the board members. The application will be passed on to Mike Coffelt and we will go through an acceptance process. Once the applicant has been approved by the board for membership, I will call them letting them know they have been accepted and a membership card will be made for them to carry with them.
4. Applicants will be required to go through a Ground School that will be held periodically for new members. The Ground School will be used to review AMA rules (if needed) ARCC rules, starting pads, flight line rules, flight etiquette, mowing duties and other items to ensure all members are informed.
5. Members will be given an ARCC identity card. Larry Scheuermann will be putting these together and we'll explain more in the coming weeks.

Building Hints & Techniques: John Woods

How to STOP Ironed Down Wrinkles When Covering a Plane ... Covering with the many brand names of iron-on films seems to present a myriad of problems for modelers. One problem that is easily preventable is ironed down wrinkles, particularly around wing tips and fuselage edges. When covering a wing, always cover the bottom first. This allows you to practice your new technique where a mistake will show the least. Also the lap from the wing's top covering will show the least when viewing the model from above.

Lay the sheet of film (previously cut at least 1 inch larger than the area to be covered) on the bottom of the wing and tack it to the wing about 4"- 6" apart all the way around without pulling the film to keep from starting a wrinkle. Then very carefully, while lightly pulling the film around the edge and iron it down. There will be a few wrinkles appear as you do this but the next step should remedy this. Trim off the excess film all the way around and iron down this sheet just on the edge.

Do not try to iron down the wrinkles! Now use a heat gun and very carefully heat-shrink the sheet, working from one end to the other. The wrinkles should disappear like magic. Next, use an iron with a sock to seal the film to all of the underlying wood parts. A final once over with a heat gun should complete the job. Try it - it works!



Congratulations to **Danon Campbell** and **Alan** (don't pull up...!) **Comeaux** on their SOLO flights...Danon did it in about 10 instruction flights and Alan finished up with 8,540,942 flights....
Melanie Romero, Bryce Barileau and **Gabe Thomas** continue their training with Larry Scheuermann.



Long time club member Sherman Mahan had a massive stroke on Oct. 17 and is doing fine in recovery. Doctors say he will make a full recovery... but it just takes time. Look forward to seeing you soon Sherm.

Notables: Larry Scheuermann

Randy Campbell has a 35% Sukhoi with a BME 100cc ... huh? No kidding..... **Robert Norman** was granted a Rocket Waiver by NASA to be used in flying his 73" Extra with a DLE 55 whoaaaa! **Jim Speiler** is flying a nice AT-6... did Jess buy that?? **Mel Romero** is flying a P-51 in training-watch out guys... **Eddie Goodman** flying a gas engine?? Not yet, but he's got one... **John Woods** has been demoted by the Air Force from F4 pilot to A10 driver... **Jimmy Marks** promoted from F-100 crew chief to F-100 pilot, and it's a **big** electric jet... **Philip Trett** won't fly his new Yak..something about wet pants..?? **Drew Verret** has a new red truck stuffed with planes..Is **Tom** around? A **Volkswagen and small truck** were found in the bottom of the mud under the **no-cut** oak on our road... **Larry Scheuermann** is minus one Lanier Edge...tears are still streaming... **Don't throw** your cigarette butts on the ground!!!! **Jerry Walters** has to pick them up!! Or will he make **Mike** get them...??



Money Bags: Ken Verret

Guys:

Here's just a little update on our treasury. We have 46 paid members so far for 2010.

We've had very few expenses so far for the year. The potty time rental is paid thru March. Electricity bill should be good thru April. The Nov. Elec. bill was around 30 dollars and was based on an actual reading. The coke machine seems to be using less power now.

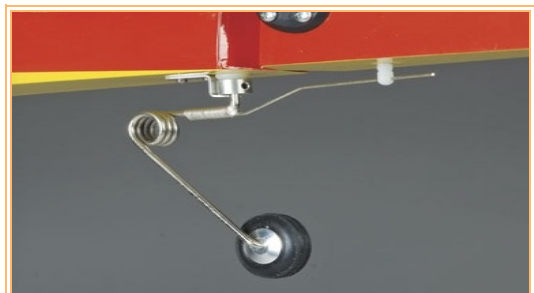
The fee for the web site is paid for 2 more years.

We plan on purchasing a new Husqvarna mower in the next few weeks which will cost around \$1800 plus tax. We will retire the green mower. The Cub needs a new battery and service for the coming season. I will remove the new battery from the green mower and install it on the black mower because it's battery is also shot.

The weather has been terrible for flying. On the bright side though, this gives us a chance to service our planes and radios to be ready for good flying days. Thoroughly check the batteries and cycle them if you can to ensure that they are still OK.

Take care,

KAV



New Style Tail wheel on ARFs

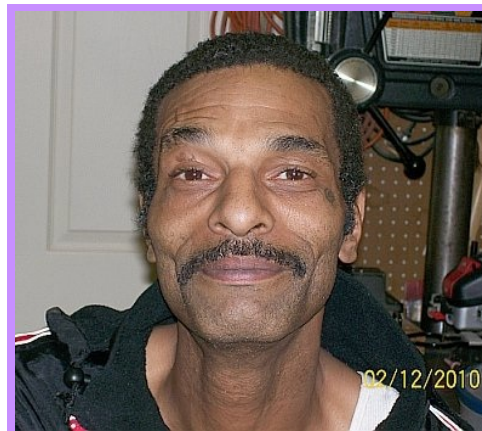
Safety First: Phillip Trett

Just a couple of reminders:

1. Never turn on your transmitter until you have a frequency pin and your AMA card is on the pin board ... 72 MHz or 2.4 ghz.
2. Always range check your aircraft before your first flight of the day.
3. Call your intentions before entering runway i.e.: "Coming out" or when landing.
4. Please be respectful of student pilots (you were one once and it can be very distracting to have planes flying in front of your face).
5. 3D flyers must fly on the east side of the runway at all times.

HAPPY FLYING

Donnie Dubose's New Plane



Please welcome **Gabe Thomas** as a new member of ARCC... He's training with Larry Scheuermann; flying a Hobbico MK II 60 trainer; Futaba 6EAX; and has a Nitro Models Ultimate 25% Bipe with a CRRC 26cc gas engine... to fly after solo.....