



AMOS August 2018 Newsletter

AMOS Board Meeting 8/7/18 @ 7:00PM – recap

Unfinished Business

Boy Scouts Expo: Mike Haston: Participation by AMOS doubtful because we have not received necessary info concerning event. No action for now.

Membership Rosters, Emails to Members: Discussion of whether Jim I. should be allowed to use club roster to circulate emails to membership. Various positions stated, pro and con. Issue split into two questions:

1. Should membership rosters, including members' email addresses, continue to be sent to all members? To be presented to next General Meeting.

2. Should Jim be required to stop sending out emails to members? The Board talked about whether there is any existing rule that covers this situation or whether a new rule is required. The Board did not make a decision on this question one way or the other. The President called for a vote on whether Jim should be required to stop sending out emails to members. Mike Rutledge voted in favor. Four Board Members also voted in favor and four voted against. The Secretary took the position that Mike Rutledge is not a sitting board member because he has not yet been confirmed by the membership at a general meeting. Consequently the motion failed on a four to four vote.

New Business:

Board Approval, Mike Rutledge, Membership Chair: By unanimous vote, Board approved Mike Rutledge to fill vacant position of membership chairman, subject to approval by General Membership.

Orderly Conduct at Meetings: President announced his policy for future meetings, both general and board, would be that anyone speaking out of turn would be asked once not to disrupt the meeting, would be asked to leave the meeting for a second interruption.

Committee to Look at Property: John S. and John H. will check out a property in Roseville as a possible replacement for our flying site in case a replacement property is required. John S. says we will know next April whether we will get a lease renewal past 2020 or go year to year.

Board Reports:

President Mike Haston - Will not run for re-election.

Secretary Jody Kahan - Will file Statement of Information with CA Secretary of State. Motion to list Jody as AMOS's agent for service of process seconded and passed.

Treasurer Keith Roberts - Treasurer's report for July attached here. Paid property tax. Income and expenses normal for this time of year.

Membership (provisional) - Mike Rutledge - 212 members.

Safety/Training Les Klear - Instructors doing a great job and standing up to the heat.

Contest Coordinator/Public Relations Geordan White - Putting event info on My Grove. Anyone putting on an event, please send flyer to him.

Past President John Sorenson - Reminded the Board that it is time to be thinking about organizing a budget committee, a nomination committee and an audit committee.

Field Marshall Tom Aschwanden - Patched about 12 holes in petromat. Flex Seal in spray can works very well.

AMOS General Meeting 8/14 /18 @ 7:00PM – recap

Unfinished Business

Boy Scouts Expo: Mike H: We still haven't heard back from organizers. What should we do?
John S: We don't have to do anything. Let them contact us.

Electric Fun Fly: Basil Y: Made \$75 plus food left over for the President's Fun Fly.
Jody K: Raised \$47 for AMA Foundation. Last year, got \$150 for Disabled American Veterans.

New Business

Confirmation of Mike Rutledge for Membership Chair: Motion by Randy S, Second by Tom A. Confirmation Passed.

Conduct for AMOS Meetings: President stated a concern with members holding private conversations while meetings going on. Proposed that people doing so should be asked to stop, and, if conversation continues, to finish it outside. Discussion followed with those in favor arguing meeting should run like a business and those opposed arguing that meetings are social events. No vote held.

Agenda Items (1) Whether Membership List should be emailed to members - (2) Whether a non-Board member should be sending out club emails: John S made an introductory statement. In the following discussion, these two agenda items were discussed together.

John stated his opinion that the Board had issued a letter to Jim I that unfairly singled him out and censured him for stuff that was petty, and that probably no other member does all the stuff for the club that Jim does. He said that we need to get back to where we can laugh a little bit, but we ought to acknowledge that Jim was treated wrong, and he should be allowed to do everything he has generally done for the club except the specific duties of the Membership Chairman.

The President stated that he had received numerous complaints from members who objected to Jim's "vulgar jokes" and complaints that Jim had "jumped down people's throats." Several members expressed support for Jim and stated that members who have a problem with Jim should take it up with him, not with the President. Many members spoke of all the things Jim does for the club and some also mentioned things Jim had done for them personally. One member gave his opinion that for the good of the club we ought to support the President in case of disagreement.

John S made a Motion that was seconded by Dean C, and was discussed extensively. After discussion, and clarification the motion was as follows:

Jim I should be allowed to continue all the things he does for the club including having keys, sending out membership rosters, sending out information emails to members, including his opinions in emails to members, and beginning the subject line of emails with the word "AMOS".

Keith R offered an Amendment that the Membership Chairman should send the rosters out quarterly. The amendment was discussed. After discussion, it was understood that the roster would include members' telephone numbers and email addresses but that any member could request that his phone number and/or email address not be shown. Amendment passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. As so amended John's original Motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Question by Tom A: Could any members send emails to everyone? Mike H: Sure.

Question by Jim I: Will Mike R send updated members contact information to him?

Mike H: Yes.

Question by John S: Do we have to vote on whether a member can express an opinion in an email to another member? Most members considered this unnecessary. However, Mike H thinks the constitution requires members use the newsletter to express opinions.

Board Reports:

President Mike Haston: *Field looks good.*

Secretary Jody Kahan: *Statement of information filed with Secretary of State. All legal filings up to date.*

Treasurer Keith Roberts: \$5,556.10 cash on hand July 31, plus \$500 advance to Randy S for jet event.

Membership Mike Rutledge (absent): Mike H: 212 members.

Field Marshall Tom Aschwanden: Flex Seal works well on petromat. Trying out a super good herbicide courtesy of Dean C.

Safety/Training Officer Les Klear: Fifty-five training flights in July and probably got a couple of new members.

Past President John Sorenson: Proposed new Casino in Yuba will not affect the Red Barons. Cub Scouts coming to training Wednesday August 22. The more planes and trainers we have there the better. Besides flying, the kids like to see different airplanes fly.

President Final Comment: It sure was nice to see this many people here.

AMOS 2018 Event Schedule

Presidents Fun Fly - September 8th - Mike Haston , Randy Sizemore - General Meeting will be held at this event!!

Jet event: Randy Sizemore: September 21,22 and 23

Nor-Cal Huckfest - Saturday October 6th - Basil Yousif, Gary Meyers, Geordan White and Ron Brugh - Big Planes - Great Time!!

AMBRO Profile Event - October 20th - Randy Allen

2018 Christmas Dinner - Tentatively - To be held at El Torrito Mexican

Restaurant at 5637 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights. The date hasn't been set.

Cub Scouts at the AMOS field for Flight Training on 8-29

***Twenty five Cub Scouts showed up to try out flying RC aircrafts.
It was hectic but fun.***

***JoAnn Stone (Scout leader) and all the other parents did a great
job leaving just the flying to us. Everyone had a good time.
Thanks to all the Club members who came out and helped.***

- John Sorenson



R/C Tips and Tricks:

*A Simple way to Finish building your Models without ruining them on a stand:
I got many dents in my airplanes finishing them on a stand. A easier way to work on your planes is to simply get a Movers Blanket -\$3 at Harbor Freight and layer it up on a table to support a wing or fuselage. The Movers Blanket will support the plane parts fully unlike a stand which only supports a small area of the plane.
The heavier the part the more times you can fold the blanket to make it thicker. There won't be a scratch when you get done. Flying the plane is another story!!*



Transmitter Backlight Modification:

Many of the older Expensive Transmitters didn't have any backlight for the LCD display. The backlight lights up the LCD display which is great for setup of a model indoors but is not needed for flying so a switch to turn it off and on is also installed.

I did the mod on my Futaba 12FG and love the result. Setting up a plane becomes fun rather than a strain on my eyes.

The basic parts are a EL sheet and a 9volt Inverter. The EL sheet is a fluorescent light bulb on a sheet and the inverter or EL Driver changes the voltage to a high frequency signal which charges the phosphorous mixture inside the strip producing the low voltage lighting. The EL sheet mounts behind the LCD.

After disassembling the radio you must peel off the existing White/Silver backing off your LCD. Then there's a type of clear glue you can roll off with your fingers.

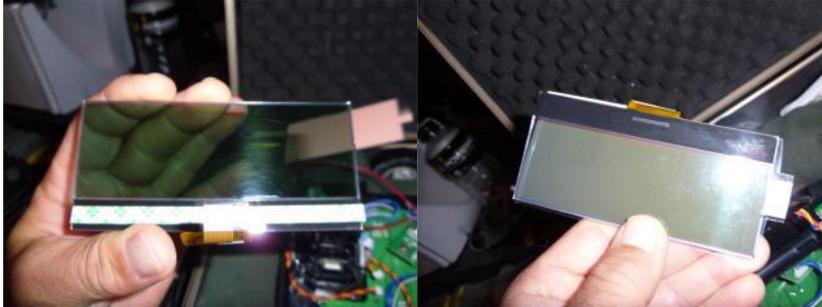
***** Don't touch the green polarizing strip under the glue or it's all over!!*****

Trim the EL strip to the size of your LCD. It has two wires that connect to the inverter, do not cut the wires while trimming the strip. Use clear double sided tape to hold the EL strip to your LCD at the bottom of the LCD out of the viewing area. The inverter is connected to a switch which runs to the power source in your transmitter. The Black wire goes to ground.

The EL strip I used had a Salmon color. Don't use the Blue or Green EL strips they will make the LCD backlighting look too dark. I used the same parts as a guy who did the write-up on the 12FG in a RunRyder thread. These parts cost \$40 but Ebay has the Strip and the inverter for \$16 and the strip is large which is a great deal.

The size of the strip should be slightly larger than your LCD and the voltage of the inverter should be close to the same of your TX's battery pack. 9v-12v is good. Look for a internet write up or Youtube video on how to do the mod for your specific transmitter model. It will walk you through the steps to mod your radio and suggest parts that fit into your model.

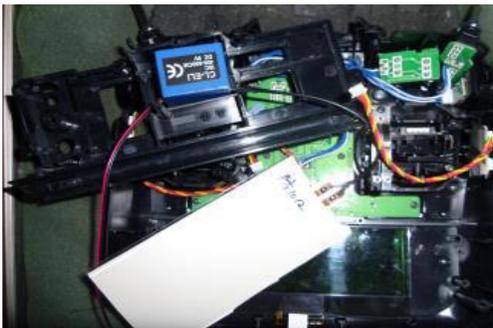
****** You must have good electronics soldering ability or you can ruin your radio.******



Clean off Display Backing and glue

Fit LED backing panel - Cut to size

Connect, test and Install Display , Inverter and on/off Switch



Works great - and has been for many years since I wrote this article.

See- <http://electroluminescence-inc.com/whatisEL.htm>

for more information about EL technology and the many uses for it.

See: <http://www.aprohobbies.com/transmitter-backlight-c-31.aphx>

for JR and Spectrum Backlight Kits and instruction videos - more expensive but a reliable option

****For E-bay search for do-it-yourself EL panel and 12v inverter - Best deal at \$16!!**

Jokes:

Goodbye, Mom

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him. She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said,

"I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son." He answered, "That's okay." "I know it's silly, but if you'd call out "Good bye, Mom" as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy." She then went through the checkout and, as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Good-bye, Mom."

" The little old lady waved, and smiled back at him. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries. "That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk. "That can't be right... I only bought 5 items."

The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

22 MPH

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies -- two in the front seat and three in the back - eyes wide and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit?" she asked.

No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Twenty-Two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly. The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. "But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time." the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."