



AMOS June 2014 Newsletter

Meetings in May - Condensed version:

Board Meeting May 5, 2014 6:00PM

Unfinished Business

- **Raffles – Steve Snider.** His interpretation of the State regulations is that we are approved for raffles with 90% of the gross money to go to an “Approved Charitable Organization.” Steve feels that this will help our club with the state and community. John Sorenson stated that if 90% of what is taken in by a raffle must be given to another charity, he is not buying any raffle prizes for the Sea Plane event. Mike Hasten stated that he only made \$200 at a previous War Bird Event raffle. Steve stated that as long as he is president, we will follow the State guidelines. Jody Kahan stated that Steve Snider’s interpretation is correct.
- **County Taxes and Non Profit Status – Jody Kahan** went through all the fun legal maze that we are still going through. We still do not have the final word from the State Board of Equalization. Jody has a request in with the state.
- **Lease Renewal – John Sorenson -** Still no reply from the Pacer County but the lease renewal issue should be resolved by next year.
- **Shade Covers – Jim Irely –** Recommendations for remainder of money Shade looks good, should last for years. Recommendations Motion made by John Sorenson seconded by Dean Crump to build 2 start up tables for electric models. Motion passed. Jim Irely moved that the rest of the donated money be spent on additional tables constructed with exterior doors Seconded by Tracy Trammell. Motion passed.

Board Reports

- **President – Steve Snider**
 - **May General Meeting Speaker – Rich Nowatzki** Club member who served during WWII.
 - **Treasurer – Gloria Irely, Including Projected Cash Flow Analysis** \$490 deposit to checking from new members, \$1955 into saving (From donations for shade structure) expenses totaled \$3307 (includes donations for shade structure) cash balance \$2064 saving \$432
 - **Marvin Pass** donated a plane to the training program.
 - **Membership – Jim Irely** At present 183 members counting the new member who joined today. Field Marshall – Dean Crump Some sections of the orange fence needed mending. The runway is much better. We will contact Don Schwartz to mow the field. We have \$500 in the budget for that work.

General Meeting - May 13th,2014 at 7:00 PM

Fred Quartier's 85th birthday and we all sang him Happy Birthday
Moment of silence for our latest member who passed away, Danny Morris

Unfinished Business:

Raffle Update & Tax Exemption/Lease Status

Raffle- Letter sent to attorney general about raffle and we got back a letter that we were approved, retro form Sept 2013 – Aug 2014. We will need to reapply for Jim Hill's event; Thunder Valley Rally of Giants...90% gross has to be donated to a registered charity. We are still trying to find out what "Beneficial Purpose" means.

Club Appreciation Day- John Sorenson announced the date for the event is July 12, 2014. All the Model clubs in the area will be invited. Hopefully all members will wear their different club shirts. We will have a BBQ lunch available for a minimal fee.

New Business:

Canvas Shade Covers- They look great "Thank You" for the outstanding support of our members. We took in a total donation of \$1955.00 and we spent a total of \$1523.70 and we now have a balance of \$431.30.

Ideas for the remainder of the monies we came up with:

- 1) Build 2 Start up Tables for just the electric pilots to have a place to arm their electric airplanes, that is not under the shade cover.
- 2) Make new tables with 4-6 solid core doors that were donated by Ron Brugh.
- 3) High quality cable tie downs for new shade structures
- 4) More indoor/outdoor carpet for walk ways out to field.

Motion by John Sorenson to make 2 electric airplane stands and build 4-6 new tables with the solid core doors that were donated to the club. Motion was seconded by Dean Crump. Then an amendment to the motion made by Randy Sizemore to update the existing shade cover tie downs with the ones the shade company recommends. Motion was seconded by Bob Rivas. A vote was taken on the amendment and it passed. Then a vote was taken on the original motion plus the amendment and the motion carried.

Board Reports:

President: Steve Snider

6 Amos members attended the Red Barons meeting to see WWII Col. John R Johnson USAAF retired give a entertaining speech.

The Red Barons came up with a see through tag holder that there members could just slip into their badges and clip on their shirts or hats like we do.

Vice President: Tracy Trammell - Event updates - RC Country Swap Meet - It was a huge success, and they have asked us to do this again next year if we want to. We made a profit of \$288.30. Next year will be even better.

Treasure Report – Gloria Irej

At the end of April the balance is \$2,497.12. We are on target for our projection report. Dean Crump asked if we could link a separate account for the field improvement/donation so we do not have to move money one from acct. to another, back and forth. Gloria said it would be too many accts. to keep track of and not really feasible.

Dean Crump donated fuel to the training program. Thank you Dean.

Membership – Jim Irej – Absent

Presented by Steve Snider and we currently have 183 members.

Field Marshall – Dean Crump

Ralph and Don were supposed to go out with their tractors and mow but that did have to be rescheduled to another date. Will be announced when we know.

Past President – Doug Keller- has accepted Steve's offer to fill out application to get an AMA Improvement Grant for up to \$5000.00 to help with runway repairs.

The Grants will be awarded in March 2015.

Speaker:

Rich Nowatzki was born in Chicago in 1922. He was a young seaman fresh out of boot camp when he was assigned to the USS Hornet CV-8 before it was commissioned in October of 1941. His normal battle station was as a sight-setter on a 5-inch anti-aircraft gun at the aft end of the ship. During the Jimmy Doolittle Tokyo raid sortie, Nowatzki positioned himself right next to the flight deck and watched as the 16 B-25's were launched on their one-way mission to Tokyo.

Rich has written a book named Memoirs of a Navy Major. He sold and autographed several books after the meeting.

Great job, Rich. Thank you!

Adjourn Meeting – 8:40 pm

Submitted by Tracy Trammell - Vice President

AMOS Float Fly Event:

The Float Fly was held on May 14th to 18th was a great success. The weather was excellent and attendance was very good. I was at the event on Friday the 16th and it was a fun day of R/C Float Plane flying on Camp Far West lake.

John Sorenson did a great job of hosting the event.



AMOS Field Events:

Warbirds Over Roseville - To be held on Saturday June 14th and is hosted by Mike Haston, Go to: http://www.rcflightdeck.com/event_details.cfm?event_id=3105
To Pre-Register to fly press - **Pilot Sign-Up**, to order a shirt press **Spectator Tickets**.

Club Appreciation Day - July 12th - this is a Fun fly inviting all the local R/C clubs to the AMOS field. The host is John Sorenson.

Helicopter Event - To be held in the mid August, a Helicopter Flying Group from A-Main Hobbies in Chico will visit the field and put on a show. We are going to put on Heli Fun Fly that same day. Bring your Heli and tap the pros for info. Hosts - Steve Snider and Basil Yousif

Electric Event - Will be held on Saturday August 30th. - Hosts Basil Yousif, John Heinlen, Randy Allen and Scott Meyer.

Presidents Fun Fly - To be held on Saturday September 13th, bring anything R/C that flies- No charge-other clubs welcome. Hosts Tracy Trammill and Steve Snider.

Thunder Valley Rally of the Giants: is to be held on October 25th. It will be hosted by Jim Hill.

The Huck Fest in Lodi - will be on in October from the 2nd to the 5th.

Field Trash Reminder- No trash can's at the field anymore so take your trash with you. Event coordinators are responsible for dumping the garbage generated from there event.

R/C Tips and Tricks:

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 kind of 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.***



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

See: http://www.ebay.com/itm/122mm-32mm-ElectroLuminescence-Panel-Sheet-Pad-Display-Backlight-EL-Light-white-/281223331390?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item417a377e3e

****For E-bay (Example of) 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."

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