AMOS RC NEWS

February is almost over, but it's Leap Year, so an extra day of flying for everyone! Except those of us that have to work. An extra day of work for us! YAY! The weather has been great the past couple of weekends. It's the best time of year for flying at AMOS. The field is green, we have snow covered mountains in the background, and the temps are perfect! What more could you ask for? The AMOS events schedule has been finalized and updated below. In March we have our Member Appreciation Fun Fly, come enjoy a day of flying, free lunch for AMOS and MAVRIX members and then night flying at the end of the day. The flyer is attached at the end of the newsletter.

This month's Member Spotlight features Andrew Wilkins check it out below. If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions for future newsletters feel free to email me @ ngraham_03@icloud.com.

Member Spotlight Andrew Wilkins

How long have you been a member of AMOS?

Since 2018.

While driving along Fiddyment I heard a Nitro engine, then saw the aircraft. So, I became a spectator for the rest of the day.

Where are you originally from?

From England U.K. Born in London.

How long have you been flying RC?

60 years. Started with Single Channel MacGregor TX, single channel RX and a rubber escapement "servo".

You had to wind the rubber band with a hand drill.

What do you, or did you do for a living?

I had a varied career, butcher, rocket scientist, software designer/developer, business owner.

What do you, or did you do for a living? Continued...

I am a part owner of a swimming pool maintenance and repair company, “Splash Pool Care” and I keep us “Legal”.

How did you get started in RC?

The short story is I lived in the village of Old Woking, Surrey UK and used to make balsa gliders, tissue paper and dope style.

Some would have dethermalizers on them so you didn’t loose them over the horizon! I found that the local playing field got a little small for this activity and the hobby store told me about a place called Chobham Clump near the village of Horsell that lots of people would fly their aircraft from there. Very wide open and full of small sand dunes and gorse bushes. One tree and a small hill about 70 feet above the sand and gorse bushes. Also, only 5 miles from where I lived. I loaded up my bicycle with my glider and 100 feet of string for launching and went to this place.

This is when I first saw Radio Control aircraft. Most were rubber escapement and some were “Galloping Ghost” type systems. I watched a number of guys find the lonesome tree at the Clump, and I admit I found it too.

I’m not sure how many Club Members have read H.G. Wells - War of the Worlds, but Chobham Clump was where the first Martians landed. So, when it was obviously Pilot Error when a crash occurred, it was blamed on the Martians!

Who got you started in RC?

All those guys I met at Chobham Clump. Also, encouragement and genuine help from my local hobby store. I remember the name. “Bancroft Hobbies”.

What other clubs around the country have you flown at?

I lived in Upstate New York in Utica and was a member of the Mohawk Valley club. I think they are now called the Mohawk Valley Firebirds.

I did have a brief association in 1976 with a club in Germany near Furstenfeldbruck, near Munich – home of the Dornier factory.

The guys in this club were mainly WW2 ex-Luftwaffe. Oh! the stories they told me, the beer we would drink, the BBQ’ed leberwurst we would eat.

Have you competed in RC? What have you competed in?

I never competed, but did like to watch the pylon races.

What haven’t you done in RC that you would like to try?

Helicopters. I had an unsuccessful first and very expensive attempt. Repaired it and gave it to my adult son as a gift.

What else have you done in RC other than airplanes?

Power boats and sailboats.

What do you like best about flying at AMOS?

A perfect flying site and the best are our Members.

What other hobbies or talents do you have? (Non-RC)

I am currently restoring a 33 year old Experimental Light Sport Aircraft called a Quad City Challenger 2. My grandson and I bought it in September 2023. Towed it in 2 pieces from Marina, CA to Lodi Municipal Airport.

Then the fun began putting it all back together. Question? Where does this bolt go?. Well after 5 months the aircraft flew for the first time in 9 years. Wonderful to see.

I'm also a sailor, having sailed Hawaii twice and cruised for over 7 years in the Eastern Pacific. Started from Sacramento to Panama and ended back at Mazatlán, Mexico.

Ill health stopped that unfortunately.

What is your favorite plane that you either currently own or have owned?

As a Brit, I have to say my Flightline Spitfire. But I love my Corsair.

What plane would you have if money was no object?

David Long's Jet.

What keeps bringing you back to RC day after day?

It's not so much the RC hobby, it's the people that gravitate towards it. We all have a love for aircraft no matter what type, style etc. For me personally I now have to balance the 2 hobbies, Radio Control and Full Size Aircraft

Who do you nominate for next month's member profile?

I think one of the Mavrix, Deniz Sumer.

AMOS Event Dates 2024

~~Freeze Fly/Pot Luck~~	~~Janary 1st 2024 @AMOS~~
~~MAVRIX Kick-Off~~	~~February 3rd, 2024 @AMOS~~
Member Appreciation Fun Fly	March 23rd, 2024 @ AMOS
Everything Electric	April 13th & 14th, 2024 @ AMOS
Warbirds Over Roseville	May 11th, 2024 @ AMOS
3D Throwdown	June 14th & 15th, 2024 @ AMOS
Pattern Contest	June 22nd, 2024 @ AMOS
Thunder in the Valley Jet Rally*	Sept 19th - 21st, 2024 @ AMOS
Central Valley Heli-Fest*	Sept 26th - 28th @ AMOS
Profile PowerUP	Oct 5th, 2024 @ AMOS

*major event

How can YOU help the club?

Join The Volunteer List

Participate in preparing and helping with our events, email Dave Long @ davelong9050@comcast.net if interested.

Be A Leader

Volunteer to “Manage” an event. We have a simplified system of successfully managing an event. Just follow the check list, training, guidance and help will be provided!

Become A Trainer

Our partnership with the Aerospace Museum Of CA, and the formation of the MAVRIX, has resulted in more kids than ever joining the club and wanting to learn to fly RC! We need the staff to “Buddy Box” with them and start them on a lifetime adventure of this great hobby. Being a trainer is a very rewarding! The club provides the planes for training and we will help train you to become a trainer, sign up today!

Donate!

We are slowly building our war chest for the day when we move. Although this is going to be for many years in the future, it’s now time to plan.

MEMBER APPRECIATION FUN FLY 2024

Associated Modelers of Sacramento Radio Control Flight Club

ASSOCIATED MODELERS AMOS OF SACRAMENTO, INC.

We now have a 600' long runway with 100' groomed runouts.

Enjoy our killer sound system for some nice background tunes.

RVs welcome with easy access with lots of space (no hookups).

We have well over 5000sq ft of open pit area.

Enjoy a free lunch for all AMOS & MAVRIX members.

We will provide free Coffee on Saturday morning!

The entire pit is lit up at night with market lights so it's a great place to chill and watch the night flyers.
BRING A NIGHT FLIER AND LET'S LIGHT IT UP!

We offer ice cold bottled water for the pilots in the pits 24/7.

Saturday MARCH 23

MAVRIX AMOS YOUTH DIVISION

RV Overnight Parking is FREE

Spectators ~ FREE

Parking ~ FREE

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SO MANY REASONS WE APPRECIATE YOU!

QUESTIONS?
Contact
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Register Online at www.AMOSRC.com
after Feb 15, 2024

AMOS Flying Field is located at 4015 E Catlett Rd Lincoln, CA at the corner of E. Catlett Rd & Fiddyment Road, two miles West of Thunder Valley Casino

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