

# PLANE TALK NEWS



11.2012

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the auction and the fun fly this month. Both events were very successful. We have a great group of guys and gals that keep our club running as smooth as it does. I personally would like to thank everyone that helps with events and keeps the club going.

We are blessed with having the coolest hobby and some of the best RC fields. This year the club has had great success with our club training program. However, we need to do more to bring in and retain our new members to

our club. We want to make sure to keep the club active and booming. How do we do this? Well this was the major discussion at our last meeting and many ideas were brought up. One of the ideas was from

Dave Beecher who is one of our newer members that has stepped up and helped with many of the events. Dave made a great point. We do have a great training program and it has been very successful, but what happens to our students once they move on from the training program? This is something we can all help out

with. If you see a new member out at the field please be sure to introduce yourself and offer to give them a hand. We want all of our members to feel welcome. On page three you will find more information. We are open to all ideas from everyone so please stop in to the meeting to share yours.

See you next Wednesday at the club meeting. Remember, at the December meeting we will be voting for the 2013 officials.

Meeting Minutes, 10-02-2012

Bd of Dir: 7:00 PM

The club did pay Bill Hildreth for his crashed plane from the TAG training night, as a thank you for his helping out. A suggestion was made to ask SIG for a trainer, but as we do not really need one right now, we will not do that at this time. A question was raised as to whether or not the club should go all electric for TAG, and following discussion, it was felt that we could certainly add more electric planes to the mix, that it could be done by attrition as replacement planes may become necessary.

Duane complimented the club on it's "gasser" fun fly, as it was well attended with a number of members from other clubs.

General meeting, 7:00 PM. 23 members present.

The Warbird fun fly is set for Oct 27th at EPJ.

The auction and swap meet is set for Oct 20th. The doors will be open at 7:30 AM for set up so volunteers are asked to be there by then. The Swap Meet starts at 8:30 AM and the auction at 10:30 AM. A member suggested a greater attention needs to be made towards Public Relations, suggested the City View newspaper as well as the Des Moines Register. Another party suggested a write up and submission to the AMA magazine regarding our successful TAG program. Other suggestions included Malls, Schools, Boy

Scouts, and the Ankeny Airport. Right now, Duane is preparing to assist some students at the Hoover High School with a program their regarding UAV's and RC. A newer member suggested the club consider having "mentors" as well as "trainers". Duane restated that he could use input help with the newsletter and asked if anybody had a column or a story they could write, or even to forward notice of a story already existing, that it would help him a lot. Any suggested content would be appreciated.

The November meeting will be on WEDNESDAY NOV 7th, instead of Tuesday Nov 6th, due to it being our national voting day. The subject of a club banquet was again raised and consensus identified that a better time frame might be spring rather than winter, to take advantage of rising interest in getting close to flying weather.

Show and tell was a Parkzone Spitfire EP RTF.

## Upcoming Events:

Sept. 29th  
Gas Fun Fly EPJ Field

Oct. 2nd 7:30PM  
Meeting Remax Building

Oct, 20th  
Swap/Auction Ankeny

Oct, 27th  
Warbird Fun Fly EPJ Field





*Thanks to Michael Callahan for all the pics.*

## DSM Modelaires New Pilot Help

The club pilot instructors do a great job training new students the basics of flying, spending many hours of volunteer time. However once the students has the basics down, the cord between the transmitter and buddy box gets pulled, and the student is pushed from the nest and the instructor picks up a new student pilot. New pilots that have recently soloed still need to gain experience and confidence, and get to know other club members who can assist. Experienced pilots who may not have the time or desire to be instructors often help out new pilots with questions at the field. However the new pilot may not know popular times to fly and may end up at the field attempting to fly alone. I had suggested a list of volunteer pilots that new pilots could call to arrange a flying time so they would not be flying alone. The new pilot could ask questions, get help trimming an aircraft, and have a experienced pilot assisting with flight line safety. The expectation is the new pilot would get to know other members and when popular flying times are, and not be using the list for multiple seasons. If you are interested in having your name on this list on the club web site, send an email to [dwwierling@gmail.com](mailto:dwwierling@gmail.com).





Bringing Modelers Together

## Academy of Model Aeronautics

AMA Advanced  
Flight Systems  
Committee

### AMA Guidelines for Radio Controlled Model Aircraft Operations Utilizing First Person View, Failsafe, Stabilization and Autopilot Systems



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"AMA Advanced Flight Systems Committee"

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October 21, 2012

RE: AMA Flight Systems Policies

AMA Documents #550 and #560

Greetings,

In June of 2012 the AMA Advanced Flight Systems Committee (AFSC) was created for the purpose of developing operational policies and guidelines for advanced flight systems used in radio controlled model aircraft.

The committee's first project was to evaluate and revise AMA's current policies for "R/C Model Aircraft Operations Utilizing First Person View Systems" (AMA Document #550) and "R/C Model Aircraft Operations Utilizing Failsafe, Stabilization & Autopilot Systems" (AMA Document #560).

The committee in a collaborative effort with leading members of the hobby industry and FPV community revised these documents and presented this report to the Executive Council during the October 20, 2012 council meeting. Revisions were made and the report and documents were adopted by the council.

We ask that you send any comments or questions you may have to the AMA committee at [amaflightsystems@gmail.com](mailto:amaflightsystems@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Bob Brown  
AMA President

*The full report can be found on the Des Moines Modelair's site as well as the AMA site.*

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 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ AMA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU GO SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR PART OF THE YEAR, GIVE OTHER ADDRESS ON THE BACK AND MONTHS YOU WISH THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO THAT ADDRESS.

DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS? PLEASE PROVIDE TO GET YOUR NEWSLETTER AND CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
 IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL, WE WILL SEND YOUR NEWSLETTER LAND MAIL

YOUR AGE \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR BIRTH DATE, PLEASE MO. \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

TWO TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE :

1. **FLYING MEMBERS:** NEED AN AMA MEMBERSHIP AND MODELAIRE MEMBERSHIP. CAN FLY AT OUR FIELDS, VOTE AND BE AN OFFICER, TAKE PART IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES, RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER.

2. **SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP:** (NON-FLYING, CAN VOTE, CANNOT BE AN OFFICER) NO AMA REQUIRED, NEED ONLY MODELAIRE MEMBERSHIP. MAY TAKE PART IN ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES, RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER.

DUES: ADULT (19 AND OVER) **\$75**, SPOUSE \$20. YOUTH (18 AND YOUNGER) \$5. BEGINNING AUGUST 1, DUES ARE \$40 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. DUES COVER JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012.

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