

Nampa Model Aviators News Letter

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From the President

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Hello Friends,

I want to make sure everyone is up to speed on club business and follow up on our Annual March meeting for NMA. Remember our next meeting is May 8th at NNU's Wiley Learning Center. 7:00 PM.

First, I think everyone is up to date on the mowing situation, but we have changed mowing companies and working to make sure the "New Guys" are going to work out. Currently we are on the Spring mowing schedule and will keep you updated when that changes to the Summer schedule.

Incident Reports are now at the flying field in the boxes mounted on the sun shade poles. Randy took the time to find some nice boxes that will suit our needs. When a report is required and filled out, it can now be deposited in the brass mail slot next to the roll up door on the field shed. Thank you Bruce Samson for taking the time and providing the materials to make an outstanding collection box for these reports!!! Remember that failure to fill out a report when required will affect a member's standing in the club. If there is any clarification needed on when the Board expects a report, please refer to the club ByLaws listed on our club website.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 8^h 2008 7:00 pm. Wiley Learning Center
- ◆ May 17th & 18th Annual Fly-In.
- ◆ Idaho Scale Squadron Scale Meet Sponsored by NMA June 13, 14, 15
- ◆ Nampa Model Aviators 4th or July Picnic.
- ◆ August 23 & 24 IMAC Scale Aerobatics Contest

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The weeds have been sprayed in the parking lot and it looks like they are meeting their demise. Thank you Randy and Ed and Bruce and Mike for your help getting these taken care of. There is still some work to be done on the runway and around the perimeter of the field/ parking lot. If you are going to the field, don't hesitate to throw your sprayer and weed killer in the car with you and do some spraying. Nobody will be critical of you taking care of the property. Remember it's your club to keep up. We don't pay the maintenance folks to maintain the weeds except in the grass. I am filing a permit with the Nampa Fire Dept to burn the weeds along the North and West end of the property. We should be able to get that done on the next couple of weeks.

Two upcoming events I wanted to bring to everyone's attention are;

Birch Elementary School Demo

A very good opportunity has been presented to us to demo our airplanes and helis on May 23rd from about 10:30 to 1:00 p.m. for the Elementary School below our flying field. We need some of our members to participate and fly at the school field. This is going to take some coordination to maximize the reaching effect this could have for our club. I think it would be GREAT to WOW these kids and have some flyers to pass out to them to take home. We could include information about the club, maybe some history of the club (the fact that we were around long before their houses) and a listing of the events we have for this year. All of these kids are from the neighborhoods around our club. This means that we can use this avenue to promote the club to our neighbors and potentially work a positive relationship with them. Maybe even stir some interest in our great hobby! Please contact me as soon as possible if you can help out.

Thunder Over Nampa

We have been invited to participate in the Thunder over Nampa Full Scale air show this summer. It will be the same weekend as the scale contest at the NMA club. It is good for the club, because it usually generates some traffic of spectators to the club during the weekend. However, because the two events are happening simultaneously, we must be very careful to make sure there are no frequency interferences and assure we have good representation at both events. We want everyone who can and who is willing to participate to be involved at either function. For the full scale show, that may be flying demos or visiting, handing out flyers and sharing your passion for the hobby with those seeking more information about it. We are still negotiating some flying time at the full scale show. But if you are interested in flying or displaying a model at the show, please let one of the Board members know so we can plan for that.

It has been great to see members getting out and enjoying the field! We have a great bunch of guys and ultimately we all share a common interest in aviation, despite preferences of types of planes or style of flying. We are seeing membership renewals from people who haven't paid in a couple of years, who are seeking to enjoy the hobby, and I think we all agree that there is not a better place in the valley to do so than our great club! Our expenses are going up each year and it is important that we retain members and gain new memberships so can continue to afford the keep the club the way we like.

Sharp Tongues

Recently I hear a disturbing rumor, that one of our NMA members was heard saying that we don't want to deal with beginners at our club. Gentlemen that is just not the case! We should do everything we can to cultivate beginners and foster their growth within our club. I think it is safe to say that we were all beginners at some point. Yes, there are all different stories of what spurred our interest in the hobby and what our goals are, but never do we want to push people away from the hobby by having an attitude like that. What is said about our club is what is perceived. Before I joined the club and admittedly before finding out for myself, the word on the street was that Nampa Model Aviators was not a good place to belong...for reasons X,Y,Z. Well I was surprised to find out that wasn't the case. As a member of NMA who cares about the club, I will not tolerate that type of attitude toward others, and as your President I cannot endorse that mentality toward modelers who may need help or a little guidance. I want to be the club that

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the local hobby stores recommend first because of our superior facility, willingness to help and great attitude toward each other. Please do your parts individually to make a good image for NMA. And those speaking such things please refrain from saying ignorant comments like that in public.

What can we do for our community?

One of the items talked about at the meeting is an idea that Bruce Rolfe and I have been working on and wanted to present to the club. Many of you have probably heard or seen the Meth Ads on TV and Radio. These ads are highly effective and very dramatic. We were collaborating on an idea to hold a fundraiser for this cause. I know a lot of people have problems with events at the field, but this is something that would benefit our community in a BIG way. There is a serious problem with meth use in the valley. Just watch the local news. The Idaho Meth Project is an organization setting out to bring awareness of this dangerous product that is so easy for anyone, including our kids and grandkids, to obtain. The IMP needs every bit of money they can get to continue this campaign against Meth use. We believe that we can put together a flying event to bring out sponsors, spectators and guests such as Greg Poe (a major supporter of the cause who lost his son to drug use). I believe we can show the public, including kids, that there are safe ways to have fun in a clean environment. Although to many our aircraft can seem annoying and bothersome, we could show by putting an effort out to keep our community safe that we are worth having around...despite our noise. Additionally for those who don't think that keeping our kids safe is enough, AMA has a rewards program for Clubs who put together something like this and obtain media exposure via radio, print and TV. If we are able to land all three, which I don't believe would be a problem, we could get as much as \$350.00 for our club. That is more than any of our events brought in over the last two years! That, on top of doing something good for our Valley. Please let us know if you think this is something worth pursuing. The sooner I can collect your opinions the better. We need to get this ball rolling if we are going to do it. We need the full backing of the club on this. I know we could make this event HUGE and would probably set a precedence for other clubs in the country. We could make it a full day of exposure and fun and learning all at the same time. Making it this big however would take participation from everyone.

What can we do for our community? Continued

Demos, parking directors, simulators assistance (I am confident that we could get Micron or HP to loan us some computers for the event), questions and answers, AMA Cub plane assembly area, buddy box flying assistance, food coordination/ service. That is just scratching the surface. The members of this club would need to come to this with an attitude of "Whatever it takes, I'm here to help". Maybe that means directing traffic/ parking or shuttling people from a parking area...etc. I have been to other events where people that aren't flying in the event manage the parking all day, all in the interest of the club event. And that was just a fun fly, not an undertaking like this. I hope all of you will be inspired by this cause and the idea presented. Please get in touch with me as soon as possible to let me know what you can do.

What are you thinking?

Lastly, I have a friend who is a psychologist who shared an article with me a while back which I thought appropriate to share at the last meeting. Since not everyone can make it to the meetings, I think it would be good to share it here as well. It is entitled "Automatic Thoughts", by Dr. Craig.

"You feel the way you think! Often, when you are in a stressful situation, the first thoughts in your mind are negative thoughts which automatically pop in your mind. These automatic thoughts run through your mind without any effort on your part to put them there not to check their validity. Because our thoughts create our moods, these automatic negative thoughts often lead to feeling "down". However, because these automatic thoughts have created our bad mood, by learning to restructure them in a positive way, we can change our mood to be positive.

The negative or automatic thoughts that flood your mind are the actual cause of your self-defeating emotions. These thoughts are what keep you stuck and make you feel not "good enough". Your emotions result entirely from how you look at things. Before you can experience any event, you must process it in your own mind and give it meaning. If your perception of an event is twisted and distorted in some way, your emotional response will also be twisted and distorted.

What are you thinking? - Continued

Your blue moods can be compared to the scratchy music coming from a radio that is not properly tuned to the station. The problem is not that the transistors of the radio are defective or that the signal from the radio station is distorted as a result of bad weather. You just simply have to adjust the dials. When you learn to bring about this mental tuning, the music will come through clearly again and your negative ness will lessen.

Your feelings are created by your thoughts and not the actual events. All experiences must be processed through your brain and given a conscious meaning before you experience any emotional response."

There is more to this article and if you would like to read it let me know and I will be glad to forward it to you. But my point in sharing this is that I think we can apply this to our club and to our personal lives. You may show up at the field to fly and there may be a group there already flying and you feel like you can't fly because you don't belong to that group. Your thoughts may be hollow because that group may or may not even care if you join them to fly. I have always said that the club is everyone's to enjoy the same. Everyone has the same right be there. We all pay the same dues.

A person may look at something going on in the club and feel subjective. Sometimes over-reactions to certain circumstances ensue. Depending on what is going on in our own lives and where our "head" is at can have everything to do with how we react to a situation, or circumstance, or even some else's ideas or positions. When we slow down our reaction, we can consider all of the angles and respond more appropriately.

Meeting Follow up

Following is some highlights of the meeting notes from the March meeting. Like always, we leave out the financials for emails. If you like would like them come to a meeting or let myself and Randy know.

Take care for now and I hope to see you all out flying!!!

Brandon Petersen
President - Nampa Model Aviators

Nampa Model Aviators **Meeting Agenda – 03-13-08**

- ◆ **Start Meeting at 7:33pm**
15 People at the start of the meeting 2 others 10 to 15 minutes into the meeting for a total of 17.
- **Minutes of last meeting** – Voted to hold 2008 events as presented. Discussed and voted to maintain annual dues discount. Discussed additional sun shade for club; members to get pricing and present to membership for consideration. Thoroughly reviewed revised By-Laws and voted to accept with minor changes. Discussed and voted on if a club member visiting should be required to pay dues for the year. Passed yes all must pay to fly. Discussed and voted on handling ISS event. ISS to decide if NMA's proposal to host and ISS manage event is acceptable. Discussed option of NMA Christmas party; Tabled. Discussed new bulletin board for site; tabled.
- **Review meeting from last meeting.**
Scheduled Events, Annual Dues and Discount that we voted to keep. Review the new By-Laws and voted last meeting to accept them they are on the website now.
- **Treasure's report** - Randy Matley
- **Randy gave a detailed account of the money in checking, savings and total this did not including the money that was raised at this meeting with people giving there yearly dues. Randy also handed out the new club cards for those that where at the meeting.**
- **Last Year it took \$7980.00 run the**
- **Ed Mason – Field map**
- **Ed Mason brought some C size print outs of the Field layout with Sprinklers locations and gave to Brandon. He also said that he would get the electronic version of the files to the club also.**

- **2008 Events** – Fly In, Scale meet, 4th of July BBQ, Nampa Escape IMAC, War-birds over Nampa. IMAC judging clinic follow up. Sanctioning events.
- Brandon reported on the IMAC Judging seminar. Went very good had around 16 people attend. Also talked about growing the War bird event, has been pretty small attendants. We need someone to step up to make this event succeed.
- **Field Maintenance** – Continue with Envirogreen?
- Proposed to continue using Envirogreen again this year. Club voted on continuing to use Envirogreen and unanimously agreed to hire them again.
- **IR reports drop off area**
- Talk about incident reports. Their importance in the club and how they are used. We are going to make a new drop off location in the shed a mail stop location. This will keep them more confidential.
- **ID meth project/ AMA recognition**
- Brandon Petersen and Bruce Rolfe asked the club about if we would be interested in an Idaho Meth Project. Their idea was to have an event at the club where we would get RC from the valley involved in a kind of RC Air show. The AMA recognizes these kinds of RC Clubs helping the community. The money raised from this event would go to the Idaho Meth Project for their TV Ads. It was mentioned that Greg Poe and some people that he works with would also like to help. Maybe we could even get Greg Poe to fly his full scale plane at the event with some kind of waiver.

AMA will give the NMA Club up to \$350.00 for participating in something like this if we can prove it with Radio, TV and Paper ads. This could be one way for the club to make some money and help in the community.

Lady that works with Greg Poe “Megan” said she would help with the plans. Ideas for money, Barking Donations, Flight trainer, maybe have some shuttles from the Idaho Center.

Brandon will send out some information to the club so we can vote on it at the next Club meeting. Anyone wanting to help Brain Storm some ideas please contact Brandon.

- **Safety** - Club safety. Incident Reports, flying from appropriate areas, general social courteousness,
- Brandon read a item about “Felling the way I think”

- **Present nominations for Corporation Officers, open nominations.** Pres, VP, Sec, Treas., Board1/ Board2, Safety, Wayne Stanford Service Award.
- Nominations for Offices:
President: Brandon Petersen
Vic President: Jack Read
Secretary: Bruce Samson
Treasurer: Randy Matley
Board Member 1: Ed Mason
Board Member 2: Scott Crandell
Safety Officer: ?
Wayne Stanford Award: Rex Sperry

Closed Nominations

- **General Discussion...** Open floor
- Ray Schellekens asked the club for the use of the club on May 31 Saturday from 9:00am to around 11:00am for judging practice. The field is not closed people can fly during it they would like. They have done this every year with out any problems. Club voted and agreed this would be okay.
- David Coulter reported that they had got the sanction number for the ISS Scale Contest.
- We talked about having a second toilet at the club to cover all of the events that we are going to have this year. It was discussed why they were needed and the cost saving to have them there May, June, and July. We voted on having two toilets and it passed.
- It was mentioned that the Nampa Air show at the Nampa airport is the same time as the ISS Scale Contest. Last time the Nampa Air Show was the same time we also had some NMA members at the air show with some static display and flying we had a lot of people come over to the Scale Contest at the NMA Field. We had flyers at the Nampa Air Show inviting them to come over.
- Jack Read would like more gravel in the parking lot. We talk about it for some time and finally decided to table it until next time.
- We talked about weeds along the fence and around the field in general. Talk about maybe burning them. Did not know if we needed to have a permit or not. Need to check on that if we were going to do that. Also talked about spraying the weeds in the parking lot and along the fence.
- Talked about Park Flyer AMA: They are \$29.00 and are only for planes 2.0 pounds or less that fly 60 MPH or less. The Park Flyer AMA does not have the same amount of coverage as our normal AMA coverage. The question was should the club except this Park Flyer AMA cards. When the club was started and our lease said that it would be an AMA club. This was full AMA members not Park Flyers. After a long discussion about this and the problems that we might have monitoring if a member had the correct AMA membership and the lease we decided to vote on if we should allow Park Flyer AMA cards. The Club voted and decided to not allow them. You must have Full AMA Membership to fly at the club.
- **Club meeting ended at 8:55pm**