

# Peoria R/C Modelers

AMA Chapter 313

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June 2004

## NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, July 6th, 2004 6:00 p.m.**

### **At the club field**

In the event that the weather does not cooperate, the meeting will be held at the Chillicothe McDonalds.

**\*\*\* THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING – DO NOT MISS IT! \*\*\***

## 2004 Event Dates

Please note the date for our club air show has been chosen to coincide with Chillicothe days. Mark your calendars.

## **Air Show: Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Volunteers are needed to help out at the show. There are various things that will need to be done. Please contact Wes Miller or Bob Wilson if you will be able to help. This is a great showcase for our club, and we expect to get a good crowd this year since the air show is being advertised with all the other Chillicothe Days events.

Don't forget that we're requiring everyone to get a matching Peoria RC Modelers shirt (available from Bob Wilson) for the Air Show.

## From The Editor

**The winds of change are blowing!** Don't let them knock you over! Member participation in the club is very low at the moment, and Wes has asked for ideas. It was mentioned that the constitution already provides the means to get members to participate. I have included a section of the constitution showing the **"requirements" of membership**. The club has not strictly enforced members to adhere to these rules, but this may be changing. If more of our members don't start stepping up and helping out, then we may be forced to make everyone comply with the rules as written. This will be a hot topic at the next meeting so please attend.

Our air show is a great example of this need for help. Wes and Bob need to hear from you. You don't have to fly, but there are still spots available. All abilities are welcome. We are highlighting our club, not expert rc flying. If you don't want to fly, we can still use your help with crowd control, manning the display table, etc.

Another topic up for debate will be a **dues increase**. We have recently incurred expenses to improve the field (spraying for dandelions and having a dedicated person to mow), and given our current financial situation, the club is not making enough money to sustain itself.

Thirdly, we need a new Vice President. It is difficult for Mike Lusher to perform the Vice Presidential duties since he lives in Delavan. Also, the position of Sergeant-At-Arms is open. This may become a very important job if we have to start enforcing the rules.

The constitution is available on the Peoria RC Modelers web sight, or a printed copy can be obtained from club officers.

## **To be in good standing, a member must:**

1. Attend at least one out of every four consecutive meetings;
2. Apply for and receive renewals of his AMA membership within 90 days of its expiration date;
3. Be not in arrears in payment of dues;
4. Pay special assessments as voted by the club membership;
5. Participate in at least one of the activities listed below during the current year:
  - a. Fly in a Peoria R/C modelers sponsored contest or fly day.
  - b. Judge or assist in the operation of a Peoria R/C Modelers sponsored contest or fly day
  - c. Contribute an article that is published in the club newsletter as determined by the

newsletter editor.

d. Hold an elected office in the Peoria R/C Modelers;

e. Represent the club and R/C modeling as a speaker for another club or organization (R/C or non-R/C related.)

f. Participate in mowing of the club field or other field maintenance operations approved by the club;

g. Participate in a "show-and-tell" portion of a club meeting

h. Participate in club activities not mentioned above but approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing at a club meeting.

### **Training Schedule – Dave Olson**

The way I've planned my summer, I'll only be available for flight instruction about twice a week, so I want to make my schedule known for prospective students. New members who are in need of flight instruction will find me willing to provide it, and I have certain recommendations. Those recommendations are the subject of this article. I am not the only flight instructor, so let me be clear that these recommendations are mine alone. Other instructors will provide their own.

I think instruction is best when taken regularly. For that purpose, I plan to offer a schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays, 20 minute sessions, starting at 4:40, last session at 7:40. That makes me available for over 6 hours of scheduled instruction per week. If a student needs a different schedule, I'll try to accommodate, but I want the student to commit to a schedule. I recommend the student schedule sessions at least twice weekly, with no more than 3 scheduled sessions per evening.

I think feedback is important, in the learning process. I plan to provide it after each training session. I have written a chart of flight skills, which I think are important. The chart also leaves spaces for notes, for each instruction session. My plan is to make a note for each skill practiced by the student, after each session. The note will be a letter G or N, to indicate "Good" or "Work is needed". The student will keep the chart, and can see at a glance which skills need practice, or how the

skills have changed over time. I'll be carrying copies with me, if another instructor would like to see what this chart looks like.

This is a work in progress, so I may be rewriting my feedback list of skills. Also, the schedule must not conflict with mowing, so it is possible the scheduled days may change. One benefit: The person doing the mowing will always know when students are scheduled.

I'm hoping this works out well, and I'm hoping this encourages students to commit to a schedule and train on a regular basis. I can be reached at 688 6204 for scheduling.

Dave Olson

### **June Meeting Minutes**

Club President, Wes Miller, called the June meeting to order. The meeting was held at the field in spite of inclement weather.

May minutes were read and there was a motion and a second to accept.

Treasurer reported \$439.82 in checking and \$3,638.51 in the savings account.

Becky Mohr is doing a fantastic job as club mower. It was voted on and passed to pay her \$10 per mowing. A bill for \$170.00 from Spring-Green was presented for spraying the field for weeds. The club will continue to use Spring-Green for weed control. A raise in dues next year is a very good possibility if the club has to continue paying non-club members for providing services that used to be done by club members.

It was also motioned and seconded to shorten the turn-around portion of the drive at the south end of the field. This will also mean a smaller area to mow.

Terry Beachler got the mower shed repaired as promised and Wes repaired the mower. So we are in good shape for the moment.

Nothing has been done as yet regarding closing in the west end of the shelter. This was sorely needed at the last club meeting. I think Ross

Palmer is supposed to head up this committee. What about it, Ross?

Janice Scott thanked the club members for doing exceptionally good work toward adopting and complying with safety and AMA guidelines. She thinks the field is a much safer place to fly as a result. However, she was very concerned with the grass mowing issue. She feels the entire field should be mowed and maintained in an appropriate manner; mowing a small strip of grass for take-off and landing is out of the question. This would not be fair to ALL members of the club.

Wes Miller noted that we still need a vice president. If anyone out there is interested, please call Wes.

Kerry DelVecchio, our newsletter editor extraordinaire, would appreciate more input from the club for information to put in the newsletter. He is having a difficult time filling space. So if any of you pilots have a story to relate, a funny anecdote, etc. please let Kerry know. He will be forever in your debt.

#### July 31<sup>st</sup> Air Show Update:

Wes and Bob are having difficulty coordinating this event due to poor club participation. Wes stated that if Chillicothe had not already been advertising the club that we would just cancel our portion. However, he feels that it would not be fair to the city to withdraw at this late date; so we will participate but on a scaled down version.

Food will not be served -- only sodas and bottled water will be sold. Janice Scott and Sue Wilson will coordinate this.

Gates will open at noon and the air show will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Wally volunteered to call each member in the club to see what he/she would be interested in doing to help out. Bob Wilson will send him a roster of all members so he will have the pertinent information to accomplish this. Wally will report back at the July meeting.

Art, Rod and Wally will handle crowd control and parking.

Roger Downing is in charge of a static display.

Roger Stegall will emcee. Wes will provide a PA system.

A buddy cord demo was suggested but voted against due to safety issues.

Wes will provide free Subways for the pilots.

**ATTENTION:** Remember, all club members are required to wear special neon yellow T-shirts for that day. They cost \$16 and will have the club logo embroidered in black on the left side and your name on the right. Just contact me at (309) 243-7225 or **preferably** e-mail me at: [Ladyastor300@wmconnect.com](mailto:Ladyastor300@wmconnect.com). I need to know the size to order. If you can contact me *before* June 16<sup>th</sup> I will try to have your shirt ready for the July meeting. You can pay at time of delivery.

Sue Wilson  
Peoria R/C Modelers  
Secretary/Treasurer

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The Peoria R/C Modelers is an Academy of Model Aeronautics sanctioned radio control model flyers club. Our flying area is located west of Chillicothe on Truitt Road, approximately 1 mile west of Route 29. We fly almost every evening throughout the summer weather permitting. In addition, we conduct several annual events. Visitors are welcome any time we are flying. Academy of Model Aeronautics membership is required to fly at the club site. To become a club member, please contact any of our officers. To become an AMA member, visit the AMA web site [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org) or you may

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## Meetings First Tuesday Monthly

May-September 6:00 p.m. at Flying Site/Club grounds (If rain McDonald's Chillicothe)

October-April 7:00 p.m. Hobbytown @ Shoppes at Grand Prairie

Field Location: W 89 30.608 N40 55.128 Elevation 531

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