

# The President's Corner

January 21, 2003

We have had a nice quiet winter season so far (concerning our flying club, anyway). Now it is time to start thinking about our plans for this flying season. Our first meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 28. I would like to encourage every member to attend this meeting because we have several important things to discuss and then vote on. As a club, we need the interest and attendance of our members to fully function and enjoy the times we have together.

Please bring your 2003 AMA cards and \$50.00 dues for the year. If you haven't paid your \$100.00 or \$150.00 for the new field, it would be of great help if you would bring that, too, because we have a lot of gravel to purchase for the new field this spring, amounting to about \$3500.00.

It appears that the work at the new cell has been completed, so we will be able to fly safely again at the old field.

Our demonstration for this meeting will be by Carl Henson. He will show how to make a cowling plug and a fiberglass cowling. I know that will be of interest to us. We want to utilize the abilities of our members, so please let me know if there is something you would like to demonstrate for our meetings in the future.

Remember to bring your planes, etc. for Show and Tell time. We will also be having refreshments at our meetings.

I hope to see you all there.

Frank Blain  
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## RADIOS

- 1) Futaba T6XA (CH. 56). Purchased 1999. **\$100**
- 2) Futaba FP-T8UAF (CH. 19). Purchased 2000. **\$250**

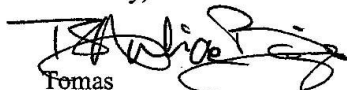
Mr. Henson,

Here's the list of items I would like to try and get to members of your club. They served me well and I hope others can get some use out of them now that I'm getting out of the hobby. I just don't have the room in our new house.

### Five-dollar items

Thanks much for your help with this.

Sincerely,



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- Hobbico flight box
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- custom, fold-down plane restraint (stooge) (up to ¼ scale planes)
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- New in package Sig large tailwheel assembly

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- Great Planes Slot Machine (corded, new in box)

## PLANES

- 1) **.60-sized Stinger:** Saito FA-91S, Futaba RX, Hitec BB servos (Fut. J). Excellent, solid flyer with well running engine. Never crashed. Built in 2000. **\$100.**
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- 3) **Troy-Built 1/3 scale DR-107:** Brand new Moki 1.80 (never run, have break-in instructions). Smoke pump and tank. Upgraded Troy-Built fiberglass cowl and wheel pants (need paint). Hitec RX and servos (Fut. J). Very minor hangar rash on lower rudder from cross-country move. Extremely lightweight plane for its 72" span. This plane should have virtually unlimited vertical performance when complete. Please finish this plane and make it do what it should! **\$375.**

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ENGINE: New in box Saito FA-91S. **\$75**

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- Tower mini tach
- Robart Super Fueler (never used)
- 22" Great Planes bar sander
- Great Planes Accu-Throw deflection meter
- Tatone aluminum engine mount for Saito FA-91S (never used)
- Tower TS65 high-torque servo (never used)
- Great Planes switch and charge jack (new in box)

# The President's Corner

February 19, 2003

Several days during This past month air weather has been so perfect for flying That I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy it. Steve Harris and I were able to take advantage of a great day to fly my new Great Planes Extra 300 on its maiden voyage. I have to admit that it really flew beautifully. I would never have thought that I would buy an ARF, since I have always liked to build Them myself, but The quality and price are so good That it is hard to justify building one from a kit. The Mold 180 is a perfect match for the 78- plane. At 15 1/2 lbs. it really mows. It is very aerobatic, with no tendency to tip stall. I put my MVVS 77 in my old ICAOS and flew it, also. It is so fast That about 2/3 throttle is all I needed. The engine just quit, finally, and I couldn't get it back to the runway, so I had a slight crash, but it was an easy fix and it is like new and raring to fly again.

Stew Harris an4 Spencer have been flying their giant-scale Edge. It sure is a pleasure to~ watch Them put it through its paces.

Our meeting last month was promising, since There were a good number of you that came. I hope your interest continues this year. as we will be trying to have a variety of presentations and good times available for you. I want to thank Carl Hansen for his demonstration on on fiberglass plugs and cowls. I hope you found it informative, as I did.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 at the EWEB building. Remember, if you haven't renewed your 2003 dues, this is the time for it. Our demonstration will be by Roger Dahl, who will show us how to do masking and air brushing. See you there!

Frank Blain  
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# Eugene R/C Aeronauts

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### Things for sale

Sierra 40 size trainer, Fox 40. motor. Futaba Conquest CH 29 \$175.00

Playmate. Enya 15 motor. Futaba 4 ch. CH42. \$75.00

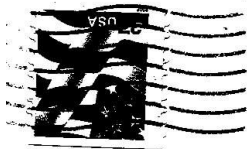
4-40 OS 40 blue motor. Futaba Sky sport 6 chanel. Ch.60. \$200.00  
Russell Henson. 688-0642

Well fellow Aeronauts. AMA member ship renewal is up March 31. I think the bylaw's say you have to renew club membership On the same date. After that you have to rejoin the club as a new member. So send your renewal to me at 2853 maesner st. Eugene, Or. 97404 with a copy of your 2003 AMA card. Please include your phone # for the membership list. See you at the meeting Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Carl Henson

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# The President's Corner

March 21, 2003

Here we are, nearly in April, enjoying the Spring rains, but knowing that our beautiful sunny days will be becoming more frequent as well - And those are the days we fly!

I haven't been flying much at all during This month because I have spent much of my free time, deep within the walls of my shop, building a new Dyna-Flight giant scale Chipmunk. All of the hard work is done, which includes the gluing (I am seemingly very allergic to this glue, with my asthma), so after a lot of sanding and several hours of covering, it will be ready to go.

I lost my last Chipmunk because I forgot to put up my antenna and had a "fatal" crash. I sure hope I don't do that again! I think I definitely need to use a check-off list before I take off.

I have talked to a greens keeper about what kind of fertilizer we should use on the new field. He advised waiting until the first part, of April and using some 16-16-16. When the ground out there dries up enough to walk on, we will give it a shot.

This month's meeting will be held at The EWEB building at the new time of 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 25. This new time should be better for most of us. The demonstration will be given by Clayton Foster on how to program your computer radio. I am looking forward to learning a lot about that subject. At least bring your new planes for Show and Tell. Also, a reminder about your dues and addresses and phone numbers for our roster.

See you there!

Frank Blain  
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## *The President's Corner*

April 18, 2003

We are certainly in the middle of a very normal Spring! I must admit that I have not been out to the field This month because of the weather. Maybe the month of May will bring a few more rays of sun on flying days.

I checked on the new field and, at long last, I saw the grass starting to grow and getting green! A little fertilizer and some wormer days really seems to help. It should be ready to mow in a few weeks, when it dries up a bit.

I finally finished my DynoFlight Chipmunk, and am looking forward to a dry day to fly it.

Please remember that if you haven't yet renewed your membership, your name will be dropped from the membership roster unless you quickly renew. I have enclosed the new membership list for your information.

At this next meeting, Tuesday, April 22, Mark Stafford will be giving a talk on flight simulators. You should find that very informative.

Be sure to bring any new stuff for Show and Tell. Our meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. See you there!

Frank Blain  
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## RUTH LAW, UNCLE ROBBY, and the BASEBALL

Wilbert Robinson was a Major League catcher for 19 years, all but two of them in the 19th Century, and in 1914 was the manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, a post he would hold until 1931. The players called him "Uncle Robby" and genuinely liked the old New Englander even though he was not slow to proclaim his view that "they didn't make 'em anymore" the way they did when he played - not balls, bats, gloves, fields, and certainly not players.

Then, as now, Baseball had Spring Training in Florida and on one off-day, while the team was enjoying some time at the beach, Ruth Law flew over in her Curtiss Pusher, dropping golf balls as part of a promotion by Dunlop, the manufacturer. Most of the players were impressed by how far the balls dug themselves into the sand. Not so Wilbert Robinson; he was not impressed at all. The Dodgers saw an opportunity for a little mischief and it took hardly any teasing to goad Uncle Robby into declaring that he would certainly be able to catch a baseball dropped from an airplane.

It was all arranged and one morning the veteran catcher stood out on the sand, scanning the sky and punching his fist into the pocket of his old mitt. At the appointed time, the Curtiss came into view and presently a dark object fell from it and hurtled toward the figure on the beach. Now, Robinson had been a major leaguer for 19 years and he showed that his skills had not eroded by positioning himself directly in line with the falling missile, but something went terribly wrong. Instead of settling into the deep pocket of the mitt, the sphere skittered off into his chest, knocking the wind out of him and laying him flat on the ground. With his eyes tight shut, the fallen man reached a hand up to his chest and encountered a sticky, pulpy, mass. "Oh, my God", he groaned, "It's busted my chest open. It's kilt me." He paused to draw a breath and became aware that the sounds he heard around him were not cries of horror or even murmurs of concern, but chuckles, giggles, and, yes, laughter. Opening his eyes he beheld the mangled remains of the large grapefruit the players had induced the aviatrix to drop instead of a baseball. Scrambling to his feet and brushing the mess off his shirt, Uncle Robby growled, "Wiseguys. Okay, wiseguys", and stalked off the beach. One wonders what the team workouts were like for the next day or two, but Wilbert Robinson was far too good-natured to hold a grudge and the Dodgers had to admit that, if it had been a baseball, he'd have had it right in the pocket of that old mitt.

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## The President's Corner

May 21.2002

It is the end of May already, and we have been finally enjoying a few days of sunshine. More rain to come, but summer is coming!

Last week, Steve and Spencer Harris and I were able to give the new field its first mowing. The grass is thickening up and Spencer was able to take off and land for the first time out then. The runway looks beautiful. When the grass gets a little thicker yet, it will be very smooth. If you intend to try out The new field, please do not drive on the grass at all if it has been raining. It is dry now, but could become quite soft again in the rain. As soon as we get the driveway matting, we will get some gravel to eliminate the problem.

Tuesday, Dan Brant, Doug McWha and Chuck Jenkins joined me at the field for a work party. We installed 2 windows and a man door in the truck van. Today, I framed a wall between the mower storage area and the impound area and trimmed out the front door. Now it is done.

Apparently, some of our members have been having words with the lady who tends the entry gate at the old field. She is quite upset and has discussed the situation with her superior. She says that if this continues, we are out of there. She will not let anyone in without your pink pass. So, please be certain That you have it with you. Also9 please keep your cool with her to maintain peaceful relationships.

Our demonstration at the next meeting: Tuesday. May 27, will be by Mark Stafford. He will be attempting to show some simulators and hopes to give the pros and cons of different systems. Good luck, Mark!

Frank Blain  
345-7449

## The President's Corner

September 16, 2003

Seems like fall is here. The weather is cooler and the colors have a definite golden cast to them. The rainy days will soon be upon us. We were able to purchase 100+ yds. of gravel for the driveway and parking lot. It is only about 4ft thick, but it should get us through the winter if we are careful. I would ask that you drive only on the graveled driveway and – in the area facing the creek, since the matting is beneath those places and should hold up during the wet season.

At the meeting in August Jim Smith brought a motion for an assessment to cover the field improvements. It was voted upon and passed by the members present. It will have to be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote because it will require a change in our By-laws. This is the amendment:

1. All club members over age of 18 will be assessed \$100.00 to be placed in a field-improvement fund. Families with more than one member will be assessed only \$100.00, Prior contributions of \$100 or more to this fund will constitute fulfillment of this obligation.
2. The assessment for current members must be paid in full by June 30, 2004 or the member will be dropped from the club.
3. New members will be assessed \$100 for this fund, to be paid within six months.
4. All funds collected shall be kept in bank account with general club funds, but in a separate category.
5. These funds are to be used only for field improvements to be determined by a majority vote of the Field Committee, made up of the club officers and two club members elected by a majority of members present at the October 2003 meeting.
6. A vote for this assessment is also a vote authorizing the Field Committee to use any of these funds for the designated purposes without any further vote by the membership at large,
7. The club treasurer will make monthly reports to the members at each meeting of the status of this account,

Plans for the spring will consist of fertilizing and some over-seeding of the View runway. I hope the winter rains and spring sunshine will help establish the grass and, maybe, we will have a few less cracks next year.

I will be selecting a nominating committee who will choose a slate of officers for 2004~ to be voted on at the November meeting. If you are asked to be a nominee, please consider that it is an honor to serve the club in this capacity. If you haven't served before, this will be your opportunity to take part in making our club even better.

Our summer activities were a huge success. Everyone seems to be enjoying the new field. A special thanks goes to Gus Phillips, Mark Stafford, Steve Harris and Chuck Senkins for all the help at the field dedication and Fun Fly. The weather and food were great and the flying was (okay). (Maybe more practice would help before the contests!) We have had well over 100 flyers and visitors. I think everyone had a great time.

The next meeting will be 7:00 PM, Tuesday, Sept. 23 at the EWEB building. See you there!

Frank Blain  
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## KNOWING FIRST AID: HOW IT COULD KEEP YOU SAFE AT THE FLYING FIELD

By JIM MYNES

Recently, I was asked to make a list of what items should be included in a first-aid kit to take to the flying site. With four years of experience as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), my first reaction was to have a manned and fully stocked ambulance at the field. Almost immediately I realized I would have to trim a little here and there to make it more portable.

In considering what should be included, I found there were many items I would consider essential but would be relatively useless to someone who had no first aid training. I tried to narrow the list to things the average person would need to manage a minor to moderate injury.

There are some essential items that didn't make the list. This is because they pertain to individual health needs. It is up to each person to ensure that others know about special health concerns, and those individuals should bring the appropriate items to the field in case an emergency occurs. For instance, if you are allergic to bee stings, get an Epi-pen and bring it with you to the field. Make sure you tell someone about your condition and show him or her how to use the Epi-pen in case you are unable to. Don't leave it in your car, as it will do no good there when it's needed and no one knows where to look for it. The same applies to diabetics or people with heart problems. As an EMT, if I see you lying on the ground, it would be very helpful if I knew about any underlying medical conditions you may have.

Here are some suggestions for everyone:

- Learn Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Take a basic first-aid class
- Learn CPR
- Know the telephone number to the nearest ambulance service
- Learn CPR
- Know the location of the telephone nearest to the flying field
- Learn CPR
- Be able to give directions to the flying site

Did I mention that you should learn CPR? Yes, it will take up some of your building time, but it is one skill that could save a life. Your local chapters of the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association should be sponsoring CPR classes on a regular basis and can put you in a class.

When you consider what we do, the most common injuries we encounter are lacerations due to finger/propeller skirmishes. Usually these are not severe and can be managed with no problem. However, other hazards are present and to ignore them only invites disaster.

How many times have you seen glow fuel catch fire? Probably not many since the flame is nearly invisible. Because it is hard to see, this sort of fire is especially dangerous, and we should be that much more prepared to deal with it. In addition to a first-aid kit, there ought to be a fire extinguisher on the field at any modeling event where glow fuel is in use.

I keep reading about the hazard of propeller blades flying off, but I have yet to see anything like this happen. Just the same, I wear safety glasses to protect my eyesight in the event of an accident. They've never stopped a propeller blade, but they have stopped spraying fuel from getting me in the eye. Mine are also sunglasses so they serve a dual purpose. It's purely a matter of personal choice, but I think everyone should consider protective eyewear when operating a model engine.

With all that said, here are the items that made my list:

- Band-aids of various sizes
- Latex gloves
- Four packs sterile 4 x 4 dressings
- Four packs sterile 2 x 2 dressings
- Two 3-inch Kling or Kerlix bandages
- Two 2-inch Kling or Kerlix bandages
- One roll 1-inch bandage tape
- Antiseptic ointment
- Bandage shears
- Water (preferably sterile) for flushing fuel out of eyes or dirt out of wounds

This is a very basic first aid kit, and items should be added to suit your group's needs. My kit has much more, but hopefully, it never will be needed. I have found the best strategy is to bring the kit out so it is handy; that way no one will get hurt. The only time we've ever really needed it, I had to run to the truck to get it.

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