



# Igniter newsletter

## AMA CHARTER CLUB #4095

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The grass seed in taking hold, the fertilizer is keeping things green, the weather is a bit spotty, but still providing good flying days from time to time, our lawnmower is still cutting grass under the expert and patient guidance of Skip Messick who changes spark plugs several times during a mowing session. Skip has been mowing the grass once, twice or three times per week since May I think. THANK YOU SKIP. And thanks to those who helped serve the club at the picnic – lots of folks brought food to share, and of course, Matt and Terri were manning (or is it womanning?) the cooking area. Thanks to everybody who came, brought food and of course thanks to Matt and Terri for making the food available.

The hobby shop has run out of club brochures, which means that people continue to seek us out. We had a very close call with a trainer the other day, and this should remind us to check everything every time. I lost my spacewalker out in the soy beans (well actually it was first lost in the air, but the ground soon claimed it). I managed to bring back the shiny metal thing that used to be bolted to the front, and I even found a spare part with Bob Boyer's name on it out in the field.

We haven't forgotten about updating

the website and completing the winter cleaning on the site. The membership area uses a username of cockpit and a password of 1936 for those who do not know.

In looking to next year, we anticipate having several return events which help us pay for fuel, seed and fertilizer. I don't see the economy making us all feel rich anytime soon, so the club won't likely start organizing lots of big new events, but will likely focus another year on low key fun type weekends for members. Unless most of us don't renew our membership next year – the club finances seem to remain healthy, so although we need to discuss dues at the November meeting, I can't see any reason to increase them next year.

The club might fall into a nearly free container (like the green one that some have called Jack's toy box) If this materializes, we already know how these boxes work because I was the guinea pig this year. If we insulate the inside of the roof – temperatures inside get no warmer than 15 degrees warmer than the outside air temp. I have left airplanes in the box all summer and they seem fine, batteries are ok, covering etc – all OK. So the plan would be to insulate the box and allow members to 'rent'

space. Two or three interested members could rent the whole box and share the space- or we could try to modify the box with partitions and add some side doors. The rent could cover the expense in insulating and adding doors– and then in subsequent years, the club could split the rent money with the member who provided the box. Stay tuned- no telling if this is going to happen, but it could.

And lastly, thanks to the members for sticking with the club through thick and thin. I appreciate how little effort it takes me to keep things running. (of course, it is because others are doing all the work), but my point is that our club just chugs along doing what it does year after year without a lot of drama and political battles. That is why I personally can say yes to continuing to serve as a club officer. See you all at the field!



Battery Failure

# THE BUZZ

## LAST MEETING

A club meeting was called to order at 7pm at the Train Station on October 14, 2009.

A discussion about safety was commenced. A prospective new member had brought a new trainer to the field for help setting up and some flight training. After doing the routine check of range, servo direction and CG, we asked if the batteries were ok, but did not check the voltage. Evidently, the battery had been charged the night before, but was a 600 mah pack and there was considerable time spent getting things set up before taking off. A photo of the pile of pick up sticks appears in this newsletter – thankfully nobody was injured. There is a moral to the story, and we all know what it is. Let us not ever get complacent in following our best practices where safety is involved.

The mower engine was discussed- the parts are still backordered and possibly a November shipment date is possible. Matt was going to check out another source that he believed has put engines on sale to compare availability and price.

Officer nominations for 2010 were opened with an indication that nobody had contacted any of the existing

officers to discuss volunteering. Steve Nuwer nominated the existing slate of officers, the motion was seconded and approved by the members present. Current officers have all expressed a willingness to continue for another year if nobody else wants to give it a try. There being no further nominations, the President called for nominations to be closed. A technical vote at the November meeting will take place to confirm the uncontested slate of officers. Existing Directors will also continue for another year.

The second annual Jim Coll Control Line Stunt Contest was discussed and slated for August 14-15, 2010. Jack Rosemere will serve as CD, and was authorized to file with the AMA for sanctioning. There will be a landing fee for pilots participating and the 2 day event should be concluded by 3pm on Sunday, at which time the field can be opened to members for flying.

Next year's IMAC event has not yet been scheduled, but an interest has been expressed by Bill who organized it last year. It could likely be scheduled a bit later in the year than last year to help secure a better chance of good weather. Being the second year for the event, it is anticipated that pilot count should increase. Stay tuned for more on this one.

George Fox opened discussion

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Boyer	November 10
Arthur Cross	November 15
David Henry	November 21
Eric Johansen	November 9
Andrew Kellogg	November 22
Jerry Sciortino	November 23
Tim Stagg	November 14
Ken Warren	November 11
Eric Wheatley	November 18

on consideration of HeliFun 2010. Although he does not consider himself to be our Champion in putting the event on, he expressed a desire to open discussions with Brent to see if a satisfactory arrangement could be worked out. The club adopted a policy and procedure for hosting events several months ago. This existing policy calls for written details covering all aspects of a proposed event including budgets. After some discussion, the members agreed that it was the right thing to do in having this discussion with Brent to see what could be worked out.

The meeting was called to a close at 7:55 pm.

## FREQUENCIES

**These are the frequencies currently in use by Club members:**

*(Note: local rocket club uses 15 – 59 is reserved for Bob Humphries) REVISED March 2009*

10x1 ; 13x3 ; 15x2 ; 18x3 ;  
 19x3 ; 20x1 ; 21x1 ; 22x3 ;  
 23x1 ; 25x2 ; 26x1 ; 27x2 ;  
 28x2 ; 31x1 ; 32x3 ; 33x2 ;  
 34x1 ; 36x1 ; 38x1 ; 39x1 ;  
 40x3 ; 41x2 ; 42x1 ; 44x1 ;  
 45x1 ; 46x1 ; 48x1 ; 50x3 ;  
 53x1 ; 54x2 ; 55x1 ; 56x2 ;  
 57x3 ; 59reserved ;  
 spectrum x 9

## TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING

1. 2010 Officer Vote
2. 2010 Club Dues
3. Lawnmower repair update
4. 2010 Event update
5. December Christmas Meeting

## CLUB CALENDER

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

<b>November 18</b>	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm at the Train Station, Hurlock</b>
<b>December 9</b>	<b>Club Christmas Meeting –7pm at the Train Station, Hurlock</b>

## Photos from the Field.....



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## Roger P. Stansbury

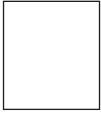
I am saddened to report the passing of one of our club members, Roger P. Stansbury. Some of us might remember him as an occasional visitor to the field, he carried around a small oxygen bottle, he was thin and had a small handlebar moustache and he used to come to the field with his wife. He was into RC planes for about 8 years and had a small fleet of 2 yellow Cubs, a SIG Cadet, an F4U Corsair, and his latest project was an ARF Cherokee.

Roger was born on March 17, 1932 and passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

He joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 1950 and was called up to serve in the regular Corps and served in Korea. He is buried in the Veterans Cemetery in Preston, and is survived by his wife Mildred.

There are a significant number of club members who support our club, but who do not fly regularly at the field, or even attend club functions or meetings. I have often marveled at the dedication that our hobby creates. In this case, Roger continued to participate through occasional visits and by introducing his friend, Warren Tarte to our club -- even though his life situation did not allow him to spend much time flying with us. I am feeling a little cheated to have not had the chance to get to know him better.

-- Jack Upchurch



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## NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

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**NEW DATE: November 18– Club Meeting, 7pm  
at the Train Station, Hurlock**

**December 9– Club Christmas Meeting, 7pm  
at the Train Station, Hurlock**

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