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Time, Time, Time. There is never enough of it and I was having trouble getting stuff together for this newsletter. I finally got it together and then realized that other than Jeff Lamberts column on the Christmas Party I didn't have anything else on it. Then I remembered that Arnold Alpert had taken a few pictures at the party. He placed them on a disk for me and mailed it to me, looking at the pictures, I wasn't able to ID everybody in all the pictures. My memory seems to be fading as I get older. Sound familiar, It's happening more in my life. Yours too maybe? Anyway, after some emails back and forth between myself and Arnold, I realized that I wasn't going to get it together in time for this newsletter so I made the decision that I would put the article together in the next week or so and then have it posted on the club website. Look for it there in the next couple of weeks. I did have the November Nonsense article ready and it's in here. Again the old memory faded somewhat and it seems that there are a couple of pictures that I know that I took at the field, but they are among the missing. I have no idea what happened to them or where they disappeared to but they weren't on my cameras memory chip when I stuck it into my computer. Maybe the camera is also having a few memory problems. So there you have it, between me and the camera there are some gaps in the coverage in this months newsletter.

Oh, by the way, Notice that the pull out the middle and stick on the refrigerator Calendar in this issue is For the only two scheduled events in the next four months, so the calendar is for February and March.

Frank Mattox

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These are the new officers of the club.

**SINCE WE NO LONGER HAVE A WAY TO
DISPOSE OF OLD USED BATTERIES OF
ANY TYPE AT THE FIELD, YOU SHOULD
MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS
TO GET RID OF THEM.**

**THE CLUB IS NO LONGER ABLE TO
HANDLE THIS FOR YOU**

FRANK MATTOX

**Minutes
ARCS Membership Meeting,
November 15, 2008, Mustang Field**

Meeting called to order at 9:20 AM by President Jack Knuth, 25 members present.

Motion to approve September Meeting Minutes as published in the Wing Nut, carried.

Treasurers Report:

The third quarter 2008 budget summation was presented and approved.

Annual audit has been completed.

Issues with Chase Bank have been resolved by closing the savings account and creating a new Employee Identification Number to assure the Club's tax exempt status.

The Board met to discuss the motion from the September meeting moving that the Club dues policy be returned to the original \$150 joining fee and \$50 annual dues. This would require a By-laws change supported by votes of both the Board and the Membership. Upon further examination, it was determined that the proposal would result in an income shortfall to support expenses. In view of this the Board was unanimous in maintaining the present policy of \$100 joining fee and \$75 annual dues.

The owners of the field property have notified the Club that the County has increased property taxes. To minimize costs, they plan to change the zoning to 'grazing land'. This will require that the perimeter be fenced. Please be aware that surveyors and workers may be present in the area.

The field storage unit has been vandalized again and the generator stolen. Since this seems to be a recurring problem, it was decided not to purchase a replacement, but to rent (or borrow) for future events. As an aside, thanks to Hud Hatch for providing the generator for the past two events.

Nominations for election to the Board were opened. Since members of the two open positions agree to continue, and there were no new nominations, the Board will remain as presently constituted.

Plans are in place for the Christmas banquet at Happy Trails Resort on December 6, 2008. Cocktails at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. Jeff Lambert and John Cyr have tickets.

There was considerable discussion about the condition and replacement costs of the runway. Consensus reached was that any action should be delayed until the impact of fencing and the power line is clearer.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 AM, Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Mustang Field. Breakfast will be available at 8:00 AM

Motion to Adjourn, seconded, carried.

Submitted by: Dick Olin - Secretary

Safety is no Accident

In October, I received an email from AMA to all club Safety Coordinators. AMA has posted an accident report on their website to be submitted by the safety officers in all the chartered clubs.

The report does not ask for member names but only what happened, what kind of aircraft were involved, weather conditions, and what can be done to prevent the accident happening again.

I submitted two reports this fall including an accident that happened to me at the November Fun Fly. To the best of my knowledge, this is what happened. We had computerized the scoring, and the way that the timers reported the time. It was so efficient that the time from the pilot's meeting to the last flight was only hour and half. I was called to fly one of the three events, got my score card, picked up my plane (Slo Stik) and radio and walked to the one of the cages. I had turned on the transmitter, and plugged in the lipo battery of my electric plane on one of the tables under the remada.

For some reason, I hung the radio on my neck by the strap and carried the plane with both hands. The throttle had been set to the zero or low end. I bumped the throttle, the motor started, and when I tried to reach the throttle stick, I got my forearm caught in the prop and it cut a gash in my arm. Luckily, Hud who was timing me, reached over and cut the throttle. I flew, then got the First Aid Kit out and put some iodine on the cut. When I got home, I cleaned my arm with soap and water and put hydrogen peroxide on it. No other medical attention was necessary. I was lucky.

Here's some of the safety procedures I should have done: 1. I should have armed the motor/battery at the flight station. 2. I don't know why I put the strap around my neck. I should have held the transmitter in one hand, carried the plane with the other or had someone help me and 3. Put the throttle in the up position before arming the plane. Castle Creations ESCs has a safety feature that prevents starting of the motor if the throttle is at the half position or higher. I don't know if this is true of other manufacturer's.

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Electrics can bite if you are not careful. I had been using the high throttle setting last year but forgot to use it this season. I said at the beginning that there two reports submitted. I think the other accident has an important lesson for nitro flyers. One of our new members started the motor on his trainer and reached over the prop to disconnect the glo igniter. He couldn't get the igniter to release and got his finger's in the prop. We have all been there. Take extra time to think about each move we make with a rotating prop.

Fly Safe,

Arnold

Christmas Banquet

Saturday December 6th, 2008

The banquet was a great success again this year. We had a very good turnout with 72 people attending. We want to thank Judy and her staff at the Great Eagle for the great job they did putting on the banquet. We also want to thank Frank's Hobbies for the support they have given us throughout the years. Although Bernie was not able to attend the banquet this year, we were pleased to have Marty and his family there. Jennifer (7) was very helpful in handing out the prizes, while Chance (4) drew the tickets for the prizes

The 50-50 drawing brought in \$368.00, with \$184.00 going to Lonnie Guthrie and \$184.00 going to the Westside Food Bank.

I was remiss in not acknowledging the generous contribution Karen Hookey made to the 50-50 drawing again this year, so I am taking this opportunity to do so. It should also be noted that Karen and Roy are instrumental in the success of the F.E.A.R. fly-in.

Jeff Lambert
Treasurer

November Nonsense

Another “November Nonsense” took place at ARCS Field on the 1st. And all the usual fun & foolishness that goes with it happened “as usual”. Twenty Two brave souls risked their planes and reputations to compete in this years events.



All were competing for the prizes that were displayed near the impound area as seen in this picture. There were enough awards so that no one went home empty handed. There were a variety of airframes present to try their luck at this years events and the rules allowed you to fly any plane in any event so the predominate plane for the “Climb & Glide” was a glider style plane or a lightweight variation that would at least get high in the sky on the short power run that the rules allowed. For the “Loop & Roll” event a highly maneuverable plane was the obvious choice, and for the “Mystery Time” anything that flew was a good choice. As the flyers were gathering in the morning enjoying the coffee and donuts there was a lull in the warm up and practice flying action and you see most of the members and planes lined up waiting for the pilots meeting to start the events in this next picture.



During the events, I managed to get a few action pictures from



the flight line and here's Pete McKenna launching Chuck Watsons EZ Star for the "Climb & Glide" event.



Here's Richard Owen warming his engine for the "Loop & Roll" event. Mike Gonzales is holding while Jeff Lambert does the timing honors. His flight was quite a show as he was flying after several others had already finished the event. Knowing that he didn't stand much of a chance of bettering the times in the event, he did some really Looooonnnngg/Sloooooowww loops to take what was probably the top (read longest) run in this event. All in good fun of course as he had a lot of kibitzers in the background talking him through the maneuvers.

Secret coughing codes for the unknown timed events were NOT SO QUIETLY set-up between a few participants. Unfortunately for them the plans were overheard by everyone within one hundred and fifty feet from them (that would be the entire flight line) and a constant symphony of coughing could be heard every few seconds from behind them as they flew the event.

Here's the list of flyers in the order that they finished. It doesn't reflect on anybody's flying skill, since a portion of the scoring was attributable to just PLAIN, DUMB, LUCK.

PLACE	PILOT	SCORE
1	Jeff Lambert	87
2	Frank Mattox	92
3	Fred Frost	106
4	Chuck Watson	107
5	Cleve Bell	113
6	John Reichart	160
7	Bob Holdorf	163
8	Hud Hatch	168
9	Bob Lange	174
10	Andy Kavanas	178
11	Glenn Crawford	184
12	Mike Gonzoles	190
13	Dick Olin	191
14	Terry Dziuk	198
15	Dan Richardson	201
16	Brian McMichael	207
17	Dave Williamson	215
18	Charlie Strance	223
19	Arnie Alpert	230
20	Robert Randle	234
21	Richard Owen	273
22	Ken Garrett	326

**Looking at the scores, the spread from first to fifteenth place was slightly more than a hundred points.
See what I mean about luck.**

And finally the pictures of the participants as they claimed their prizes. In alphabetical order they are:



**Arnie
Alpert
On the
left**

And

**Cleve
Bell
On the
Right.**



**Glenn
Crawford**

**Terry
Dziuk**



**Fred
Frost**

**Mike
Gonzales**





**Bob
Holdorf**



**.Andy
Kavanoz**



**Jeff
Lambert**



**Bob Lange
&
"Hud" Hatch**



**Frank
Mattox**



**Brian
McMichael**



**Dick
Olin**



**Robert
Randle**



**John
Reichart**



**Dan
Richardson**



**Charlie
Strance**



**Chuck
Watson**

And finally

**Dave
Williamson**



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Frank Mattox

Scheduled Events

**February 7th. Member Meeting @ ARCS Field
9:00 A.M.**

Coffee & Donuts will be available

**March 28th March Madness @ ARCS Field
9:00 A.M.**