



# The Flight Line

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AMA Leader Club – Gold Level

## Newsletter of Alvin RC Model Airplane Association November - December 2014

### 2014 in the Rearview Mirror

As we look back on 2014 I believe we had a good year:

- Membership held around 85
- No major Safety issues or concerns
- Spring and summer flying weather in general was very good
- Many new members and several new to the hobby/sport
- Our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bird set a new record with participation – 52 registered pilots, many spectators, great raffle prizes and some great flying.
- Very successful open Fun Fly in celebration of the second National Model Aviation Day and in support of the Wounded Warrior Project. Lots of fun resulting in a \$1,000 contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project.
- Open Fun Fly still to come on December 6<sup>th</sup> with hopes of good weather and great participation by members and local pilots and friends.
- Below are some pictures to remember the year:

### Remembering 2014



*No words necessary*



*New "big bird" wing stops*

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*New simulator in clubhouse thanks to Larry Goodwin*



*Part of Jordan's air force*

*Bill Bley's Katan*



*Mike or Robert's T-28?*



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*Pete McIntosh having a purple day*



*Phil Vance with his "mobile cockpit"*



*Sadly we had to say farewell to one of our long term members, officer and most of all our Friend Jack Kimbrough*

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## 24th Annual Big Bird



*Pilots Meeting*



*Desmond Campbell - 8 years old – solo landing with Robert Bernal's 50% Cub*



*Great picture – looks like real WWII dogfight*



*Bucky of RC Hobby Shop presenting his raffle prize*



*3 D Pilot ready to approach runway*



*Tim, Benny and Bill (l to r) acting busy*

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50 cc Thunderbird Raffle Prize donated by RC Jets World



WWI Biplane Ready for a dogfight

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration of National Model Aviation Day Support of the Wounded Warrior Project



Gene cooking full breakfasts for \$4 Saturday tradition for many years. . Thanks Gene



Two of our boy scouts looking through WWII airplane books in the clubhouse



Scouts serving lunch



Jake Arnold flying his 78" Extreme Flight Extra 300 with 30cc Syssa gas engine



Flight Line and Safety coordinators Pete McIntosh and Mike Vawters (who is in charge?)



One of our lucky scouts, Joey Comstock, won this raffle prize – his grin says it all.

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Marine Veteran, Paul Renfro,  
from Korean War



Raffle drawing



Paul assisting with raffle drawing



Jessica Marish won a trainer in the  
Raffle – great way to start



Rose Wallace won the 30cc MXSR  
sure she will let Justin Wallace fly it



Mike Bridge won the FW 190 ARF

## What's happening at the field?

- Flying conditions – Have been great
- Field is in great shape No serious safety issues or flying conflicts
- As most are aware the land across the highway has been sold and the new owners have fenced the property and plan to use it for storage rental. If you happen to put a model down in the fenced area the owners contact information is posted at the clubhouse.
- Get your airplane(s) and come enjoy!

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## Non Crash Report



For the past two years I have been picking on poor Bill Bley and his crashes. Just because Bill has tried to set a new crash site distance record or his search and recovery team needs to take survival food and water with them or even when he attempts a snap roll on landing approach at 5 feet above the ground doesn't mean he is a bad pilot or doesn't have nice airplanes. This is Bill's newest Slick 55 on maiden day in "pre-crash" condition. Reports it flies great and you can see how nice it looks. Good luck and hope you enjoy it for a long time Bill.

## Officers for 2015

The membership has elected the slate of officers for 2015 as follows:

- President – Benny Behrens
- Vice President/Safety Officer – Mike Vawters
- Treasurer – Grady Owens
- Secretary – Larry Goodwin
- Directors:
  - Lewis Mack
  - Ken White
  - Bill Bley

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## **Facebook Group - Alvin RC Flight Line**

Remember our Facebook group for our club called Alvin RC Flight Line (same as the newsletter) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1008524842621885/> It is set up as an open group with membership limited to club members only but anyone can see the posting and photos. It is a great informal communication tool and we encourage our members to give it a try. Just go to the group page and there is a “button” that says Join. Click the button and it will send Larry and me your request and one of us will authorize you (if you are a current member) and you will be in – give it a try – even some of us old guys are doing it!!! We currently have 39 members that have joined and over 140 photographs posted. In addition there has been many event announcements posted on our Facebook Group.

## **New Members:**

Introduce yourself and welcome our new members – if you happen to introduce yourself and welcome an old member now you know them and if you do it twice you will know them better and be getting near my age!!!!!!!!!!

## **For Sale or Wanted:**

Nothing submitted – guess everyone wants to keep what they have.....

## **Projects**

Nothing submitted

**Lost and Found:** If you have lost or found an item at the field that you do not know who it belongs to please let us know so we can post the description. Most items found at the field are placed on the counter by the row of windows in the clubhouse.

## **Smiles:**

### **Priest's retirement speech**

A priest was being honored at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner.

However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited. Thank Goodness we Catholics have a wonderful sense of humor!

“I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents; embezzled from his employer; had an affair with his boss's wife; taken illegal drugs; was arrested several times for public nudity among other things.

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I was appalled that one person could do so many awful things. But as the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people.”

Just as the Priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk: “I’ll never forget the first day our parish Priest arrived,” said the politician. “In fact, I had the honor of being the first person to go to him for confession.”

**Moral: Never, Never, Never Be Late**

**Old doesn’t mean dumb:**

The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the pub just outside the Air Force Base.

A ragged old Army Aviator was standing near the edge with a fishing rod, his line in the puddle.

A curious young Air Force fighter pilot came over to him and asked what he was doing.

'Fishing,' the old guy simply said.

'Poor old fool,' the Air Force officer thought and he invited the ragged old aviator into the pub for a drink

As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whiskey, the haughty fighter pilot asked,

'And how many have you caught?'

'You're the eighth,' the old Army Aviator answered.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Events both flying and non-flying are listed on AMA’s website under Competition/Calendar and also listed in AMA’s magazine Model Aviation. Local club events are also listed by RC Hobby Shop at [www.rchouston.com](http://www.rchouston.com) and as I receive flyers from the clubs I will distribute to the membership and they will also be posted on our Facebook page.

It should be noted that our local hobby shop owners do a great job of supporting our events and their efforts really help bring the Houston Area RC community together.

- On December 6<sup>th</sup> Alvin RC will host an Unsanctioned Open Fun Fly for members and local AMA pilots.

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## 2014 Club Officers and Board Members

President – Tim Haskins	Vice President & Safety Coordinator– Mike Vawters
Treasurer – Grady Owens	Secretary – Benny Behrens
Board Member – Lewis Mack	Board Member – Ken White
Board Member – Bill Bley	

Any comments, suggestions, corrections may be submitted to Benny Behrens at [cbehrens@comcast.net](mailto:cbehrens@comcast.net)

**Local Sponsors:** The following local Hobby Shops are loyal supporters of our events and club and we hope you will support them and tell them thanks.



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