



The Flight Line

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AMA Leader Club – Gold Level

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National Model Aviation Day – Wounded Warrior Project

On Saturday August 16, 2014 Alvin RC Modelers Association along with close to 175 other AMA Chartered Clubs around the country held a Fun Fly in celebration of National Model Aviation Day and a Fundraiser in support of the Wounded Warrior Project. In spite of the heat we had 24 pilots registered, many spectators from the local area and a lot of fun. The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 452, of Friendswood, TX did a great job taking care of parking and handling the concession stand including serving lunch to pilots and spectators.

The event format was an open Fun Fly with a fun type static scale judging by the registered pilots. The intent was to display as many of the various type airplanes and helicopters flown and used in our sport. Static display classes included Military ARF, Military Kit/Scratch, Civilian ARF, Civilian Kit/Scratch and Helicopter. Thanks to the participants, spectators, raffle and pilot prizes donated by several club members along with the contributions and support from RC Hobby Shop, Samano Hobbies, RC Jets World, many product suppliers, the work of the Boy Scouts and many club members the event was a great success and allowed us to send \$1000 to the Wounded Warrior Project. The pictures below tell some of the story:



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

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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.



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

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What's happening at the field?

- Flying conditions - Great
- As usual it is mid-summer in Texas and getting hot so use sunscreen and drink lots of water to stay hydrated and have fun.
- Field is in great shape No serious safety issues or flying conflicts
- As a reminder when (if may be a better word) you should happen to crash your airplane please take the remains with you and dispose of it offsite. When broken up airplanes are put in the trash they take up a lot of space with the results being the need to empty the cans more often. Remember the trash is removed and disposed of by members just like you so please do them a favor and dispose of "wasted" airplanes on your own....Thanks
- AMA's latest version of their Safety Code which is effective January 1, 2014 is posted on the fence just before the pit area along with our Club Safety Rules. Members can also find copies of AMA's on their website www.modelaircraft.org and in the AMA magazine and our club rules are also available at the clubhouse or online at our website www.alvinrc.org.
- Get your airplane(s) and come enjoy!

Crash Reports



Bill ("Crash") (last name withheld) put another one in. This time it was a Drastick with a DLE 20 and again he tried for a distance record. It was so far out in the "North Forty" that the three man recovery team had to take supplies with them to sustain them during the search. After some time they did manage to locate the crash site and recover most of the remains.

Cause of the crash is not known for sure but there is some speculation it may have been out of range or possibly the pilot got disoriented on direction. There was numerous little "black boxes recovered but the right one with the flight data and painted orange was not found so the actual cause may never be known.

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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.

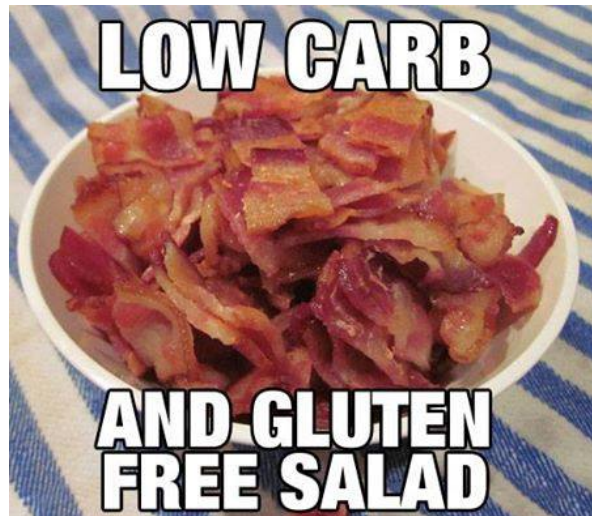
Smiles:

NEVER LAUGH AT
YOUR WIFE'S
CHOICES.
YOU ARE
ONE OF THEM



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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 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 September 27th and 28th AMA District VIII Celebration of Flight and Memorial Fly-In will be held in Kingsbury, TX at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome. This is a great event and includes a free barbeque dinner for all AMA members. I am fairly sure flying actually starts Friday afternoon. Attached is a flyer with additional information.

Information from the Club Executive Committee (EC)

- As you may be aware the EC has decided to install an underground drain line with catch basins from the center taxiway to the ditch on the Northwest property line. The thought behind this is it can be installed for approximately \$1000 if the work is done by members and if it works the way we expect it will it will impact decisions and priorities on other projects that have been identified. We are currently waiting for cooler weather to do the work and are looking for a volunteer to act as the Project Manager.

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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 cbbahrens@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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