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IMAA CHAPTER 770

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September, 2010

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### **Next Meeting October 2, 2010**

The next Member's Meeting will be at the field at 9:30 AM. There will be a barbeque after the meeting.

To view a map see our website [www.azmodelaviators.com](http://www.azmodelaviators.com)

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND IN YOUR DUES RENEWAL TO**

**Jerry Morescki**

**Please note: Small items left at the field will be placed in the Fire Box as a lost & found.**

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### + Club Meeting Minutes September 7, 2010

Officers Present: John Mangino, Art Ashenden, Paul Goldsmith.

+ John called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were four guests who stood up and introduced themselves.

+ The minutes from the August 31 board meeting were read and accepted.

+ **Treasurers Report:** Gary Bailey could not attend the meeting, but sent the report to be read. The amounts of money in the different accounts were discussed as were the CD's we have. The report was accepted by the membership.

+ **Membership:** Our new membership chairman, Jerry Morescki introduced himself and discussed this years membership drive. We have 297 members as of now. This is down a bit from last year. Membership applications are available at the field and will be sent out in the newsletter for renewing members.

+ **Camac:** Art Ashenden read off the schedule of .25 size races which will be posted at the field and in the newsletter. There was one race rescheduled due to a conflict with the 1/8<sup>th</sup> Airforce. The Auction will be 11/6/2010. The Jet Rally is a three day event starting 11/19/2010 and Wings over Arizona, an IMAA giant scale event will be a two day event on 12/4 & 12/5.

+ **Safety:** Some pilots are taking liberties with the dead line and this must stop. It is there for reason. Keep your planes out over the berm end the runway. Guys are not calling out takeoffs and landings so that other flyers can hear them. You have to call out toward the other flyers, not away from them. Spotters are highly recommended. Keep an ear out for dead sticks and emergencies. One gentleman almost lost a plane because someone didn't pay attention and cut in front of him after his engine went dead. Do not arm electrics until you are out on the starting tables. A throttle could get bumped and cause an accident. Don't go out after a plane by yourself, the snakes are still out.

+ **Instruction:** The club is in need of weekday instructors. Please get in touch with Jim Compton and hook up with him. Someone helped you learn to fly. Give someone else the same opportunity.

+ **Public Relations:** Jim Deming could not make the meeting. If you know of someone who is ill or who has passed away, please let Terry Mangino know so that she can send an appropriate card to the family or person. For those who did not know, Jim Deming's wife passed away a few weeks ago.

+ **Old Business:** John discussed a list of projects we have assembled to bring the field back to 100%. See the attached list in the back of the newsletter. Any help we can get to help finish these projects would be greatly appreciated. This is your field and you should show some pride in it. Give us a hand. A work schedule will be sent out and posted at the field. The options for the runway were discussed. We may have to crack fill and seal it before it is resurfaced to keep it from deteriorating too much. **Sign up!**

+ **Auction :** Art spoke briefly about the auction, and his need for volunteers. See the enclosed flyer for details.

+ **Jet Rally:** Art spoke about the jet rally and the need for volunteers. He also talked about the shirts for the event. He needs a minimum number of orders to facilitate the ordering of the shirts. He would like to see them all pre-ordered so that he doesn't have to guess about sizes. They are \$25 up to XXX. Anything larger will have to be pre-ordered. See the flyer at the back of the newsletter for more details about the event. If you don't help, you won't be allowed in the pits.

+ **Wings Over Arizona:** This is an IMAA event and is for giant scale aircraft only. You must be a member of the IMAA. The membership fee is only \$25 a year and you get a magazine quarterly. The magazine is the finest publication around for large aircraft. It is worth the membership fee all by itself. See the flyer at the back of the newsletter for more details. Help is also needed for this event and there will be a pizza party for the entrants and the help Saturday night. Come out and take a look at us.

+ **Nominations:** We need 4 officers and two board members this year. Volunteer and help run the club. If you are not happy about something this is one way to get it changed.

The raffle was held. There was a World Models T-28 and two gift certificates to Liberty Hobbies on Power Road near southern for prizes.

**Meeting adjourned at about 8:00 PM.**

+ **Board meeting Minutes Sept. 21. 2010**

Members Present: John Mangino, Art Ashenden, Gary Bailey, Paul Goldsmith, Dave Balch, Gary Porter and Bob Franklin. Jerry Morescki was present as the membership chairman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P M.

+ **Treasurers Report:** Gary discussed the various accounts and said he had taken the CD's we have and put them in the general fund. He talked about getting a credit card system so that the entrants could pay by credit card. He has to look into the costs and the percentages.

+ **Membership Report:** Jerry said that we had 3 new members and 1 new family member. There are now 282 members compared with 282 members as of 10/1/09. Check the web site for a membership form. There is one at the end of the newsletter.

+ **Contest committee:** Art gave a list of events for the remaining of the current year.

10/1,2,3 Electric Fly-in at SpeedWorld

10/9, 10 1/2 multiengine scale meet

10/14 Race at SeedWorld

10/23 Ghost Riders – Free Flight contest 10/23, 24, 1/8<sup>th</sup>  
Airforce at the AMPS Field. 43<sup>rd</sup> & Pinnacle Peak.

10/31 .25 size race AMA Field

11/6 Auction. AMA Field

11/19, 20, 21 Arizona Jet Rally AMA Field

12/4, 5 Wings Over Arizona 2010 AMA Field

+ **Safety:** Watch the dead line. If your plane stops on the runway, get to it quickly and don't admire it on the runway. Someone almost lost a plane due to another pilot fiddling around getting a stalled plane. Get it and git.

**No PR Report**

+ **Old Business:** We have a price of approx. 48K for the runway cap. We met with the gentleman and also asked him to double seal the pits. Everything will be restriped. The week of the 12<sup>th</sup> we repaired the road and dragged around the field for weeds. We also knocked down the berm at the east end of the runway. Weed killer was applied to the weeds right along the runway as Larry couldn't get close enough to the runway without doing damage. We still have to do some more spraying around the bleachers and the upper parking lot where needed. The reconfiguration of the flight stations was discussed and will be laid out for the members to see and comment on later in the week. Membership applications were discussed.

**There was no new business. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.**

At the end of the newsletter I have enclosed the information about the candidates for AMA District 10 Vice President. Please read these and decide who will do the best job for us, the modelers in Arizona.

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+ **A huge thank you to Jim Stanley for alerting me to the fact that we can get a grant from the AMA to help pay for some of the cost of our runway. If the grant goes through and I have been told by the VP for our district that we should qualify, the AMA will give us 10% of the cost of the improvement up to \$5000.00.**

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Any club member having items for sale should e-mail a brief description to Paul Goldsmith so it can be put in the newsletter.

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**For Sale**

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- 2. Eindecker flown with Saito 52. recently recovered in MonoKote with British markings. Includes fuel tank, engine mount and Kaiser pilot. (\$35)**
- 3. Sears combination sander. Has a 6" disc and a 4" belt. (\$25)**
- 4. Free to good home, a 35 drawer spare parts unit.**


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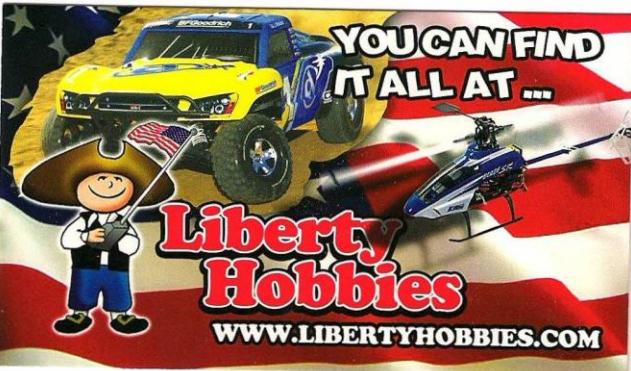
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**This was submitted to me by Jim Stanley, who has been gracious enough to hold fun flys for us during the past summer. Thanks Jim.**

## Fun Fly's

Had any fun lately? We have been having a ton at several recent fun fly's. We have dropped water balloons at a target, and hooked a lanyard that was strung across the runway. We've seen spectacular crashes, comical competitions, and just hung out with the gang. Some of the planes are gone, but the memories will last a lifetime.

The two events at the August fun fly were Black Jack and timed loops. To play Black Jack, we marked the runway with 12 landing zones. Each pilot made two landings, and the zones they landed in were recorded. Then, after every pilot made their two landings, a playing card was randomly allotted to each zone. Now that the pilots knew what their two cards were, they had a decision to make. They could stay, or make additional landings to draw more cards. New cards were assigned to the LZ's for the "draw" cards after everyone flew, the same way the "deal cards" were chosen. Clay Bateman took first place in this event with a total score of 21. Nicely done Clay! The competition was fierce, as 4 contestants tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 20 points each. The score was so close, in fact, that it was still anyone's game as we moved on to the timed loops.

The object of this event was to do as many loops as you could in one minute. Sounds easy, but there were a couple of rules too. Time started as soon as the planes wheels left the ground. Pilots then had to make two 180° turns to position themselves for the loops. Loops had to be in the same direction as the take-off, and could not be over the runway. Then all that was left was to get the plane back on the ground before the one minute time limit. The clock was not stopped until the planes wheels touched the runway (which made for some interesting landings as pilots touched down at speeds that were much higher than normal). And the penalty for going over the time? A one loop deduction for every second over one minute! Bill Adams took first place. He made 14 loops and was back on the ground in 55 seconds. Hold your applause till the end.

The scoring from the two events resulted in a first place tie between Bill Adams and Gary Porter. The two pilots each made one more landing to draw one card. Bill emerged victorious once again as his LZ was worth 7, and Gary's was worth 6. OK, give it up for Bill.

### Final Standings for the day....

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bill Adams**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Gary Porter**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Victor "Check 5"**

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# WINGS OVER ARIZONA 2010



## **The Arizona Model Aviators # 770 IMAA GIANT SCALE FLY-IN December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### **Location: Superstition Airpark, Mesa AZ**

- + IMAA Guidelines apply to all aircraft. No exceptions.
  - + 80" Monoplane, 60" Biplane, Planes Can Be True Quarter Scale, Jets Must Have a Combined Wingspan & Length of 140"
  - + Just come, fly and have a good time.
  - + Food will be available Saturday and Sunday.
  - + Plaques will be awarded for different categories.
  - + **Planes Must Fly To Qualify For Any Plaques.**
  - + Landing fee \$20 for as many planes as you bring.
  - + Pre-registration is recommended. Registration Sat. 7:30 AM.  
Flying starts at 8:30 AM Sat. & 7:00 AM Sunday
  - + Pilot's Parking & Saturday night Pizza Party is included in the Landing Fee.
    - + Public Parking is \$6.00 per car.
  - + No Overnight Camping Allowed At The Airfield. Trailers may be left overnight.  
Security will be provided the club.
  - + Proof of AMA & IMAA membership required. For Turbines, an AMA Turbine waiver will be required.
    - + IMAA Applications Will Be Available At Registration.
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# The Arizona Model Aviators

Present

## The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arizona Jet Rally

Join us this November 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at  
Superstition Airpark - Mesa Arizona

This is a *Jet Aircraft* only event! – Come spectate, converse, fly and have a great time! - AMA and Turbine Waiver Required.

Avoid the rush by preregistering – Pilot entry fee is \$35.00 until November 1<sup>st</sup> - Event day Pilot fee will be \$40.00

Plaques will be awarded for different categories

Entry qualifies for pilot raffles.

**Aircraft must fly to qualify for awards**

**Event day registration starts at 8:00 am - Flying starts at 9:00am**

Pilot's Parking is included in the entry fee - Public Parking is \$6.00 per car

Food Vendor will be on-site Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Sorry, no overnight camping is allowed

**Trailers can be left at the field on Friday and Saturday night Security will be provided**

Contact: Art Ashenden @ 480-314-0064 or [artashenden@gmail.com](mailto:artashenden@gmail.com) Steve Ross @ 480-986-8338- [stevelr@cox.net](mailto:stevelr@cox.net) Model Aviators web site <http://www.azmodelaviators.com>

## Campaign Statements

Campaign statements are hard for me to write. I think, “What is the right thing to say?” What does the membership want to know? Do I tell you how many times I have been a club officer or how many years I have been one, or that I have held several club offices at the same time? Do I tell you how many years I have been a Contest Director or how many events I have put on, or what type of events? Do I tell you about my volunteering for the IMAA as the National Safety officer or as one of District X’s IMAA Associate Directors? Maybe I should tell you I have been modeling since I was a very young boy, building and flying gliders and rubber powered airplanes, or how about my years flying control line airplanes. I know. How about, I have kit built, scratch built, designed or owned and flown just about every kind of model out there. Fun fly, combat, sport, aerobatic, military. From slow foamies to ripping fast USRA class airplanes, single engine to multi engine. Twins, three, four and even 6 engine airplanes, such as my scratch built B-36.

Although these things are important experience, maybe for a campaign statement I should tell you what I am doing right now. Good fresh current information. Let’s try that.

Ok, first I belong to three clubs. I am currently the safety officer for the club, NCR/CUF, it is AMA chartered club 3233. I am also an Intro pilot and a flight instructor in the club as well as a Contest Director. I am still an IMAA associate Director for District X (I just signed up 46 new or renewal members at different IMAA events I attended). I am on the AMA’s Safety Council and along with its regular duties of going over documents and safety programs, I voted for many new Experimental Class Inspectors. I am your current District X Vice President. The title is actually *interim District X Vice President*, that is, until you vote me to continue. But right now I have every responsibility, duty and yes privilege of the position, just as if I had been voted in by the membership. I am currently working with clubs building new flying fields or starting new Park Pilot fields. The information I am gathering to help clubs keep and attain new flying sites is working, and has already helped 1 club to get a flying field. I also approved funds to 4 different clubs for TAG events in 2010 and approved several new Contest Directors so more AMA Chartered clubs can hold sanctioned events. I also created and publish District X the Newsletter. I designed it so we, the district’s members and clubs, can communicate together; share our events, our likes and dislikes. Also, so the members and clubs could be informed of the many benefits and programs offered by your AMA. I knew if we all contributed with pictures and stories of all our clubs, it would make it interesting to read and several thousand of you have proven it works and your support shows you like it. I am planning District X Fly-ins for 2011. FREE events sponsored by the district and put together by your district officers.

There is more I have done and more I am doing, but I think what is just as important as all of the information above in writing a campaign statement is making sure all the members of District X know how much I love this hobby. That I am a modeler just like all of you. I build and fly all kinds of airplanes. I have supported the AMA, its members and its clubs for years. The hobby is a part of me and my volunteer efforts are a way I can share all the joy it has brought me. If you, as a voting member of District X, want a person with a lot of real, past and current experience, then I am the right choice for you. If you want somebody to work passionately for you back at Muncie during the Executive Council meetings, then again, I am the one for you.

But you have to vote. You can like everything I have written or done, or currently do, or just the newsletter itself, but it won’t matter if, when your ballot comes in the mail, with your AMA renewal notice, you don’t vote.... so take a moment, and vote your opinion. Vote for the person you feel comfortable with, a person who you know has the experience to run District X.

So, this is a campaign statement and with it I am letting you know, I want your vote to continue as your District X Vice President.

**I thank you for your time,  
Michael Brown  
P.O. Box 69  
Bella Vista, CA 96008  
530-440-8732 cabrowns@citlink.net**

**Management Experience.**

I Retired on 11/23/94 from JC Berry Manufacturing.

Position description; I was the executive officer, running the entire Sky Light manufacturing company. I was responsible for the manufacturing process and quality control of all products. My responsibilities also included but were not limited to the hiring, termination and supervision of all employees, payroll for all employees and purchasing and record keeping of all materials and equipment.

**Sierra Pacific Industries.**

Position description; Maintenance Supervisor, Anderson Millworks division. Sierra Pacific Industries is a multi million dollar corporation owned by California's single largest land owner, Red Emerson. I was in charge of the maintenance department of the Anderson Mill Works Manufacturing plant for several years, then in 1991 when that section of the company was consolidated with other Millworks division plants, I built their first Windows Division manufacturing plant. I left the company becoming the executive officer for JC Berry Manufacturing.

During my senior year in High School I started my professional career in the music industry. I toured the country for many years working in sound studios and playing concerts all across the western United States. I did this until I started my family in 1993, in Redding California where I still reside today. I ended my music career for my family, and soon went to work for Sierra Pacific Industries.

In looking back my modeling hobby started as a young boy with rubber powered models, then advancing to control line. I enjoyed building both and spent many hours either flying in the huge field next to my house or at the playground at my grade school, sometimes using the stripped circle for my control line flying that remains to this day. I, like many, left the hobby when Girls, Cars and, also for me, Music became a focus of my life. In 1983 I met my beautiful wife Sandie and we started our family. I wanted to pass the hobby on to my sons, so radio controlled airplanes and a few boats came into play. The airplanes stuck, but not the boats. Since that time I have built and flown hundreds of models, everything from tiny electrics to huge experimental size gas airplanes. I kit build as well as scratch build, from fun fly airplanes to 12'+ scale war birds. Although I can enjoy a flight on a slow stick as much as anyone, I tend to lean towards the larger types. I currently own and fly a wide variety, with giant scale war birds and aerobatics my favorites. I am for, and open to all types of flying and support them all, however I can.

Besides volunteering for just about everything to do with the hobby, my experience led me to a sideline hobby as a photojournalist, writing and photographing for SIGs, manufacturers and airplane magazines. Subjects ranging from helping a club put on a flying event to airplane and product reviews. I have written how to and build articles, from ARF's to scratch building, such as the 128 3/4" B-36 on the cover of High Flight magazine or the experimental size F7F, also on the cover and in three articles in the IMAA's *High Flight Magazine*. I have also written several types of safety columns to the monthly District X column in the *Model Aviation Magazine*.

Volunteering has always been a large and very rewarding part of the hobby for me, everything from simply helping hold a members airplane while it is being started to becoming the IMAA National Safety Officer, *to hopefully, being voted your District X Vice President*. I have held most every club position off and on for many years, including being one club's newsletter editor consecutively for over 12years, only stopping to create *District X the Newsletter*. I have been a Contest Director putting on events of all types from small 1-day fun flies, to huge 4 day float flies and 3-4 day IMAA type events. I am a Leader member, Intro Pilot and club instructor as well as safety officer. As Associate Vice President my predecessor entrusted to me many of the duties of District X Vice President during his tenure, including, but not limited to attending executive council meetings, decisions on district affairs and writing the District X column for *Model Aviation* magazine. In 2009 I was awarded the AMA's Distinguished Service Award, one I am so very proud of. Before helping Jim Giffin I also worked with our past district Vice President Rich Hansen on many projects throughout the years.

I have been in the hobby off and on for some 43 years. I have been married for 24 years; have 3 great boys and a wonderful wife that supports all my life and hobby decisions. I have been honored to serve as the

AMA's Interim District X Vice President, but would be even more honored to be voted to the position, by the members of District X.

**Sincerely,  
Michael Brown  
Your District X Vice President**

### **Campaign Statement from Lawrence Tougas**

Greetings,

I want to thank your Club Officers for providing me with the opportunity to present myself to you, so that you can make an informed decision when you cast your vote for AMA District X Vice-President this September.

I was a candidate in last year's District X election. I ran against our interim Vice-President Jim Giffin, who had been appointed by outgoing District Vice-President Rich Hanson. A lot of people told me I was crazy to run against the establishment; that there was no chance of breaking into the AMA Leadership as an outsider. Well I guess they were right because Jim won the election, but it turned out to be the closest election not only in the history of the District but in the entire history of the AMA which is something I am proud of. When the votes were tallied in a District with 28,000 members there was a 34 vote difference between Jim and I. It was a virtual tie but as I've told everyone those 34 votes did count and Jim was our new VP and I wished him all the best.

Normally Jim would be serving his three year term, but sadly one month into his term Jim passed away. We are now conducting a special election to determine who will lead District X.

I feel I am the best qualified candidate to serve as your Vice-President and I would like to give you some information on my background, goals, and the critical issues affecting the AMA as well as how to keep in touch with me so that you can decide for yourself who is best suited to be the next District X Vice-President.

#### **Background**

I've been modeling since I was a child. I've built and flew free flight, control line, and radio control models. I've spent my whole life enthralled by all aspects of aviation. It was this love of aviation that prompted me to secure a Bachelor's of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of California. I also have a Commercial Multi-Engine Pilot's License with Instrument Privileges. I have been a Design/Project Engineer for 23 years in the Aerospace Industry. I have worked in the Defense Industry, and am currently working at a major domestic airline. In Defense I designed parts for two missiles used in the "Star Wars" program, and produced parts for the Space Shuttle as well. In the airline industry on the maintenance side I have been the Primary Engineer, on flight control systems, aircraft interiors, and aircraft structure. On the Operations side I was the Operational Engineer on a wide-bodied aircraft, and as such worked with our Chief Pilots to maintain and modify the aircraft flight manual used by all of our pilots. During my career I have worked a number of long-term projects that required supervising multiple participants to ensure project goals and time lines were met. I believe that translates directly in to skills that an effective District Vice-President would need.

In addition I have owned and operated my own Video Production Company and understand the skills need to be a successful entrepreneur. I know how to market my products, which I think are the skills that our local clubs need to employ to market themselves to their communities to win and retain flying sites.

#### **Goals**

There are three primary goals that I will pursue as your District X Vice-President. First is to help clubs keep and obtain new fields. Next is to leverage the power of the Internet to cover District events and issues of interest to the membership. Last and certainly not least I would like to develop an AMA owned field in District X for the benefit of our membership.

#### **Flying Fields**

Modeling begins and ends with a place to fly. That is why my top goal will be to help keep and find new

fields. Modelers are a self-reliant group who typically handle all of their needs amongst themselves without asking for others to help. We need to not be hesitant to ask for support. We need to build ties with our community

My ideas about helping clubs in this area revolve around being proactive. I believe the most important Officer in a club is not the President or Treasurer, but the Community Relations Officer. If your club doesn't have one you should seriously consider electing one. This position would be responsible for your clubs dealings with your neighbors and if you're on public land the entity that controls it or on private land, your landlord. This person should be a real schmoozer, someone who has the ability to charm our neighbors and the decision makers who control our field's futures.

Having a Community Relations Officer puts one name and number in place for your neighbors to contact if they have concerns. This person could organize your Community Appreciation day. One club in District X the Livermore Flying Electrons goes around the surrounding neighborhood knocking on doors and leaving fliers inviting their neighbors to join them at their field. While there they serve a free lunch and provide demonstrations as well as opportunities to try flying on a buddy box and simulators. The LFE's have reported to me the great success they've had because they got out, knocked on doors and made the first move to introduce themselves.

The Community Relations Officer would issue press releases to alert your news outlets of the positive actions your club has accomplished and events the public can attend. Recently the Trabuco RC Flyers in Orange County California had a community day and it was covered both before the event and after the event by the Orange County Register. This is a Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper that is one of the most significant in Southern California. The reason they were covered was because they made it a priority and they kept in constant contact with a reporter at the paper, their hard work paid off.

Perhaps the most important thing your Community Relations Officer would do is maintain the club's relationship with your public officials that control your land or a landlord on private land. This is an election year. In many parts of our District the Decision makers that control your field are up for election. Clubs can do several things to take advantage of the opportunities that this presents. Many times we feel that the only thing that we can offer a candidate is money, while it is true that money talks we also have a valuable resource, manpower. Running a local campaign takes a lot of volunteer manpower and we should be aligning ourselves with candidates that are friendly to our cause and help elect them. They need people to put up signs, go door to door asking for votes and leaving literature and manning phone banks calling voters asking them to vote for the candidate. If your club can deliver that kind of help the Official will remember it and take your call when you need to talk to them and be sympathetic to you when others raise issues about your field.

Many clubs run fund raisers, why not choose a charity that is important to your public officials or landlord and involve them in the pictures and press releases detailing the money raised or help provided. If we are going to help our community we should double up by selecting a beneficiary that our field's decision makers support.

Find out the Birthdays of these decision makers and acknowledge them with a card from the club. Another way to keep in touch is to take them out to lunch on an on-going basis as a friendly informal meeting, not necessarily to bring up issues each time but to just keep an open line of communication. If you have a Christmas banquet you should invite the decision makers and their significant others to be guests of the club.

I have a lot of ideas in this area and it is one of the reasons I want to move coverage of events from our District X column in the magazine to the Internet and use the magazine space to discuss the techniques that clubs have found successful to protect their fields.

### **The Internet**

We can do a better job of covering District events than we currently do in the magazine column. Last year while I was campaigning I pointed out the opportunities that we were missing by having such a static website for District X, and how we could better cover events on the Internet. I discussed how the Internet gives us unlimited space. We can publish color photos, and even video of the events. Imagine a District wide mailing list that alerts members when new information is published. A club could have a weekend event, write it up Sunday night and it could be on-line Monday morning for members to read with their morning coffee.

The District X establishment did nothing of mention regarding the Internet until they came within 34 votes of losing their control over the District. Suddenly we have a newsletter. I think it's well produced and a good read but you have to ask yourself, if it didn't exist until the closest election in AMA history happened; what is their long-term commitment to it? I believe its primary purpose is to campaign for the election and when the election is over it will die out.

I have demonstrated I am firmly committed to use of the Internet. For over a year I've been publishing my

own site; <http://ama-district-x-election.blogspot.com/>

As your District Vice-President I will publish a similar website covering past District events, alerting members to upcoming events, create a District Hall of Fame to give the many deserving members of our District who go above and beyond the recognition they deserve. We can publish building and flying articles and use it as a call to arms when one of our clubs is threatened. Members will be able to subscribe to email alerts that will tell them when new articles have been published so they can read about them as soon as they are on-line. The possibilities are literally endless, and I look forward to doing much more than has been done in the past and in a more timely manner than what we are currently doing.

### **West Coast AMA Flying Site**

I believe that the majority of our members should have access to an AMA owned and operated field like the one we have in Muncie Indiana. Past District X Vice-Presidents have championed a West Coast Flying Site, I believe it is time to take up the task and work until we have a site District X members can enjoy.

If we set a criteria that, say 75% of a District's membership should be within a 2 day drive of an AMA owned facility, and we define a 2 day drive as 10 hours each day, certainly long but doable let's take a look at what we have now.

Using Google maps with Muncie as our destination here are the drive times between various cities in Districts I-IX. Starting with Denver and moving around the map clockwise we have Denver at 18:46, Rapid City SD. 18:12, Bismarck ND.17:55, Minneapolis, MN. 11:19, Milwaukee, WI. 5:48, Detroit, MI. 4:09, Buffalo, NY. 7:38, Boston, MA. 14:44, Bangor, ME. 18:21, Philadelphia, PA. 10:29, Greenville, NC. 11:20, Charleston, SC. 11:57, Miami, FL.20:09, New Orleans, LA. 13:47, and Houston, TX. 18:13

Now let's look at Districts X and XI. Starting at Tucson, AZ. driving times are 29:00, Phoenix, AZ. 29:00, San Diego, CA. 34:00, Los Angeles, CA. 34:00, Las Vegas, NV. 31:00, San Francisco, CA. 37:00, Eugene, OR. 38:00, Seattle, WA. 36:00, Billings, MT. 23:40, and Salt Lake City, UT. 25:00.

I have not decided where our AMA West flying site should be, in fact I've said before that a group of modelers working on the question taking into account geographic center of the district, population center of the district, a welcoming city, accommodations for visitors and more should be considered. That being said let's compare the District X, and XI cities to the city chose last time this effort was pursued, Visalia, CA. The driving time from those same DX and XI cities to Visalia are, Tucson, AZ. 11:01, Phoenix, AZ. 9:04, San Diego, CA. 5:11, Los Angeles, CA. 3:13, Las Vegas, NV. 6:03, San Francisco, CA. 3:57, Eugene, OR. 11:02, Seattle, WA. 15:49, Billings, MT. 21:14, and Salt Lake City, UT. 12:34.

So you can see most of the Midwest, Eastern Seaboard, and South is within our definition of a 2 day drive to Muncie, while none of the cities in Districts X and XI are. With the addition of only one additional site we can serve all AMA members in a more equitable fashion.

We would have a site available to host major competitions, a portion of the Nats could rotate out to the west coast as has been done in the past, and large fun flies like the Joe Nall event would be possible. We would have a site that will be a capital asset for the AMA and since land is at a 10 plus year low we should see long term appreciation of this asset. As I meet members on my visits around the District easily 9 out of 10 people find the idea of an AMA West site exciting, and something that they would support.

My opponent has stated that he will not push for a West Coast flying site. He even went as far as to call it a, "BAD idea." To be honest with you I just don't understand that way of thinking. This is something that the majority of members I meet feel is a good idea. They look at how they are limited by distance from using the Muncie property and see a west coast flying site as something to point to as a tangible benefit from the AMA, for the dues they pay. As your District Vice President I think it is a worthy goal and one I will pursue. Speaking of goals, Wayne Gretzky the famous hockey player once said, "You miss 100% of the shots you never take." As your District Vice-President this is one shot I will take for you.

## **Critical Issues**

### **Small Unmanned Aircraft System NPRM**

I want to touch on the Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) FAA rule making that has the potential to affect our sport. This is the most critical issue modelers have faced in over a decade; we need to marshal all of our assets to respond to the upcoming FAA Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). As an Aeronautical Engineer a significant part of my job is responding to NPRM's, we need to be prepared to demonstrate to the FAA that any alternate rules we proposed will provide the same or higher level of safety than the wording in the NPRM. I do not believe the FAA has any desire to harm modeling, in fact I'm sure a higher than average percentage of FAA staff have been or are modelers themselves, but we need to be ready to respond. As your District Vice-President I

will bring my experience to bear on protecting your right to enjoy modeling and pass it on to the next generation.

### **Meeting the Members**

I have made it a priority to get out and meet with members all over our District. One of the advantages I have that helps me to travel the District is that I work for a major airline and enjoy employee pass travel privileges. This has allowed me to travel up and down California, as well as out to Arizona, and Utah. I've covered a lot of miles, including my upcoming trip to an event on Ford Island on Oahu, I'll have clocked over 12,000 miles on the road meeting members. I will be at events in Nevada too before the election is over.

Everywhere I go I hear the same thing, members simply are not meeting our District Vice-President and Associate Vice-Presidents as often as they would like. I am committing to continuing to travel the District as your Vice-President and I will meet with my Associate Vice-Presidents as soon as I am elected so that we can map out the major events in the District and build a plan so that myself or one of my Associate Vice-Presidents will be at these events to show the flag, meet the members and let you know that you do matter.

### **How to Stay In Touch**

There are several ways for you to stay in touch with me. First you can visit my website it is at;

**<http://ama-district-x-election.blogspot.com/>**

I send out an email discussing events I have attended or am planning to attend and items of note. It comes out about once a week to a growing number of District X members. If you would like to be added to the list please send an email to;

**AMADistrictXElection@gmail.com**

Finally I can't do this all by myself, I need members who support me to represent me at their club. All you really need to do is bring up the subject of the election and let people know where they can find out more about me. You can share this letter with them and discuss the issues raised in it and let them know why you support me.

The most important thing you can do is remind them to vote. Last year we had 15% of eligible voters return their ballots, that is high for an AMA election but

we can and will do better this year. If you would like to represent me at your club send me an email and I will add you to a special email list that will allow you to receive election bulletins.

Ultimately the members of District X will choose the candidate that they feel is best qualified to be elected. If the Members choose me I would consider it an honor to serve District X as their Vice-President.

I wish you all the best, and may you have many safe, and happy landings.

**Sincerely,**

**Lawrence Tougas**

**AMA 232**

P.S. You will receive your ballot with your AMA renewal in September. The ballot is a post card that you simply detach, mark your choice and drop in the mail, it even has the postage on it for your convenience. Do not, I repeat do not send your ballot with your dues renewal they go to two different places and if you send your ballot with your dues your vote will be invalidated.

**Please cast your vote for Lawrence Tougas today.**

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Arizona Model Aviators Membership Application

I wish to become a member of Arizona Model Aviators Inc., and I understand, and agree to abide by the Club Safety Code, Superstition Airpark Rules, Helicopter Operations Guidelines, and Prohibited Aircraft Notice. I understand failure to follow these rules and guidelines may result in cancellation of my membership. Copies of the Club Safety Code, Superstition Airpark Rules, Helicopter Guidelines and Prohibited Aircraft Notices are on the Club website, azmodelaviators.com and on the Club Bulletin Board. A current membership card in the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA) or the Canadian club is required.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Arizona Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Local Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

2011 Membership Fees

Membership is based on the calendar year, January through December.

Circle Appropriate Amount

NEW MEMBER: INITIATION+ DUES= TOTAL RENEWAL

Table with 4 columns: Membership Type, Description, Calculation, Total, Renewal. Rows include Open Membership, Family Membership, Junior Membership, and Associate Membership.

Additional flying family members:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_
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Notes:

- 1. Junior members and immediate family members other than spouse must be 18 yrs or younger and possess a Jr. AMA card.
2. Associate members are non-flying members, with no voting rights, and are not able to hold club offices.
3. No partial year memberships. New memberships and renewals purchased after Oct. 1st will cost the full annual amount and cover membership for the remainder the of current year, plus the following year. A current AMA license for both years is required.

FOR NEW MEMBERS Please indicate your flying experience. / / 1. STUDENT - I would like instructor assistance.
/ / 2. EXPERIENCED - I can take off and land.
/ / 3. INSTRUCTOR - I am available to assist others.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application with funds to:
Make checks payable to AMA

Gerald Morescki
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Mesa, AZ 85205
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