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October Meeting will be held at JJ's "Top of the Swamp"

The Thursday October 12, 2006 meeting, as well as the rest of our winter season meetings, will be held at JJ's "Top of the Swamp". We thank Manager Tim Faust for the use of JJ's for our meetings. As you recall, JJ's has great food and drinks so get there early to show our appreciation

for use of the facilities. I will be unable to make this meeting because we are heading to Stevens Point for our son Jacob's wedding. Bring lots of show and tell because there's lots of room for all your Big Birds. *Le Roy* 

Member Web Pages

Carl Bachhuber - <http://www.carlb-rcplanes.com>
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G-Forces

The aircraft G-limits are only there in case there is another flight by that particular airplane. If subsequent flights do not appear likely, there are no G-limits.

September Minutes - By Le Roy Stuczynski

The September minutes were accepted as published. Le Roy gave a Treasurer's report.

Le Roy said he has sent the AMA and IMAA sanctions in for our June 23, 2007 event. We discussed if we are going to remain an IMAA club. A vote was taken and it was unanimous to retain the IMAA Charter status.

Charlie showed a Radio Shack receiver/sound system. It was very impressive and included cone speakers, music capability, and wireless microphone. Total price will be around \$300. We decided to pay for the system. Le Roy asked that it be jointly owned by the Screamin' Eagles and MARCS so we can use it off site if necessary. Tom said this will be discussed at the MARCS board meeting. Charlie declined free 2007 membership for his efforts in researching the system.

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Le Roy indicated he had not yet completed our IMAA event report or added clubs to our email newsletter distribution group. Members considered removing him from office but after further discussion decided to give him about 10 or 12 more chances.

Show & Tell



Harold showed his latest creation which was promptly purchased by Charlie. That's not a golf club that guy's holding. Self portrait Harold?



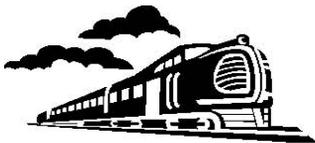
Bill Kinney showed an 8 lb Jerry's Big Boy with a .90 KangKe. Bill bought the package on eBay.



Charlie with the sound system he picked up at Radio Shack. It should be a great system for us and MARCS. A good sound system makes for a more successful event. Great job Charlie!

Tom then told a great story of a Beecher Fly In he and Ray attended. The weather started well but ended with about 3" or so of hail and 15 to 20 mph winds. The event concluded with a great pig roast (not for the pig)..

Le Roy 



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Hi Eagles. It's been a pretty busy month for me again. As I mentioned on the front page, I am going to miss the October meeting because our youngest son Jacob is getting married next weekend and we need to get there for final planning (checkbook), rehearsal and finally the wedding to his sweet girlfriend Amy. I can't remember when I last missed a Screamin' Eagles meeting. Help me pray for nice weather. After all I've been praying for good weather for our June events for 12 years and I was only washed out once.

Speaking of washed out, that's what nearly happened to the September 10, 2006 Lodi Area Radio Control Club (LARCC) event. The partly cloudy day (of course rain scheduled for evening) turned into a drizzle day with some real rain and wind later in the day. I was Contest Director of this event and we registered 15 participants and believe it or not, in spite of the cold, rainy and, at times, windy weather, they had a profitable day and everyone flew and had fun. Even the jet guys from Fond du Lac flew. It was a bit slow starting the flying until Mark Johnson broke the ice by wrapping his transmitter in plastic and having his spotter hold an umbrella for him. The photo at the right pretty much says it all. Flying went on constantly until about 2:00 and it kept the spectators interested enough to put up with the inclement weather. Richard and Joyce Cohoon were there with their concession stand and kept everyone fed.



I did finally file our IMAA Chapter event report for our June 10 Fly In. Don Vineyard, IMAA Secretary/Treasurer called me after he received our sanction for our 2007 event and he indicated the IMAA is no longer paying the \$20 sanction fee so before he could send the stuff to AMA I needed to send him \$20. He said the change was advertised on the IMAA website but I didn't see it. He said the board also voted to eliminate the free membership for filing an event report. I let my IMAA membership lapse last year but he said if I file an event report for our June 10 event I'd be a member for a year from the filing date. What an incentive for sending the report! Of course I sent the \$20 check and I have since received the IMAA sanction and my membership. I also note our June 23, 2007 event is already posted to their website.

I asked him if it was still reasonable for our June event pictures to be featured in a future issue of Highflight and he said absolutely. Therefore, I copied the pictures I took to a CD and printed identifying pictures with captions and sent them in. Look forward to our stuff in a future issue of Highflight.

I asked why the Screamin' Eagles Chapter 395 hasn't been listed as a Chartered club and he said for numerous years they have not had a contact person so none of the communications ever reached us. I have rechartered us (no cost) and we are again a duly noted IMAA club and I am now the Screamin' Eagles contact. It is up to us to keep IMAA informed of changes to the Screamin' Eagles contacts.

Like I said, I sent a comprehensive event report with pictures to the editor of Highflight so I expect we will see our event pictures in a future issue of the magazine. I'm just glad things are finally straightened out with IMAA and we are still an IMAA chartered club.

I am sorry I won't be able to make the October meeting but something even more important than giant scale aviation has come up. It sounds like Tom Lazar and Mark Johnson won't be able to make the meeting either. I assume Richard Cohoon as VP will take over the President responsibilities and someone will step up to do the minutes. I will see you at JJ's for the November meeting.



Model Aviation and Our National Security

Since questions have recently been directed to the Academy from various sources, following are two previously published advisories regarding dealing with law-enforcement agencies and the media when asked about model-aviation activities and our national security.

It is important to remind our members, clubs, and industry partners how to best represent our sport under such circumstances.

First and most importantly, cooperate. Once the representatives have established their identity—any legitimate officer or investigator will do this—cooperate by answering all questions honestly, politely, and with care.

Take these inquiries seriously, and don't forget the impact your answers and attitude could have on your flying privileges, not only locally but nationally. These are the times to give factual information and not the time to brag on your "modeling exploits."

Even though you are answering questions to determine the security risk model airplanes may pose, you may also be answering questions being asked by people who have never experienced our sport. You may be teaching them about the activity they are investigating; if that is the case, you want them to be well informed so they can fully appreciate what our activity is about.

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Happy Halloween



Second, always remember to direct investigators or officers to the Academy of Model Aeronautics—your national organization—for any additional information they may need. We have a good rapport with the agencies responsible and will be more than willing to assist at any level necessary. Establishing a good working relationship with such agencies is important not only to our national security, but to the efforts put forth to maintain our privilege to continue participating in the sport we all cherish.

Following is a copy of the Media Advisory AMA issued in April 2003. If you are approached by members of the media, please keep the following points in mind. We are sending this advisory as a result of recent events involving the news media making contact with local AMA Chartered Clubs, or individuals. "In today's tense atmosphere of terrorist threats, possible military actions, etc., there appears to be exuberance on the part of news agencies and individual reporters to gather information concerning the use of model aircraft as possible security risks."

Many times, in an effort to take advantage of the opportunity to garner some public exposure for their local flying activities, the members are surprised when the news release does not resemble what they had assumed would be published. This results in negative press for the sport and local participants, and may spread misinformation.

"As a service to all AMA Chartered Clubs, we suggest that if you or your club is contacted by TV, radio, newspaper, or internet reporters for interviews, other than coverage of such activities as fly-ins, mall shows, airport awareness days, etc., you direct them to the AMA Headquarters for information. If in doubt please err on the side of caution."

"Our main purpose for the 'Advisory' was to bring the matter to the attention of our members and remind them of how important it is to be cautious when giving interviews during these times. We are all aware of how communications can be misunderstood or misinterpreted and how reporters can sometimes inject their own perceptions. All we can ask is that anyone speaking on behalf of our modeling activities be aware of what the consequences of their words might be."

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