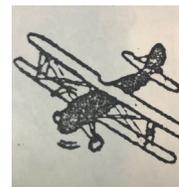




THE TALESPINNER

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January 5th, 2021
7:30 PM @ VFW (Upstairs)

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Prez Sez — Andy Myers

2020 the year to be remembered has finally come to an end. We can all breath a sigh of relief. New beginnings bring renewed hope of opportunities. I hope your plans for next year are as big as mine. If this year has taught us anything, it's that we need not waste any time. I urge you to make plans and carry out those plans whatever they may be. *Continued on Page 2.*

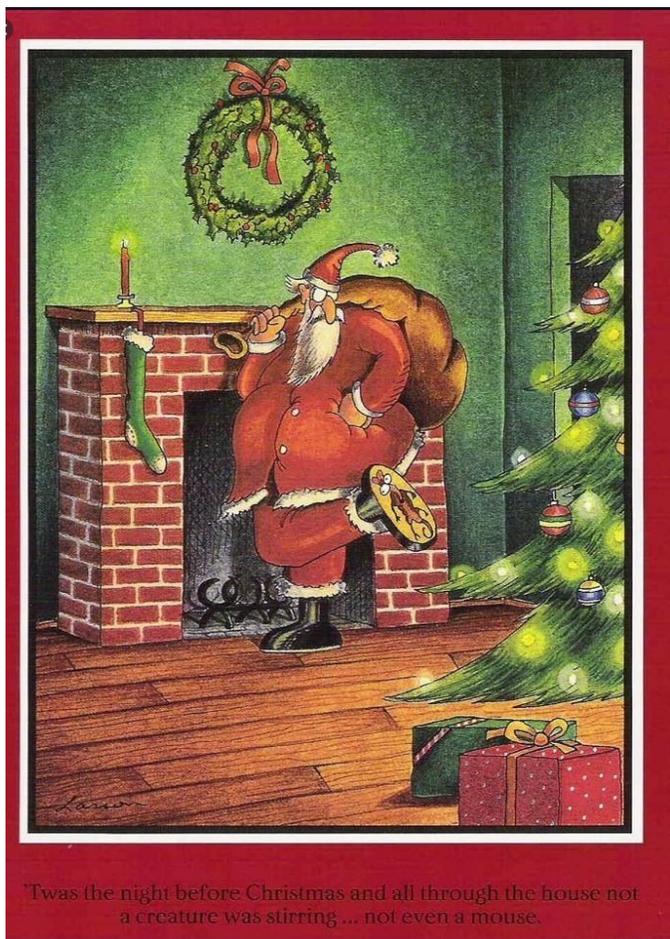


W.A.M. member Dick Ash looks on with pride at his latest masterpiece, a 1/4 scale De Havilland DH-4. Most of us only wish we had the skill and patience it must take to produce such a model of beauty. My hat is off to you, Dick on a job well done. Now, let's see it fly!

All Dialed In — Andy Myers

I know the internet has changed the way we function and sometimes not for the best. Love it or hate it, good things have come from having access to the world at our fingertips. Some of the sites I spend hours of my life include the forums of RC Groups.com, Flying Giants, and RC Universe. I tend to find a topic and research that topic until I've found the tid-bit of info I was looking for. I also like following the kit builds of some really talented folks who post pictures and how to's for the next plane I'm planning to tackle. Some of the information is bunk and just useless opinion, but that information is often vetted by folks who know their ass from a hole in the ground. The point is, we should be using this valuable resource to gain knowledge and expand our understanding of our great hobby. Facebook is another subject. We now have a dedicated facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/westminsteraeromodelers/)

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'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring ... not even a mouse.

cartoonist Gary Larson



Prez Sez - Andy Myers

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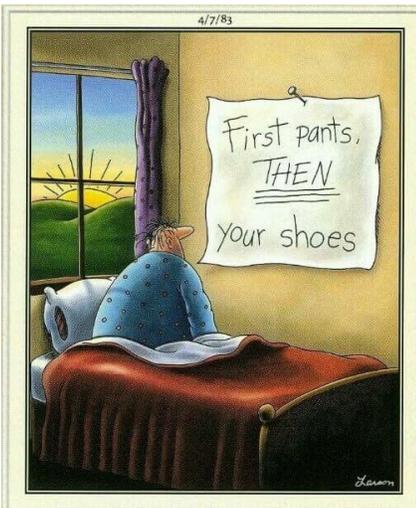
One of my biggest goals as President elect is to expand our membership. I know that the prospect is getting more and more challenging as time moves on, but I feel it's crucial and even paramount to the future of the organization. I will need your help with this goal and ask that you consider it as we venture together into 2021. If you know of someone who is interested in the hobby, invite them to one of our fields. Even if you don't intend to fly that weekend, the spark of others flying can catch fire. I value all the hard work and dedication of the membership of this organization that came before me, who provided such opportunities, including having two flying fields and folks willing to make sure they are ready and mowed each weekend. Let me repeat, we have TWO flying fields, most flying clubs only have one and have restrictions on when they can fly at that one field. Let's not waste this, let's get more folks out flying and swell our ranks.

Nuf said.

Andy

Business Meeting

- No meeting for December



The Right Stuff - Andy Myers



Great minds think alike!

W.A.M. member Dave Sherwin and his faithful dog Lizzy enjoy flying at Baugher Field. Dave always pleases the crowd with his 30% Extra 330SC. The Farmer finally cut the corn!



December was mild this year and provided many opportunities to fly.

The photos to the left depicts another beautiful Saturday morning at Baugher Field.

Andy Myers' Inverza 33 and Dave Sherwin's Extra 330SC shown. Love the sound of that DLE gas engine.



Important Announcements

- Next Members Meeting is January 5th at 7:30pm— BE THERE OR BE SQUARE !
- Flea Market Registration is ending, sign up now! Cost is \$20 per table
-  **Dues are Due! Time to get in your annual dues (\$80) - send check to Paul Schaffner. Sooner the better!**
- The Flea Market is scheduled for Feb 13, 2021 - Mark your calendars!!!



This Month in W.A.M. History - Andy Myers

From the **December 1998** issue of the Talespinner:

- Club President was John Wunderlich, John Sterrett was Vice President.
- Annual dinner was held at the VFW, awards were given out.
- Kamikaze Award went to John Schaffner and Terry Reeves as a result of a spectacular mid-air collision at Spiegel Field.
- Wendall Richards received an award for operating W.A.M. Hot Dog Stand at the Westminster Air Show.
- W.A.M.'s first website was announced: [HTTP://www.carr.lib.md.us/~michaely](http://www.carr.lib.md.us/~michaely)
- Spiegel Field was referred to as CCMA or Carroll County Model Aerodrome.
- Bill Woolston holds the high altitude landing record at 80 feet— landed his trainer 40 in a tree at Baugher Field .

Rule of thumb - Andy Myers

Harrison's Postulate —

"For ever action, there is an equal and opposite criticism"

Glide Time: The time between the engine failing out of your airplane and the plane hitting the ground.

Aero modeling: The art of turning precision cut and glued balsa wood and foam into toothpicks and confetti

Crash: Method of seeing inside a model airplane

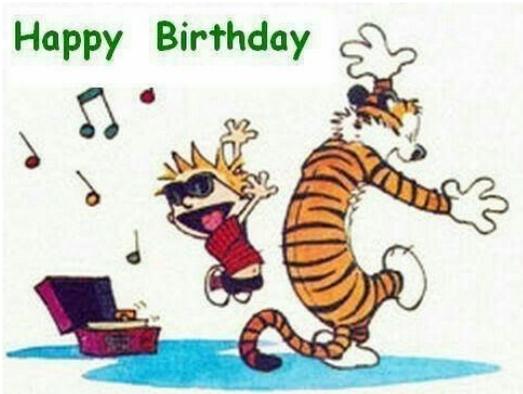
Tank: Temporary storage place for chemicals before they saturate your airplane.

Murphy's Constant —

"Matter will be damaged in direct proportion to its value."

Courtois' Rule —

"If people listen to themselves more often, they would talk less."



Happy Birthday to the following W.A.M. Members:

Tom Carroll — 12/6

Bill West — 12/11

Jim Hodges — 12/24

Dick Ash — 1/1

Bill Renick — 1/26

All Dialed In - Andy Myers

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which provides a medium by which to share photos and announcements. I have never been a particular fan of facebook as a company/entity. I have been a facebook user since I was in college in 2003. However, I understand the need to adapt to change, and with it the rapid pace by which we look to receive our information. Like it or not, facebook is how many of our younger generation (millennials and younger) share information and communicate. I want to make sure we are available to that younger generation as they are the future of our hobby and they should be included as best we can. We have over 13 members currently on our facebook page and I encourage you to join our facebook group if you have an account. Currently our facebook page is private to only members of W.A.M. and their families. We can add others though once vetted by our moderators. Please consider it.



Smooth Operator - Andy Myers

During the weekend of December 5th, Doug Klunk brought out the plane of the year— **Flex Innovations Vans RV-8**. This electric powered beast sports an Aura 8 gyro that provides outstanding precision to a QQ Somenzini design that truly rocks!



Side Note — Doug Klunk has been a member of W.A.M. since June 2001 and was a former club Secretary.



LEDs line the inside of the canopy and throughout the plane itself. These lights can be actuated and light up for night flying.

Doug purchased the plane from Tim West earlier this year. This plane is very popular in the club as John Snyder, Paul Schaffner, and Steve Hare also own one. All four planes sport the same orange color as well. You know them make them in green too guys!

The plane sports a Potenza 500KV Electric Motor, 100 amp ESC, and uses a 6200mAh 6S battery pack for power. Wing configuration can be set to crow for extremely slow descents as demonstrated by Paul Schaffner.



Doug gets his plane prepared for flight at Baugher field. Paul Schaffner fly's his own RV-8 in the background.



The plane has many scale details including realistic cowl, landing gear, and flight characteristics. For such a large foam plane, the quality is definitely there and worth every penny.



Builder's Corner - Andy Myers

Continuing on with my Sig Four Star 60 project, covering has continued and decals were installed on the fuselage. The tail feathers have been constructed and covered as well. To attach the control surfaces, I used Robart 1/8th metal pin hinges and the Robart jig to install.



Modifying the plans from Sig, I installed an elevator servo in the rear of the plane. Also installed a Sullivan 15 lb pull-pull kit for rudder control. The plane is really starting to come together. Sig Kits are very straight forward in design and the laser cut parts make it easy to assemble. I installed a "tiller style" tailwheel steering setup which turned out great.



Afterburner - Andy Myers

Comparison of a few new Spektrum transmitters (All info taken from the Horizon Hobby Website; www.Horizonhobby.com):



Product Details

From Wi-Fi connectivity and a large, 3.2" backlit color display to its built-in Smart Technology support, the NX10 10-channel transmitter provides experienced pilots with all of the advantages available from next-level Spektrum™ radio control.

Key Features

- Backlit 3.2", 320x240 display screen with multiple color palette choices and user customizable colors
- Wi-Fi connectivity for easy product registration and firmware updates
- Superb ergonomics including smooth Hall-effect sensor gimbals
- Smart Technology compatibility out of the box
- 3.7V 6000mAh 1S Lithium Ion transmitter battery and a magnetic USB Cable and Micro USB Adapter for convenient USB charging

In The Box

- (1) Spektrum™ NX10 10-Channel DSMX® Transmitter
- (1) 6000mAh Lilon transmitter battery with a magnetic USB Cable and Micro USB Adapter for USB charging
- (1) NX10 Transmitter Neck Strap
- (1) Product Manual

manual gimble adjustment screws accessed from the front side of the Tx, so no disassembly is required to get the "feel" right. SMART technology is now native to the Tx, which will work with any SMART compatible Rx for telemetry on things like battery pack voltage, RPM sensors, Temp Sensors, ect that now are standard on SMART Rx's. Ergonomics of the "feel" of the Tx in your hands has also been updated based on customer feedback. If you haven't made up your mind on your next Tx, I suggest you consider these options. Always get the best Tx with the most options that you can reasonably afford, because down the road you will likely need the features. -AM



SPMR1010
DXS Transmitter Only

\$99.99 ~~\$111.99~~

★★★★★ 1 Review



SPMR6775
NX6 6-Channel Transmitter Only

\$309.99 ~~\$347.99~~

★★★★★ 1 Review

Pre-Order



SPMR8200
NX8 8-Channel DSMX Transmitter Only

\$349.99 ~~\$399.99~~

The next generation of Spektrum Tx's have arrived. They offer the traditional form factors of the heritage DX (no screen), DX6, DX8, and are marketed as the new DXs, NX6, NX8, and the NX10. The 10 channel NX10 by Spektrum is new and exciting and will suffice for most of us, at \$500 it's a deal if you don't want to shell out \$630 for the iX12. Spektrum has provided a semi-color wireframe display that builds on the last generation, but keeps the familiar scroll wheel menu access. New features also include



Who's Who - Andy Myers

People are really what make this organization great and should be celebrated as much as the planes we fly, so here are the faces of the folks who made it happen in 2020.



Doug Klunk



Fred Lass



Tom Carroll



Brian Newman



Andy Myers



Bill West



Who's Who - Andy Myers

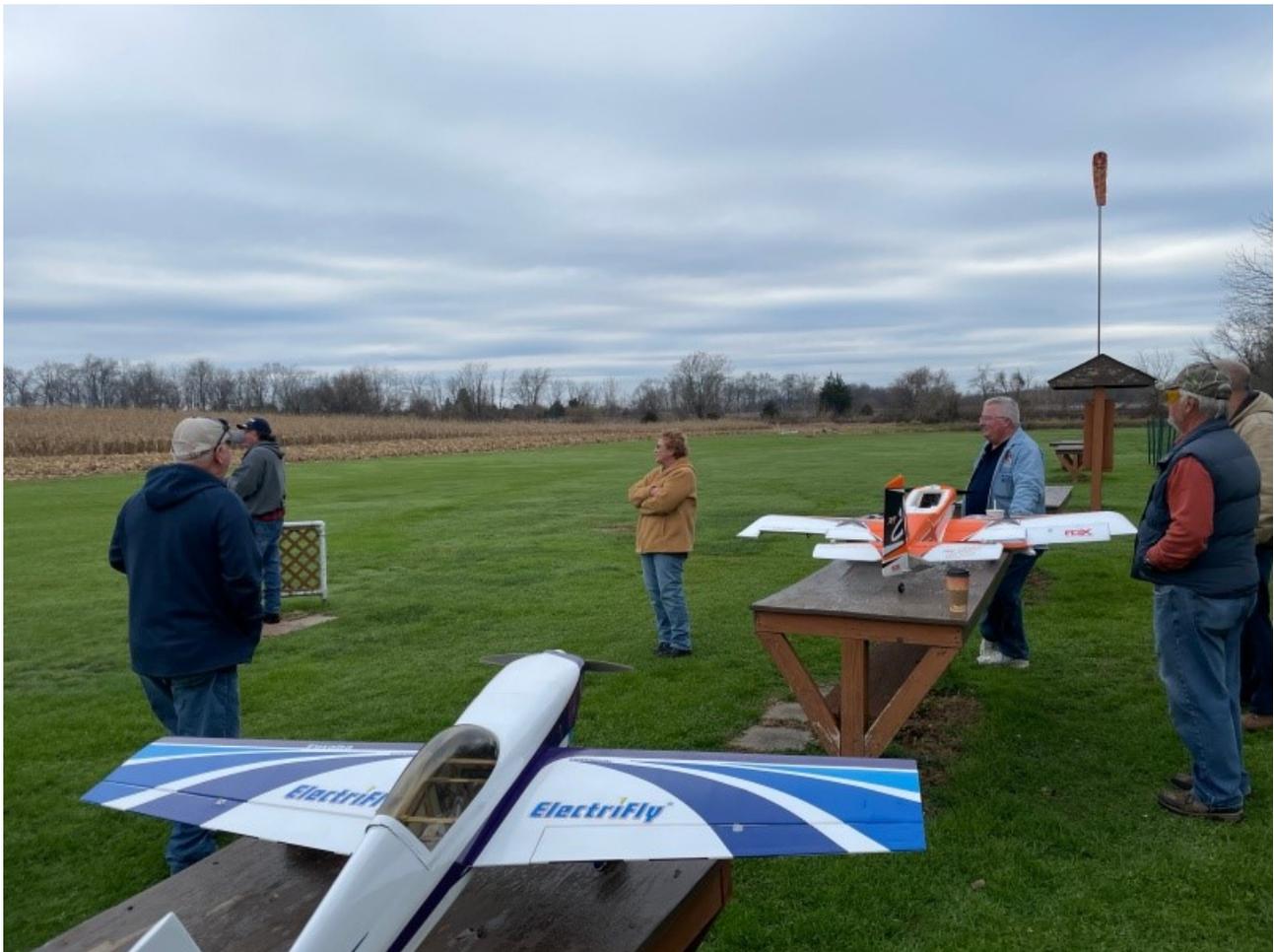
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John Snyder



Richard Jakubs



John Snyder , Carol Schaffner, Paul Schaffner, Doug Klunk , Brian Newman, and Jim Hodges at Baugher Field



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Steve Hare



Jim Christensen



Paul Schaffner



Marshall White



Tom Carroll Camps out at Baugher Field —>



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Tim West



Jim Hodges



Dave Sherwin and Lizzy his dog



Who's Who -

Andy Myers

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Baugher Field



Spiegel Field

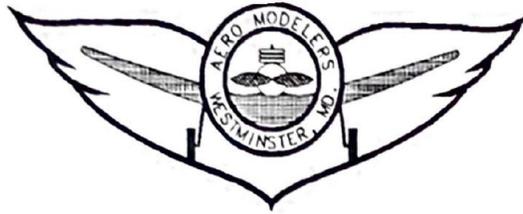
**Thank You to all who
keep our fields mowed
and looking beautiful.
We really appreciate
your effort!**

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**Lizzy says 'get out and
fly something' !!!**





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30th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

February 13, 2021

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TABLE RESERVATION REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of Tables Requested: _____ Cost per table: \$20.00

Preferred table location: ___ Wall ___ Aisle (If available)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Masks Required. Food Not Available. Table requests are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Stage space is available also on a first come, first serve basis. Vendor check-in 8:00 AM, General Public-9 AM

One free admission per table rental, general admission - \$5.00

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