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PREZ SEZ

Well gang, November 8th was a hectic day for those of you who took time out to pick a President but you still managed to turn out and support nomination night. We had high attendance and this was necessary to transact the business at hand.

The proposal to create the Vice-President's office as a separate office apart from the Secretary's office was discussed, voted on and approved. The necessary addendums to our Constitution and By-Laws will be so amended. As was pointed out, we now have need for the office to be fully functional rather than ceremonial.

We also found that our By-Laws allowing amendments is a bit too ambiguous. It should be more clearly worded, establishing the size of a quorum, from where the quorum is to be taken and the specific time period when changes or amendments can be made. There are other changes necessary and as a result, we should consider reviewing and updating our Constitution and By-Laws in the coming year.

One area, which I touched upon earlier, is establishing a maximum consecutive year limit for holding any office. The idea at this point has some support, but must be discussed in greater length by the membership. Also reviewing and redefining the duties of the Vice-Presidency, etc.

Regarding nomination night, the whole process went exceptionally smooth compared to some years past. The slate of candidates is excellent. With both Ray Miles and Milt Peacock aspiring to be President, we can't lose no matter how the balloting goes. This is also true of the candidates running for the other offices. Because of the quality of our candidates, I feel more comfortable with our coming election than I did with the National election. It will be strange, though, not having Don Nelson on the ballot. Don chose not to run. He has held the Treasurer's office longer than anyone has held an elected office in the history of our club. We are again in his debt for being patient and shouldering the load so long.

Regarding another matter, Ray reported John Owings will not be ready to fly from until the summer of 1990.

We have also been informed that the final plans include a 100 by 300 foot runway and a 90 foot C/L circle is being submitted to the State Environmental Control Dept.

Ray once told me he would like to get at least one flight in at John Owings before he retired. Well, at this point it will be interesting to see which will occur sooner. With the growth of both South Carroll and WAM it is hard to imagine the local government

officials can not see the immediate need for such a facility.

Time brings changes in many ways, even in growth. With new people, we see changes in the type of aircraft flown. One of the wonderful things about our sport is the varied interests. New aircraft are popping up all over the place, Electrics, Floaters, Powered Sailplanes, Vintage Freeflights converted to RC's etc. It all points to a very interesting future.

Well, it's time to sign off and I look forward to seeing you all at our Dinner at Frocks on December 4th. It should be an interesting affair and I'm sure you'll enjoy yourselves.

Since the December issue of the "Tail Spinner" may not reach you before the Holidays, let me wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukkah.

1. WAM BUSINESS MEETING - NOVEMBER 8, 1988

The November meeting of WAM was held at the Nelson home with 19 people present. Bill reported on the Carrolltowne Mall Show and that he considered it a success. Ray Miles reported on the Taneytown School demonstration. (More on these two in the following item).

Bill checked into the rental costs of the Reese field, hall and kitchen since there had been inquiries into the resumption of the annual static show and fun fly. Prices quoted were: Field-\$350.00/day, Field and Hall-\$700.00/day, Field, Hall and Kitchen -\$750.00 per day. With these outrageous prices, the club quickly abandoned any thought of using Reese again.

Jim Umstead offered the club a large Canon copier, however after looking into its repair cost and maintenance, the club declined. Jim was thanked for his generous offer. The December meeting was discussed and decided that Ray Miles will Don on the door, M Peacock will handle the 50/50 and Bob Hunter would do the pictures. It appears that there will be more than 60 people attending this year!

Ray Miles, Milt Peacock of the WAM and John Tennyson (representing the SCAM) met with county officials this month regarding the John Owings field. More later.

David G. Kenny of Pikesville had petitioned the club for membership and was voted in. He lives at 22 Waldron Ave. and his interests are in powered aircraft as well as gliders, Welcome. One visitor was present, Mr. Elmer Raymond, recently retired, had seen the Carrolltowne Mall display and thought that this just might be the thing that he had been looking for since he had been a carpenter and liked to build. He was invited to the dinner in December.

Nominations were taken for the 1989 club officers. You might recall that Bill Hasert is not running nor is Don Nelson. Don has held the position of Club Treasurer longer than any other officer has ever held a club position! The club amended the by-laws to separate the Vice President/Secretary into two positions.

Nominees are:	President - Ray Miles, Milt Peacock
	Vice President-Jim Umstead, Herman Gross
	Secretary-Art Perry, Ed Goldman
	Treasurer-Lloyd Briggs, Ed Goldman

The 50/50 was won by Ron Bowen.

2. WAM OUTSIDE EVENTS
Carrolltowne Mall Static Show

The WAM and SCAM participated in a mall show on November 6th. The SCAM was the lead or organizing club since the Carrolltowne Mall is in their sphere of influence. There were 38 planes in all with 15 from the WAM. There were many beautiful planes including Milt Peacock's Nats award winning T-34. The show was set up about 8:30 A.M.

A highlight was videos of several modeling events which were shown by the SCAM.

WAM TANEYTOWN SCHOOL SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION

The second in a long line of recently scheduled aviation demonstrations was held at the Taneytown School on November 16th. Prestige TV was on hand for this one and taped the complete show. In addition, to our satisfaction, reporters from the Carroll County Times and from the Baltimore Sun-Carroll County Section were on hand to cover the event. Finally, the Science Director of all Carroll County Schools was present. The WAM was well represented in attendance with Ray Miles, John Dorl, Jim Umstead, Ed Goldman, Ken Davis and Lloyd Briggs attending. The wind blew a little too much to allow R/C flight from their limited space however, thanks to Lloyd, control line demonstrations were done. Lloyd kept them enthralled, both young and old. The attendees couldn't thank the WAM members enough. The county science director was thoroughly impressed that there was an organization and dedicated people willing to undertake a program such as this. Well done demo team!

3. WAM FIELD ACTIVITIES

Field Activities are slowing down however there is flying most weekends, weather permitting. Are you interested in obtaining an AMA All Weather Flyer Patch? You have to fly every month of the year (certifiable flights). Call Milt Peacock on 833-3122 for more information since he has been through it and can give you all the details.

4. AMA NEWS

It's AMA dues time so don't forget. The AMA is searching for a permanent NATS site once again. It will be awfully hard to find a site that can accommodate all events. There is even talk of several sites and fragmenting events to accommodate the hard events such as free flight and soaring.

5. MEMBERS IDEAS/PROJECTS/SAFETY

Once again, we come to shop safety. Now that more of our activities have moved into our shops, we should dwell on that item. Some obvious things should be remembered such as - dull tools are far more dangerous than sharp tools; the proper tool always works best; use solvents and/or paints in ventilated areas; use cyanacrolate glues cautiously, they bond skin instantly; be cautious using covering irons, they deliver wicked burns. In short, think before each shop operation.

6. AREA EVENTS OR NEWS

* Dec. 4

Annual WAM dinner meeting and election of club officers for 1989. The affair will begin about 5:00 P.M. and run no later than 8:00 P.M. The guest speaker this year will be Mr. Geoffrey Styles, AMA Director of Public Relations.

* Currently there is flying at Nelson field just about any weekend, weather permitting.

7. FOR SALE/ WANTED/SWAP

* Servos - Futaba FP-S16 (3 each)

\$15.00 each

* All above servos (3) plus servotrays, receiver (75.64) and fourth servo (both require repair)
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8. MISCELLANEOUS

Since we have several members new to the hobby, we are publishing a glossary of terms found in modeling advertisements and catalogs. We hope these will succeed in speeding them along their path to maturity in the hobby.

Semi-Kit - Plans, a balsa log and a tube of glue.

Deluxe Semi-Kit - The bark has been removed from the balsa log.

Eight Hour Assembly-Refers to the box, definitely not the plane.

Transition Trainer-The transition is from the wonder of your first flight to wondering where it has gone on your second flight.

Advanced Trainer-Doesn't fly well enough for advanced pilots and too large a handful for the beginner.

Aerobatic-Too unstable to fly in a straight line.

Fun Fly Plane-The other guys at the field will have tons of fun watching you trying to fly this one.

Pattern Ship-Make a pattern of all the pieces before the first flight so you will have something to copy from after the first flight.

Thermal Glider-Flies better inside by the stove than outside.

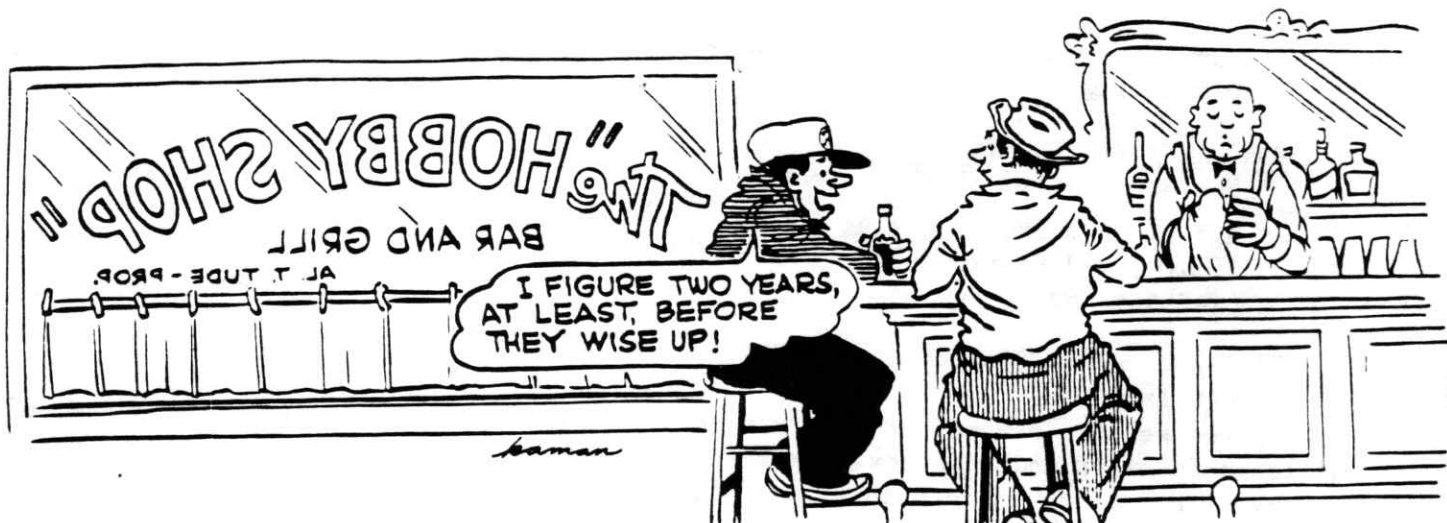
Remember, save the box your kit comes in. The one who can get all the pieces back in it after the first flight wins a prize. However, with the advent of the new plastic iron-ons the planes provide their own garbage bags!

9. MAC UPDATE:

Recently the Carroll County officials indicated a need to talk with us (the WAM and SCAM) regarding the John Owings field. Ray, Milt and John Tennyson of SCAM along with clubmember Bud Redman met with them to discuss field orientation, parking lot, access road, etc. The outcome was that access to the new field will be via John Owings Road and the parking area will be around the field beyond the end by the large trees. Currently there is a 100 foot by 300 foot landing strip and a 90 foot control line circle planned. It now appears that the clubs may be flying from the new field approximately spring of 1990.

This issue marks the fifth year of the WAM Newsletter "Talespinner".

See you December 4th at Frocks for the Annual WAM Dinner/Election meeting.





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PREZ SEZ

Our 1988 annual dinner meeting is now part of our long history. The turn out was great and since most of you were there, I'm sure you share my view that it was a success. Even the weatherman cooperated.

There is always a certain amount of apprehension about how things will go but except for my short disappearance (I had to retrieve a document inadvertently left at home) and my flubbing the King's English here and there, we were on schedule and all went well.

Our awards presentation went smoothly but not without a surprise or two from the unpredictable Milt Peacock. You never know with Milt! I was particularly happy to recognize Art Perry and his wife, Sarah for their outstanding contribution of service to our Club. When I initiated these awards, I hoped I would be able to present them to as many of our outstanding people as possible before I left office. Art certainly had to be part of that group.

Our guest speaker, Geoffrey Styles, Director of Public Relations for the AMA, was both informative and entertaining. I've always envied those that are capable of delivering the message and have that uncanny knack of making you chuckle with a joke or two. How they remember the punch lines, I'll never know. Geoffrey was good and it was a pleasure to have him with us.

Since the dinner meeting was the last one I would preside over as your President, it perhaps had a special significance to me. The three years I have been President have been good years for me. I have learned a lot, and have been the recipient of a lot of good will and most of all, a lot of cooperation. It's been fun on and off the field.

We have a growing enrollment and the largest number of active members on board since I've been associated with the club. We have good turn outs for flying. Thanks to P.R. works, we have spectator interest and continue to receive inquiries about the club from those interested in joining us. We have gone on a few trips, reactivated our Fun Flies, and lest I should forget, made the CLUB CUB FLY.

Disappointments? Sure. Our X-member day wasn't a smashing success, but on a more serious note, I share Ray's disappointment that John Owings Model Park did not become a reality during our term of office. It is still very much on track, though, and I feel it will come to pass.

As I said before, with the number of excellent candidates for office, it was difficult to make a selection. But now the die is cast - Milt, Jim, Art and Lloyd are the new team.

Milt has the time, the enthusiasm and smarts to be a great president. I believe he will be one of our best. Of course, he will need our full cooperation but I'm sure you stand ready, as I do, to assist him when ever called upon. The end product is a better club, one, we can enjoy more and take even greater pride in.

Art, the lone survivor of the changing of the guard, will, I'm sure, continue to do the outstanding job he has always done. Jim and Lloyd will bring to their office the same enthusiasm they have exhibited in the club assignments. My congratulations to all of you. Our club is in good shape and will be led by competent officials, so leaving office under these conditions is not too disturbing.

Regarding my plaque, well, when Milt presented me with it, I was stunned! I do not feel deserving of the honor, but could not help succumbing to a terrific sense of pride and thanks in receiving it. You see, I joined the AMA in 1938 so my love for model aviation goes back a long way. In all of those years, I never thought I'd be present of an AMA chartered club, especially one that has as long a history as ours. Without exaggeration, it was to me, an honor to serve as your president. Because of this, the plaque designating my term of office and your kind words inscribed, will always have a special meaning for me. My concern for our club's future will always be there, but it was more than I deserved. Thanks again.

Because of job considerations limiting my free time, I was not able to both fly and administrate. This, along with prior stated reasons is why I chose not to run for office this year. I now look forward to joining you with plane and transmitter in hand. Yes sir, it's time for me to play! The "Hangar Queen" formerly known as the Sig Kadet is on its way, not to mention a nifty Sport-Air 40.

See you on the field!

1. WAM BUSINESS MEETING-DECEMBER 4, 1988

The WAM held its annual dinner, election meeting at Frocks on December 4th. This years guest speaker was the AMA's Director of Public Relations, Mr. Geoffry Styles. Geoff is an emigre' from Great Britain and gave a very entertaining talk regarding the hobby of model aviation and, to a degree, what and how the AMA is up to. A most interesting and entertaining speaker. Election of officers was held with the following being elected:

President-Milt Peacock	Vice-President-Jim Umstead
Secretary-Art Perry	Treasurer-Lloyd Briggs

Volunteer positions within the club remain with the primary ones beings, AMA Liaison-Ray Miles and Newsletter-Art Perry.

Over 50 people attended this year and were treated to a great meal and a good time.

2. WAM OUTSIDE EVENTS

The school/science demonstration team approach appears to be a big hit. In fact our visiting dignitary, Mr. Geoff Styles stated that he planned to relate these activities in a coming column which he authors for the AMA publication, "Model Aviation". If you are interested in participating in this program, Ray Miles is the contact.

3. WAM FIELD ACTIVITIES/CLUB CUB

If you are interested in trying for one of the AMA all-weather flyers patch, contact Milt Peacock for more information. Basically, you have to have flown at least once monthly and have the fact certified.

4. AMA NEWS

How about it. The AMA thought that they could build the headquarters at Reston and that it would suffice for the foreseeable future. Well, apparently we couldn't see very far. Originally we were going to use some of the facility and maybe rent out some space. Ha! It is overflowing and things are in storage and it looks as though Reston really isn't the place for the AMA headquarters of the future. We simply need more space, building and grounds as well. This will probably become an increasingly talked about topic in the immediate few years.

5. MEMBER IDEAS/PROJECTS/SAFETY

Several small items this month - For those that go to the field often and fly several planes probably find themselves once in a while wondering where they are. Seriously, if you turn your radio on, start up, take off and fly, have you ever wondered how long my radio batteries have been on? Well, Radio Shack sells a miniature timer which is about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches round that is a clock as well as a 15 minute resettable timer. You just stick it on your transmitter with velco and you are in business. Not only are you reminded of the time but you can keep an eye on the radio batteries.

For those that still like to use a little paint on their models you can get the neatest handle that snaps on to the top of spray cans. Presto, you have 100 percent more control over your spraying since it now is much like a regular spray unit. Works good.

Since its building season, everyone is probably getting with it. Does your bench have good light? Can you see? The Best Fabric Store in the Chartley Shopping Center in Reisterstown has something for you. For \$19.95, you can get a spring arm light with about a 4 inch magnifier built into it. Mount this on the end of your bench and use it for normal lighting. However, when you have that small delicate job to do, pull it down and work with both hands while viewing the work through the magnifier! You'll like it. Also they stock X-acto products knives and blades, if you find yourself stuck sometime and need a #11 blade.

6. AREA EVENTS OR NEWS No activity reported.

7. FOR SALE/WANTED/SWAP

For Sale-*Plane-Goldberg Eaglet (Ready Built) - \$40.00 or \$20.00 each
*Engine-Fox .25 R/C
*Fuel-Cool Power 10 Percent Glow Fuel-1 Gallon - \$5.00

Ray Miles - 781-4937

8. MISCELLANEOUS

The meeting of January 10 marks a new beginning for the WAM. With virtually a completely new slate of officers it should prove interesting. Mark your calendars and make a point to attend.

Also, it is club dues time again. Our dues are due January 1, 1989 and must be paid by March 31, 1989. Dues are as follows:

Jr. Member-(up to 15 yrs. old by 1/1/89)	\$3.75
Sr. Member-(16 yrs.-20 yrs. old by 1/1/89)	\$7.50
Open Member-(21 yrs.-60 yrs. old by 1/1/89)	\$15.00
Senior Citizen-(over 60 yrs. by 1/1/89)	\$7.50
Elected Officers-Pres., V.P., Secty., Treas.	\$7.50

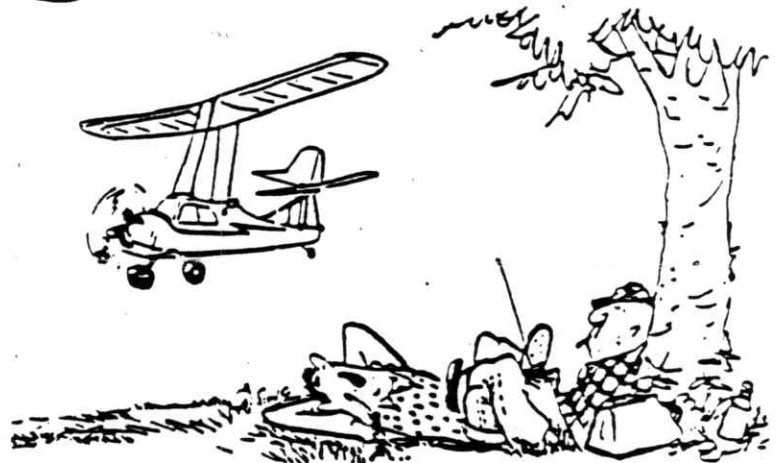
Please send your dues ASAP to the Treasurer: Lloyd Briggs
915 Lindellen Road
Reisterstown, Md. 21136
833-7450

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lloyd Briggs

The WAM dues structure is one of the easiest in the country. Many clubs include prorated flying field rent, etc. up to as high as \$250.00 annually. We have been indeed fortunate that one of the WAM charter members, Don Nelson, has graciously provided the WAM with a free flying field for over 25 years. The next time you see him say thanks!

9. MAC UPDATE

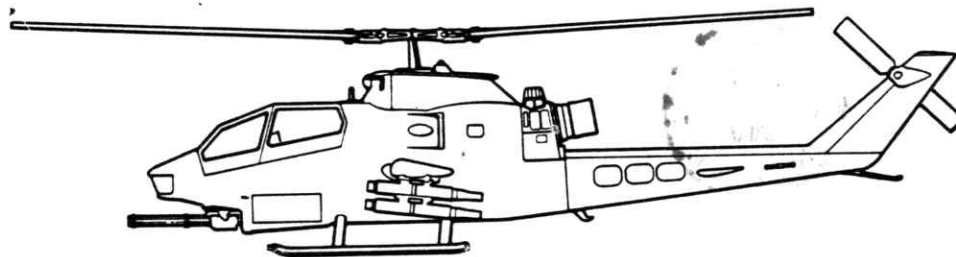
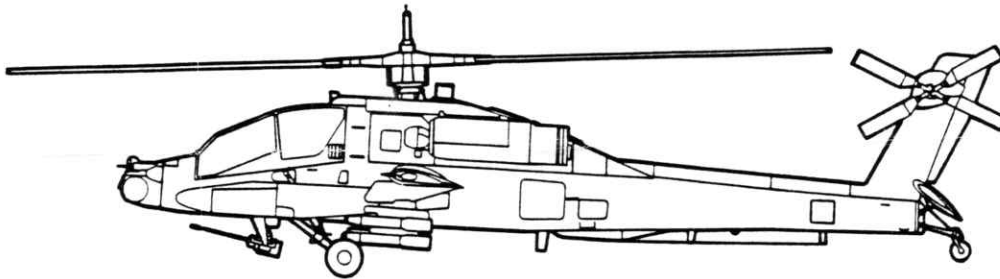
Ray Miles reports that through clubmember Bud Redman and other county sources, we should be able to fly on the John Owings site in the spring of 1990. Sounds like a long way off, however don't you remember being told "anything worth having is worth waiting for"!



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