

ARCS NEWS

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Club Meeting- Friday, Nov 8, 2002 7 PM at Walt's

President's Message:

The snow is falling and I guess we have to admit that the flying season is almost over. Take a look at the winterizing tips elsewhere in this newsletter. New years day is right around the corner so pay up your AMA, attach the skis to the airplane and get ready to be cold. AMA ballots must be sent in by Nov 15th.

ARCS dues can be paid at any time, the sooner the better. Please use the form on page 3 and please pay by check made out to ARCS.

The model forum is shaping up. It will be on Feb. 1st at the Ramada. We're looking for a few good modelers to help with the preparations. Our next meeting is Nov. 20th at 7:30PM at the Ramada. Let me know if you want to help.

Walt's will be having their annual Secret Santa sale on Nov. 30th from 9-5. We will have an informational table and I'm looking for people to staff it throughout the day. I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

The Sept. 18th issue of the Marcellus Observer had a nice write-up about our club. The reporter stopped by during our September Picnic along with her father. They asked a lot of questions and took a lot of pictures. I'll have the paper at the meeting.

In the next couple of weeks I will take the tractor home for storage and maintenance. I guess we're done with it for this year.

See you at the meeting!

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Wing Tips: By Mike Amie

Speaking of Bags...

While at the field, Al Metz once told me, "You start this hobby with a full bag of luck and an empty bag of experience. Hopefully, the bag of experience fills before the bag of luck runs out." Maybe Al had a six pack in his bag!!

Tip #1. When sheeting wings, keep a couple of aluminum levels around of different sizes. Use them as a straight edge to hold down the sheeting while the glue dries.

Tip #2. When cutting sheeting to width and length, use a rotary cutting tool like the ones used to cut fabric.

Tip #3. Don't glue down your canopies and windshields, use 3M vinyl tape. It comes in many colors to match your covering. Black looks like rubber gaskets and silver looks like metal.

Tip #4. When applying sheeting, sand as you go. The balsa dust will fill in the gaps between the sheets and stick to the wet CA, reducing the need for filler.

Tip #5. Use a 1' to 2' level as a sanding bar. Use rolls of adhesive sandpaper of different grits and tack to each edge

Mike

Winterizing Tips

There are many opinions about winterizing aircraft. Here are a few good ideas.

Engine: The alcohol based fuel absorbs moisture from the air and, if allowed to remain in the engine, will cause severe corrosion. Ball bearing engines and 4-strokes are more prone to corrosion problems.

- Immediately after running the engine, remove all the fuel from the tank, re-start the engine and allow it to run at a fast idle until all the fuel is run out of the fuel lines and carburetor. (This should be done after each flying session.)
- Remove the glow plug, put lots of after run oil in the carburetor. After run oil can be bought at Walt's or you can use Marvel Air Tool Oil, available at auto supply stores.
- Spin the engine over by hand or with a starter to distribute the oil.
- Re-install the glow plug.
- Drape a plastic bag over the engine or remove it from the plane and store it in a plastic bag.
- Do not attempt to turn over or start the engine with lots of after run oil in it! This can severely damage the connecting rod or piston. Remove the glow plug and turn the engine over with a starter until most of the oil is blown out. It is then safe to put the glow plug back in and start the engine.

Batteries:

- Recharge the batteries after the last flight. Recharge them monthly when not in use.
- Cycle the batteries before using in the spring to check their capacities. If the capacity is less than 80% of its rating, replace it.

Cycling can be done with a purchased cycler (easy) or with an ESV and a timer (time consuming) or with a resistor and a volt meter. If you are interested in these methods, ask me for details.

Herb.

Aero Radio Club of Syracuse Membership Application/Renewal

Name: _____

Please Check all that apply:

Address: _____

_____ New Member initiation fee \$ 5.00

City: _____ State: _____

_____ Junior Member (under 18, parent *NOT* a member) \$10.00

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Junior Member (under 18, parent *IS* a member) \$ 0.00

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_____ Senior Member (over 65) \$15.00

AMA Number: _____

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A Great Summer Day

Participants and officials pose for a photo after the ARCS annual Fun Fly, August 17th, 2002. Shown from left are Dick Schwarz, Don Cole, Herb Ziegler, Frank Knosp, Mike Amie, Fred Ceratt, Dick Skutt, Todd Cottrell, Bob Horst and Peter Seiffert.

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Calendar

Fri. Nov. 8, 2002	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting
Wed. Nov. 20, 2002	7:30 PM Ramada Inn	Model Forum Meeting
Sat. Nov. 30, 2002	9AM-5PM Walt's	Secret Santa Sale
Fri. Dec. 13, 2002	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting (Family Pizza Party)
Wed. Jan. 1, 2003	11AM at the field	New Years Day Fun Fly
Fri. Jan. 10, 2003	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting
Fri. Jan 31, 2003	7 PM at the Ramada	Meeting and set-up for the forum
Sat. Feb. 1, 2003	9AM-4PM Ramada	STARS/ARCS Model Forum