



Aero Radio Club of Syracuse

ARCS NEWS

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Club Meeting– Friday, Mar 14, 7PM at Walt's

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President's Message:

Spring must be close. Setting the clocks ahead is a sure sign.

- The STARS had their annual Snow Fly on March 2nd. The weather was very nice and the snow was smooth. Stan Swizdor, Mike Moore, Walt Throne, Bruce Throne and yours truly along with numerous other modelers enjoyed several hours of flying, lots of good food and great company. Thanks to the STARS for the invitation!
- If your club membership has not been renewed yet, be sure and submit it immediately. Include the renewal form on page 3 and be sure to also include the \$5.00 late fee.
- Club officers will be elected at the meeting. Mike Moore has expressed an interest in running for treasurer. I have received no other requests and the other current officers have agreed to stay on. Come to the meeting and let your voice be heard.
- Walt is holding another Heli Hover Cup event due to the success of the first event. This one will be on Thursday, March 27th. Sign up starts at 5PM, flying starts at 6. For more information see <http://www.walts-hobby.com/>.
- AMA has created a Park Pilot Program, which is intended to meet the needs of the smaller aircraft group. A comparison of the program to regular membership is on page 2. It is up to the individual clubs if they want to allow park flyers so we will vote on it at the meeting. Personally, I think we should welcome them.
- With the improving weather, it will be tempting to drive to the field to get a few flights in. As I do every year, I am again asking that everyone be extremely cautious about driving down the road when it is muddy. Road maintenance is one of our biggest expenses. With a little self control, we can keep these costs at a minimum. If it is at all questionable, park at the main hangar and carry your gear down. Do not leave ruts in the road. Thanks in advance for your good judgment.

See you at the meeting!

Herb.

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Park Pilot Program information:

Park Flyer Definition:

Park Flyer models will weigh two pounds or less and be incapable of reaching speeds greater than 60 mph. They must be electric or rubber powered, or of any similar *quiet* means of propulsion. Models should be remotely controlled or flown with a control line, remain within the pilot's line of sight at all times, and always be flown safely by the operator.

A Park Flyer site can be either an outdoor or an indoor venue. When flying at sites specifically designed for Park Flyers, the pilot will keep the model within the established flight boundaries of the field. Members need to take into consideration several factors including piloting ability, weight, size, and speed of the Park Flyer model to determine if a Park Flyer site is an appropriate venue for flying a particular model. The test should be, "Can I fly this model safely and quietly at this flying site?"

| Comparison of Open vs. Park Pilot membership | |
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| Open membership | Park Pilot membership |
| \$58/year | \$29.95/year |
| \$2.5 million liability insurance | \$500,000 liability insurance |
| Accident/Medical insurance | No Accident/Medical insurance |
| Fire, theft, and vandalism insurance. | No fire, theft, or vandalism insurance |
| \$2.5 Million Flying Site Owner's Insurance | \$2.5 Million Flying Site Owner's Insurance |
| Monthly subscription to <i>Model Aviation</i> magazine | Quarterly subscription to <i>Park Pilot</i> magazine |
| Flying at all AMA sanctioned contests | Can only fly at non-rule book sanctioned events. |
| Open Members have access to the Contest Calendar when they receive <i>Model Aviation</i> | Park Pilot members will receive no such notice on any events other than Park Pilot Class C events |
| AMA cards will remain the same format as in years past | Park Pilot card will be different from the standard AMA card |
| No restrictions on type of aircraft that you fly other than established by the Official AMA National Safety Code | Can only fly park flyers or quiet-powered models that meet the class definition. Internal-combustion-powered models cannot be flown with this membership |
| Voting privileges in AMA officer elections | No voting privileges in AMA officer elections |
| Open Members can remain members of existing clubs | If an Open member chooses a Park Pilot membership, you may or may not remain a member of that local club depending on how that club views park fliers |
| Open Members can still fly at the local club field | As a Park Pilot Member, flying may or may not be restricted to just the NEW fields approved only for Park Pilot members (that decision is left to existing Open clubs) |

Aero Radio Club of Syracuse

Membership Application/Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Mobile Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

AMA Number: _____

Radio Channel(s): _____

Please Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member initiation fee | \$ 5.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Member (under 18, parent <i>NOT</i> a member) | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Member (under 18, parent <i>IS</i> a member) | \$ 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Member (over 65) | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member (18-65) | \$35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee (after Jan. 31, Renewals only) | <u>\$ 5.00</u> |

Submit this form and payment to:

Add up all applicable fees \$ _____

Make checks payable to ARCS

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Snow Fly Photos



Bruce Throne with his E-Flite Ultra Stick 25



Mike Moore's Nexstar gently touching down on it's skis.

Calendar

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| Fri, Mar 14 | 7PM Walt's | Club Meeting |
| Sat, Mar 15 | Canandaigua | RC Auction www.gregcovey.com/CHIEFS/2008AuctionPoster.doc |
| Sat, Mar 22 | 11-6 Oswego Armory | Hawks Indoor Flying www.junioraviators.org |
| Thu, Mar 27 | 5PM Walt's | 2nd Heli Hover Cup |
| Apr 4,5,6 | Toledo, OH | Toledo Show |
| Fri, Apr 11 | 7PM Walt's | Club Meeting |
| Thurs, Apr 17 | 6PM at the field | First training night |