



Aero Radio Club of Syracuse

ARCS NEWS

March 8, 2010

Club Meeting– Friday, March 12, 7PM at Walt’s

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President’s Message:

March already. What great weather it has been so far. Not a flake of snow all month. I’m sure we’re not done with snow yet but we are getting closer to spring. I can’t believe it’s time for another election. Seems like only a couple of years ago...

- The slate of officers running for election will be Herb Ziegler– President, Mike Moore– Vice President, Kevin Kiniry– Treasurer and Al Metz– Secretary. Elections will be during the March meeting.
- Historically, every 2 years we donate \$500.00 to the airport for the privilege of flying there. We will decide at the meeting if we should do this again.
- It’s time to start discussing the Father’s Day pancake breakfast. Bob Oxford assures me he is ready, willing and able to head it up again this year. We will decide at the meeting if we will do it again this year
- Al Metz will be taking orders for club shirts and hats. If you have a preference about shirt types or colors, please let Al know.
- Kevin Kiniry has offered to bring in a video of a flight he took at Geneseo in an AT6. I can’t wait to see it. There could be some screaming.
- Membership renewals are a little slow this year. A \$5.00 late fee is now in effect for club membership renewals. Please renew as soon as possible. Also be sure your AMA is up to date.
- I was sick and couldn’t attend the STARS Snow Fly. Mike Moore tells me it was well attended. The weather was perfect for March.
- Mike and Luke also flew Mike’s Nexstar with floats for the first time at Otisco Lake. The floats work great on snow and ice. Have to wait a few weeks to try them on water. See photos on page 3.
- Since things are thawing out, I must ask that everyone use caution when driving down to the field. Road maintenance is very costly. One guy can cause hundreds of dollars in damage. If it is at all questionable, park near the main hangar and walk down.
- Please take a moment to read the AMA Safety Code on Page 2. Be sure you are following it. We will review it at the April Meeting.
- There are a couple of good swap meets coming up. One is the Canandaigua Chiefs Auction on March 20th and the other is the FLAPS auction on April 17th.. I will have information at the meeting.

See you soon.

Herb.

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**Academy of Model Aeronautics
National Model Aircraft Safety Code
Effective January 1, 2010**

GENERAL

A model aircraft shall be defined as a non-human-carrying aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It may not exceed limitations established in this code and is intended to be used exclusively for sport, recreation, and/or competition.

- 1. I will not willfully fly my model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner, and will abide by this Safety Code and any additional rules specific to flying sites.**
- 2. I will yield the right-of-way to man-carrying aircraft and will see and avoid all aircraft, utilizing a spotter when appropriate. (See AMA Document #540-D on See and Avoid Guidance.)**
3. I will not fly my model aircraft higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level, when within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator.
4. The maximum takeoff weight of a model aircraft, including fuel, is 55 pounds, except for those flown under the AMA Experimental Aircraft Rules.
- 5. I will not fly my model aircraft in sanctioned events, air shows, or model demonstrations unless I have previously proven that my aircraft, control system, and piloting skills are adequate by successfully executing all maneuvers intended or anticipated in the specific event. If I am not a proficient pilot, I will not fly in these events unless assisted by an experienced pilot.**
6. I will not fly my model aircraft unless it is identified with my name and address, or AMA number, inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.
7. I will not operate model aircraft with metal-blade propellers.
8. I will not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices which explode or burn, or any device, which propels a projectile of any kind. Exceptions include Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight. Rocket motors up to a G-series size may be used, provided they remain firmly attached to the model aircraft during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code; however, they may not be launched from model aircraft. Officially designated AMA Air Show Teams (AST) are authorized to use devices and practices as defined within the Team AMA Program Document.
- 9. I will not operate my model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or while using any drug which could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.**
10. When and where required by rule, helmets must be properly worn and fastened. They must be OSHA, DOT, ANSI, SNELL or NOCSAE approved or comply with comparable standards.

RADIO CONTROL

- 1. All pilots shall avoid flying models over unprotected people.**
2. I will complete a successful radio equipment ground-range check **in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations** before the first flight of a new or repaired aircraft.
3. At all flying sites a safety line or lines must be established, in front of which all flying takes place. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line. In the case of air shows or demonstrations a straight safety line must be established. An area away from the safety line must be maintained for spectators. Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited. **(See AMA Document #706 for Recommended Field Layout.)**
4. I will operate my model aircraft using only radio-control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Only individuals properly licensed by the FCC are authorized to operate equipment on Amateur Band frequencies.
5. I will not knowingly operate my model aircraft within three (3) miles of any preexisting flying site without a frequency-management agreement. **(See AMA Document #922 for Testing for RF Interference. See AMA Document #923 for Frequency Management Agreement.)**
6. With the exception of events flown under official AMA Competition Regulations rules, excluding takeoff and landing, no powered model may be flown outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot and the pilot's helper(s) located at the flight line.
7. Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual. **This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.**
- 8. Radio-controlled night flying requires a lighting system that provides the pilot with a clear view of the model's attitude and orientation at all times.**
9. The operator of a radio-controlled model aircraft shall control it during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses that are prescribed for the pilot. **First-Person View (FPV) flying may only be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #550.**

Documents may be obtained either from the AMA Web site at www.modelaircraft.org or by contacting AMA Headquarters.

ARCS Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____

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 \$ _____

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Make checks payable to: **ARCS**

Photos of Mike Moore's Nexstar on floats.
 In a couple of weeks Mike will have to find a different place to stand.



Calendar

Fri, Mar 12	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting
Sat, Mar 20	9AM, Canandaigua	Chiefs Auction
Fri, Apr 9	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting
Thur, Apr 15	5:30 at the field	First official training night, weather permitting
Sat, Apr 17	10AM, Magee Fire House	FLAPS Auction
Sun, June 20	8AM Main Hangar	Father's Day Breakfast
Sat, July 31	9AM to 4PM, Old Forge	Mountain RC Fun Fly