



ARCS NEWS



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Club Meeting- Friday, Oct. 8, 2004 7 PM at Walt's

President's Message:

It's hard to believe summer is over already. The weather was not to favorable for model flying but I guess flying in less than ideal conditions makes you a better pilot. The last couple of weeks has provided better flying conditions than the entire summer. Here's what's going on:

- **IMPORTANT:** Dave Mathewson is running for AMA president. The most important thing you can do is to send in your ballot (which you should have received in the mail along with your renewal). Dave's campaign statement is on page 2 of this newsletter. Anyone who knows Dave knows his dedication to this hobby and his commitment to making it better. Be sure to check the box by his name. Put down the newsletter and do it now! Lets give Dave all the support we can! (I have not been paid and have not received any compensation for this endorsement)
- Frequency pins #16, 19 and 23 are missing and have been for a while. Please put your newsletter down *right now* and go check your transmitters! It is risky to not have these pins at the field and it is equally risky to make replacements. Please get these pins back to the field ASAP. Thanks.
- Club hats (and a few shirts) are available for purchase. See me if you want one.
- Flight training will continue on Thursday evenings until the 21st.
- We will schedule a clean up day to prepare the field for winter. Possibly Saturday the 9th or maybe the following week depending on the weather. We have left over food from the summer events so we'll turn it into a working picnic.
- A group of engineering students from SU are participating in a Design Build and Fly contest. Dave Mathewson has been working with the group for several years and recently they have been coming out to the field for flight instruction. Be sure to welcome them if you see them there.
- We are still searching for a good place to hold our Model Forum this winter. Since the Ramada Inn is being renovated, we are looking for a large meeting room (fire hall, etc.) with lots of tables. If anyone has access to such a place, please let me know immediately!
- Just a reminder, *everyone* must use the access road to get to the field. You must watch for and yield to any full-size aircraft. You may *not* drive across the runways. If you are unfamiliar with the airport layout, please contact one of the officers for assistance. Be especially careful when the road is wet. Road maintenance is a significant cost to us so keeping the road in good shape saves us a lot of money.

I hope to see you at the meeting Friday night.

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**Campaign Statement of
Dave Mathewson
Candidate for AMA President
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My name is Dave Mathewson and I'm running for the office of AMA President. I am currently the AMA District 2 Vice President, having held this position for the last four years. Prior to this I was an Associate Vice President for both John Grigg and Wes DeCou.

I have outlined a vision and a set of goals that I believe would enhance AMA's ability to serve our members and advance model aviation. Times change, and AMA needs to make a shift in what have been our priorities.

I believe we need to focus more on promoting model aviation as a worthwhile, recreational activity. This positive exposure would pay off primarily in our efforts to acquire and retain flying sites, our top priority in District 2 during my time here. In fact, AMA's opportunity to testify before a Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C. investigating recreational uses of federally owned lands was a direct result of the work of our members in District 2. Our emphasis on acquiring flying sites led to a dialog with the Commissioner of Parks in New York State that resulted in the implementation of a pilot program to determine the compatibility of modeling activities in the New York State Parks System. Other efforts led to a meeting with the Northeast Director of the US Fish & Wildlife Service. These are the types of efforts I would like to see AMA more involved in on a national level.

We need to continue to support our members who fly competitively. They are part of our original foundation that always has been and always will be a part of AMA. Yet we need to focus more on our members who fly for fun; our largest and fastest growing segment. In 2002 I created an annual District 2 Fly In to help promote that concept. It has become a way for our sport members to come together to meet and fly with those from other clubs in a relaxed atmosphere, the ultimate goal being to enhance their modeling experience.

The average age of our members continues to rise. We need to focus more on education and attracting young people into our hobby. Our best resource to realize this goal lies with our members. For you to be able to accomplish this task we need to provide you with as much support as we can. This is why in 2001 I appointed the first AMA District 2 Education Coordinator. We need to recognize and react to the rapidly growing number of new modelers, many of them teenagers and younger, entering the hobby through "park flyer" type models. Our goal should be to help educate these new modelers concerning issues such as interference and safety. We should do this primarily as a benefit to our existing members. But we also need to recognize that these new modelers may represent both model aviation's and AMA's future. Many will soon begin to move towards a more diverse form of model aviation. Our job should then be to make them more aware of AMA, our system of chartered clubs, and invite them to become a part of the world's largest sport aviation organization.

Advancements in technology have taken model aviation to new levels. It's not realistic to expect every member of the Executive Council to be an expert in every discipline. Yet we are still charged with creating guidelines under which our members fly, a difficult task at best. To address this problem we need to include those who participate in a discipline in setting guidelines for that discipline. Seeking the input of our Special Interest Groups is a good first step. Part of AMA's mission is a commitment to scientific/technical development. We need to allow our members the latitude to experiment, to try new things, and not stifle their creative efforts. We need to embrace new technologies and encourage those that offer these new technologies to help find a way to safely incorporate them into model aviation. We need to do this without creating an underlying risk to our members' ability to enjoy model aviation. At times this won't be easy, but an effort needs to be made and solutions need to be found.

A trend has developed over the last few years where liability concerns are driving the direction of our Safety Code. I believe this is a mistake. Most of our members make an effort to fly safely. I believe a better alternative would be to tailor the Safety Code to encourage reasonable, safe flying practices without individually targeting certain styles of flying. Then we need to ask for your help to ensure that we all fly within those guidelines. It's you who can be our biggest source of help in implementing a program to reduce risks.

I believe all of these areas need increased attention, yet not at the expense of some of what we are already doing. Our efforts with regard to frequencies, and cementing relationships with government agencies to ensure your continued right to enjoy our hobby should not be overlooked.

Finally, I am a proponent of term limits. I raised the issue before the Executive Council in 2001. I think we owe a debt to the current president for his quarter century of work on behalf of AMA as a member of the Executive Council. But a member organization like ours regularly needs new people with new visions and new enthusiasm to remain a viable, thriving organization whose mission is to meet the needs of the members. I believe that I possess these qualities and I ask for your vote and the opportunity to lead AMA into the future.

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

E-Mail: _____

____ Senior Member (over 65) \$15.00

AMA Number: _____

____ Regular Member (18-65) \$35.00

Radio Channel(s): _____

____ Late Fee (after Jan. 31, Renewals only) \$ 5.00

Submit this form and payment to:

Add up all applicable fees \$ _____

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Make checks payable to ARCS

Photos



At the fun fly, Kyle Murphy accepts his award for first place in the Black Jack competition.



At the STARS show, ARCS members enjoy some flying, conversation and shade.

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 «Address»
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 «Zip»

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 Baldwinsville, NY

AERO RADIO CLUB OF SYRACUSE

Calendar

Fri, Oct. 8	7PM	Walt's	Club Meeting
Fri, Nov. 12	7PM	Walt's	Club Meeting
Fri, Dec. 10	7PM	Walt's	Club Meeting/ Christmas Party
Fri, Jan. 14	7PM	Walt's	Club Meeting
Sat, Jan. 29	TBD		Model Forum

Fun Fly Results:

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Black Jack	Kyle Murphy J,A (2 tries)	Mike Amie 0, J, A (3 tries)	Dan Horst 9, 5, 0, 7 (21 total)
Carrier Landing	Michael Graham (STARS) 15 ft.	Walt Throne 29 ft.	Kyle Murphy 32 ft., 10 in.
Dice Roll	Michael Graham (STARS) 4 rolls, 10 sec	Dan Horst 3 loops, 13 sec	Bob Rowe (STARS) 3 rolls, 21 sec
Timed Freestyle	Dan Horst -2 seconds	Bob Rowe (STARS) +2 seconds	Mike Amie +3 seconds