



Aero Radio Club of Syracuse

ARCS News

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Club Meeting Friday, October 14th at Walt's, 7PM

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President's Message:

A sure sign that winter is approaching is that our meetings are starting up again. Summer sure did zoom by. We had a good Pancake Breakfast in June, A nice picnic in July and a washed out Fun Fly in August. Many club members attended the Mountain RC event in Old Forge and the STARS airshow.

- The biggest news from the AMA is the foiled terrorist plot in which a guy was planning to use RC airplanes to deliver explosives to various targets. This was stopped long before he could do any damage but the mere mention of it can cast a bad light on our hobby by those who don't take the time to get the facts. The AMA's position on this event is on page 2. They are asking for continued vigilance in watching for suspicious activity.
- Our informational sessions at the MOST have resumed again. If you would like to volunteer please contact me. They are the first Saturday of every month from 11AM to 3PM.
- The airport is now connected to municipal water. This was a fairly costly endeavor and since we benefit from this too, I thought it would be appropriate to pitch in \$250.00 toward their costs. We will discuss and vote at the meeting.
- There were 2 weddings in the club over the summer. Mike Moore gave away his daughter Christina to club member Luke Dosier on May 21st. Kevin Kiniry gave away his daughter Kimberly to club member Andrew Kanuck on October 8th. Photos are on page 3. Good luck to both couples and may you be blessed with lots of little airplanes!
- Scheduling became a problem this year for our road repair. At this late date we probably won't do it until spring. This is not an excuse to drive across the runways!
- Two of our club members were inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame this summer. Congratulations to Walt Throne and Dave Mathewson. Both of these guys truly deserve this honor. When you see them be sure to congratulate them.
- On Saturday, Oct 15th the Civil Air Patrol will be presenting colors at the Crunch Game. Proceeds from the event will go to the CAP. If you can, go out and support them. Maybe between the fights you can see a hockey game.

See you at the meeting and the field!

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AMA's statement about the terrorist threat

Date: September 29, 2011 Contact: Chris Brooks, APR 765-287-1256, ext. 276 317-250-4753 cell chrisb@modelaircraft.org
AMA and aeromodelers everywhere outraged at terrorist's plan to attack Pentagon, Capitol with RC model converted into a UAV

M U N C I E - The Academy of Model Aeronautics is shocked and outraged by the actions of a 26-year-old Massachusetts man arrested this week on federal charges for his intent to use an RC model airplane reconfigured as a UAV, similar to a military drone, for an explosive-laden attack on the U.S. Capitol and Pentagon. The suspect is not an AMA member nor has he been confirmed as being a model aviation enthusiast.

“When an otherwise safe and wholesome hobby becomes the focal point in a planned terrorist attack, we are as outraged as all citizens,” said AMA Interim President Mark Smith. “Like all Americans, we appreciate the professionalism of the FBI in this case. The AMA’s 143,000 aeromodelers throughout the country pledge to keep a vigilant eye in their communities on any suspicious activity involving RC aircraft.”

Rezwan Ferdaus, a U.S. citizen from Ashland MA, and a physics graduate from Northeastern University, was arrested after lengthy monitoring and a sting operation by the FBI this week. Ferdaus had acquired three RC jets, an F-86 Sabre and two F-4 Phantoms, plus explosives and cell phones wired like IEDs. He kept them in a storage facility to work on. It isn't known at this time if Ferdaus was able to fly the airplanes or if he had assistance. The public, according to the bureau, was never in danger.

Though Ferdaus' plan was to convert a commercially available model aircraft into a GPS-guided unmanned aerial vehicle, there is a strong distinction between a hobbyist's model aircraft and UAVs designed for commercial or military use. “Modelers everywhere are outraged by the literal hijacking of model aircraft for such a nefarious purpose,” said Rich Hanson, AMA's Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs representative and former Vietnam helicopter pilot. “Our 143,000 members follow a strict safety code, always fly within sight, and remain clear of frangible property or people. When we hear this sort of item and activity labeled as a ‘model’ we are concerned that our recreational and educational hobby is being misrepresented.”

To date, the FBI has not released photos of the actual RC airplanes, only photos such as below of models that are “similar.” “The public will see these photos and think ‘model’ when it is the internal configuration, capabilities, and use of the plane that defines it,” continued Hanson.

This subversive plot has also been condemned by the National Aeronautic Association. “The Academy of Model Aeronautics and its 143,000 members are the embodiment of education, professionalism, hobby pursuit, and friendly competition in the United States,” said Jonathan Gaffney, president and CEO. “While this individual has never been associated with the AMA or modeling, we have the utmost confidence in AMA to work with the authorities in any way possible to assist in this investigation.”

The Academy of Model Aeronautics is celebrating its 75th year in 2011. For generations it has posted what is arguably the safest record in all of aeronautics while providing a hobby and sport which has been the incubator of numerous luminaries in aviation and aerospace.



I need some help coming up with a caption for this photo. Bring your ideas to the meeting.

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Crash credit– Dick Kenna

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) | \$25.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee (after Jan. 31, Renewals only) | <u>\$ 5.00</u> |

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Christina and Luke Dosier

Kimberly and Andrew Kanuck



Calendar 2011

Fri, Oct. 14	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting
Sat, Oct. 15	7:30 War Memorial	Civil Air Patrol Presents Colors at the Crunch Game
Sat, Oct. 29	10AM Phelps	Sky Rovers auction and sale
Sat, Nov. 5	11AM-3PM MOST	Museum Volunteering
Fri, Nov. 11	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting