



ARCS News

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Meetings are Cancelled

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President's Message:

Wow, what a month it has been! This Covid-19 thing hit the fan just after our last meeting. For the most part, all RC events in the next month or more are cancelled. Things are changing by the day so I'll do my best to keep everyone up to date.

- Meetings are cancelled until the isolation recommendations are lifted. If we need a meeting we will do it remotely, by email, zoom, phone or some other means.
- The tractor is ready for another season of mowing. It is in excellent shape with some new parts. I will bring it out to the field in the next day or so.
- Field conditions are ok. It is in need of a good rolling which will be done soon.
- Due to the Covid-19 situation, we need to be especially careful about our self isolation. Since we are outdoors, it shouldn't be a problem to stay 6 feet away from each other. Resist the urge to shake hands or hug. Please follow all of the CDC guidelines and any additional local rules! If you're in doubt, please err on the cautious side. Don't put yourself or your friends at risk. Most local clubs have their fields open under those same conditions. The weather is not so good yet so hopefully when it improves we'll be on the downhill side of this virus.
- The STARS have suffered some losses this month. Bob Wassel and Herb Baum have both passed away, *not* Covid-19 related.
- Former club member Ray Olsson has passed away (<https://obits.syracuse.com/obituaries/syracuse/obituary.aspx?n=raymond-olsson&pid=195806449&fhid=16148>). Many of you will not know who he was but I have had the pleasure of knowing him. More of you will know the name Ed Izzo. Ed and Ray worked at GE together. They develop the foam wing cutting technique. This is the technique of cutting wing profiles with a hot wire. They co-authored an article in the June 1964 issue of Model Airplane news entitled "Styrofoam: A Giant Step Forward". This was a huge thing to the modeling community and many builders adopted the technique. Why haven't you heard of Ray? He was the quiet one. Very shy and humble, he did not toot his own horn. If you presented Ray with a concept, he would figure out how to make it happen. Truly a genius. At GE he authored a few patents. Also a bit of an absent-minded professor. The last time I saw Ray was a few years ago at one of our pancake breakfasts. Truly a great man!
- Jack Burns, who was a fixture at the airport for many years has passed away. Everywhere you look at the airport you see something that Jack built or fixed. He has been sick for a long time.
- Jim Oliver's stuff is being sold by his son Mark. Jim passed away Feb 7th. There are many airplanes. I am putting together a list which I will send out soon.

- Pancake Breakfast Status: Based on the current Covid-19 status, it is uncertain whether we will be able to do our breakfast this year. Certainly the decision will need to be made early to mid May. At that time we will contact the health department and all the groups that normally participate so that we can make an informed decision. I would hate to see us lose the momentum (and revenue) we have with this great event but it may be out of our hands.
- Membership renewals are past due! Be sure to include the \$5.00 late fee! Page 3 has the renewal form. We really need this since we are trying to build a badly needed shed for the tractor. So far renewals have been sparse. Only 32 renewals so far. If you're not going to renew, please let me know why. If there are problems we need to know about them. Thanks to all who have responded so far. We really need the dues this year!
- We plan on building the new shed as soon as the weather breaks. Phil is getting updated prices and we will start as soon as possible.
- Young Eagles Build and Fly Program: We began this program in January. We met at the Marcellus high school at 2:30 as an after school activity. To date, we have built the wings, horizontal and vertical stabs, and begun the fuselage. There have been from 2 to 9 students involved at each session. These students are very enthusiastic and will certainly stay with it. We have 7 instructors and the tech teacher is completely supportive of our project. We were on track to have the build completed by spring but then the Covid-19 thing hit. The entire project is on hold until we get the all-clear from our favorite gov't officials. Since we didn't know when that would be, Phil Artese and I went to the school and picked up all the stuff which is now stored at my house. Maybe we can continue sometime soon.
- The latest on the FAA proposed rule making is that there were a record number of comments submitted. They will have to sort through all of those and hopefully, change the proposed rules accordingly. I'm a little concerned that this will sneak through in the background while everyone focuses on the Covid-19 thing. Keep track of the AMA communications and if they ask for additional effort, please do so. The AMA is confident that we'll be able to significantly alter the proposed rules but we can't let our guard down.

Stay Safe! See you soon!

Herb.

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ARCS Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____

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: _____

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

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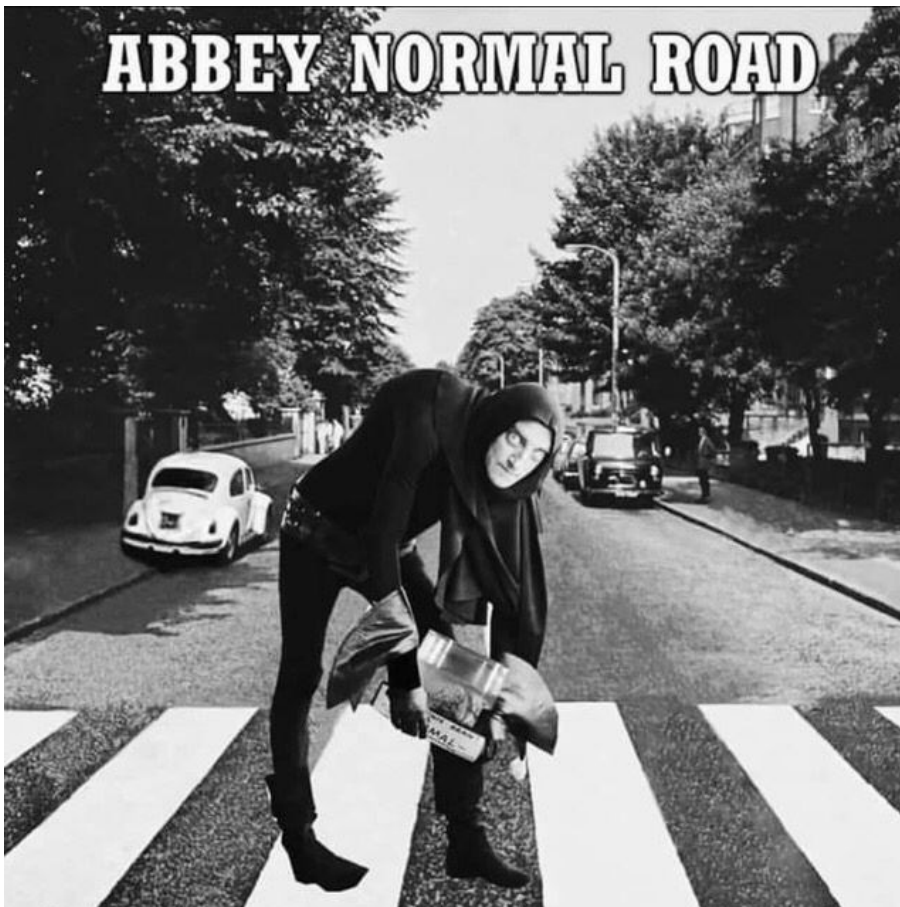
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Try to keep your sense
of humor!

Calendar 2020

Most things for the next month or so are cancelled.

Beyond that most things are uncertain. I'll forward updates when I get them.

The STARS have planned their annual Air Show for August 15th instead of labor day weekend. This is on Model Aviation Day. Stay tuned for updates.