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Hello fellow MRFA members:

Well as much as I hate to say this.... The 2005 flying season is rapidly coming to a close. We still have one good month to get out and burn some fuel so take advantage of it. This weekend there are a couple of people that are coming out and camping for the weekend at the field. Thus I expect we will be flying a big part of the day on Sat., a little night flying Sat. night and flying Sunday. If you feel inclined join in.

The events this year have been of varied success. Tom Smithhilser and Lloyd Stewart made the "Public Day" a big success with great press coverage and a lot of interest from the public. The weather for the airplane fun fly was so...so and the attendance suffered. The cost of gas changed the face of the Rotor Challenge, but it was still a fun and profitable event for MRFA.

As I write this I am waiting for a reply from the city on the time tables for the Wal-Mart construction project and how it may effect us for the up coming season. Hopefully I will have contact before our meeting.

Many club face challenges in the coming months and years. I am speaking of the clubs that lost flying site in the hurricanes. I know this sounds very cold when they lost so much more of their lives than a flying field. The only reason I bring this up is because of several conversations with the AMA and IRCHA. At first we were gun-ho about helping the victims. Then after careful consideration and thought about the role of a national organization and its membership and the expectations of that membership, a plan was conceived. Many members would be outraged as to where the dollars went and if it reached people that needed it had AMA donated dollars right away. Those victims have the Salvation Army, Red Cross and others. Modelers on the other hand can only look to fellow modelers and our sanctioning body for help.

I found it interesting after thinking about it. After the rebuilding of the infrastructure begins and some sign of a normal life begins to return to the areas, there will still be a need that nobody else will pay attention to THE MODELER. AMA and some of the SIG groups are going to create a fund (for lack of a better term for now) to assist those needing to rebuild flying sites! After all isn't that where we expect our modeling dollars to go?

Food for thought.....
Dave

NEXT MEETING: Sun. Oct. 2nd at 3pm
Location: At the flying field

**MAD RIVER FLYING ASSOCIATION
CHILDRENS HOME ROAD**

Meeting, August 28, 2005

The President opened the regular Club Meeting at 3:00 P.M.

The secretary read the minutes of the June. meeting and on a motion by Tom Smithisler, seconded by Kenny Underwood, a vote was taken and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Don reported that we had one new member, Leon Davis and the ending balance as of June 30, 2005 was \$1,928.77. On a motion by Tom Smithisler seconded by Kenny Underwood, vote taken and passed.

Old business: Don reported that due to his future commitments, he would be unable to continue most of his activities in the Club, including scheduling the visit to the Air National Guard Base.

Dave stated that he would contact those who had shown interest in the tour and try to make any necessary arrangements. He also reported there were only two extra large shirts left.

New business: The next event will be the Rotor challenge on Saturday September 10, 2005 and Dave asked for everyone to help if they could. He said that he expected a large turn-out, many from out of State and would need a lot of help and a sign-up sheet was distributed to those present. Dave reported that he understood that the City had given there blessing on the WalMart project, but he had not been able to meet with them yet. He will give us a further update after he is able to meet with the City representatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

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You Might Be An RC Modeler If..

- You have ever glued both hands together with CA and had to use an exacto knife to cut them apart.
- Your plane has taken off and you panic, realizing that you haven't extended the transmitter antenna.
- You have built two right wings for a single wing plane.
- You get to the field and realize your transmitter is still on charge at home.
- You have switched your retracts up while you taxi your plane out to take off.
- You lean over your just-finished new plane to brush off a bug and drop a screwdriver out of your shirt pocket that rips through the wing monokote.
- You are making an inverted low pass and then pull "UP" on the elevator.
- You have taken your plane off with the igniter still clipped to the engine's glow plug.
- You have ever had to jump over your plane as you were landing it.
- You have more than one scar on your "cranking" hand.
- You have fuel stains on your new sneakers.
- You are shopping for land to build your dream home on, and would rather have flat, open pasture land than rolling wooded hills.
- You will go flying when it's 104° but won't cut the grass because "it's too hot out there".
- You have 47 miscellaneous NiCad batteries and can't find a pair of D cells for your flashlight.
- Your O.S. engine purrs like a kitten but the family car will barely run.
- .90 degrees is forecast for the weekend and you hope there isn't a breeze blowing
- You have grass stains on the knees of your favorite slacks.
- Your wife wants to buy a new mini-van and the only thing you are concerned with is 'will the back seats remove easily'.
- You have a sun tan in the roof of your mouth.
- You always keep a supply of paper towels and Windex but never clean your car windows.
- You complain about the cost of school supplies for your kids but can walk out of the hobby shop with \$127.83 worth of miscellaneous parts and supplies.
- You have balsa dust on top of your living room furniture.
- You keep feeling for the trim tabs on your TV remote control.
- You have at least three planes in various stages of completion.
- The neighborhood kids come to you to help them with their summer school projects.
- You can land your plane even after you discover you are standing on a fire ant bed.
- You spend more money for a pair of sun glasses than for a lawn mower.
- You use your field box to crank your lawn tractor.
- Your kids borrow rubber bands from you.
- You think R/C flying should be an Olympic event.
- Your wife spray paints her wrought-iron patio furniture with your fuel-proof paint.
- You buy the "wife and kids" a new computer for Christmas so that you can practice with the new flight simulator.
- You put DU-BRO wheels on your TV tray.
- Your card table has glue and fuel stains on it.
- You got more "toys" for Christmas than your kids did.
- You have a field box full of every special tool made but don't have a lug wrench when you have a flat tire on your car.

- You change glow plugs every other week but have over 100,000 miles on your car's spark plugs.
- You play your AMA and radio channel numbers in the lottery.
- You plan your vacations using Fly-In schedules.
- You use more wax paper building planes than your wife does baking.
- You have more pictures of your airplanes than of your wife.
- You buy a \$600 mini-lathe to make \$5 airplane parts.
- You have enough broken props to use for firewood.
- You have ever used an old elevator pushrod to scratch your back.
- You got your wife a plane kit for Mother's Day.
- You can cover a prize-winning plane with monokote but can't iron your shirts.
- You can program a mutli-plane 9-channel computer radio but can't figure out your VCR.
- You claimed your AMA dues on your income tax return.
- Your latest plane costs more than your dish washer.
- You have a dog-eared Tower Hobbies catalog in your bathroom.
- You know what the term "Dumb-Thumb" really means.
- You smell Windex and it reminds you that you need to clean your planes.
- Your wedding anniversary falls on a Fly-In weekend and you actually think about your choices.
- With all your mail from AMA your postman thinks you're a doctor.
- You can blow gnats from your eyes out of the corner of your mouth and keep on flying.
- You tape Sunday afternoon football games and auto races and watch them Sunday night.
- Your biggest adult decision is golf or flying on a pretty weekend afternoon.
- You crank your leaf blower and hold vertical and adjust the trim.
- You have enough scrap balsa to start fires in your fireplace.
- You use coat hangers and duct tape for anything other than hanging clothes and taping duct.
- Your transmitter has more computing power than your PC.
- It's too cold to wash your car but you'll going flying.
- You wash your car or truck on Saturday and will drive through mud to get to the flying field on Sunday.
- You'll complain about buses and trucks with all that stinking diesel smoke but add it to your plane.
- You have fuel stains in the trunk of your car.
- You consider a Sunday picnic as a couple of hot dogs at the flying field.
- You consider the R/C club meeting as the month's social event.
- You save popsicle sticks to stir your epoxy glue with.
- You can balance your plane but can't balance your check book.