

# The Tale Spinner

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



No President's message this month.

Next Tuesday is a big day for publicity that may help us find a flying site to replace Midway field. A reporter and a photographer will be there to see us in action. Van Huntman has contacted the Tribune and made the arrangements for the publicity. We would like to see as many member there as can make it. Hopefully it will be a good day where we can show off the club and our need of a good flying site to replace Midway Field when it becomes a city park.

Check out the latest information on the activities of the field search committee in Walt's article on page 6.

On Saturday September 23rd we are having a Swap Meet at Midway Field. The event was suggested by Rusty Pieper. Rusty contacted AMA and has the Swap Meet listed in this months issue of Model Aviation. We could have lots of outside modelers there looking for bargains. This will be a great time to get rid of the models and equipment that you no longer want but may be just what someone else is looking for. So bring your stuff if you want to sell it or if you are in a buying mood, bring your cash. There will be lots of bargains.

Remember, don't park on the flight line if you are only there to buy or sell. The Meet is to start at 8:00AM.

The officers and board members will end their year in office at the end of October. The election of new officers and board members will be at the November meeting. This year the

elections will be in accordance with the new rules in the bylaws. These state the following:

1. All candidates for office must be AMA members, full time residents of Florida and a Sun Dancer member in good standing for one full year.
2. The Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee of three members who shall nominate one candidate for each office and one for each of the three or four Board of Directors positions. Any other member wishing to run for office may submit their name to the secretary prior to the 15th of October. No candidates will be accepted after that date.
3. The full slate of candidates will be published in the November newsletter announcing the November meeting.

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### AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Regular meeting September 7, 2006

Call to order, 7:30 PM  
Secretary's report (vote approval)  
Treasurer's report (vote approval)  
PAL Program Status Report  
Field Search Status Report  
Presidents comments  
Old business  
New business  
Show and Tell  
Adjourn

**SUN-N-FUN 2005**

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B-25



A-10



P-51



Folker D-VII



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Shirts Available in  
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Large  
Shirts \$10  
Hats \$15  
License Plates \$5

**CONTACT: Pat Buzzeo**

**772-336-7327**

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 1 to July 31, 2006**

**Bank balance as of 6/30/2006 \$29806.33**

**Income**

Membership Dues			
To General Fund	\$ 42.50		
To Field Fund	<u>\$ 20.00</u>		
Total	\$ 62.50	<b>\$ 62.50</b>	

**Expenses**

Grass cutting	\$660.00		
Storage Locker	\$ 45.79		
Field Search Expense	\$ 24.42		
AMA Ins & Sanctions	\$100.00		
Portable Toilet	\$118.03		
Field Maintenance	\$ 30.40		
Meeting Room Rent	\$ 125.00		
Newsletter Printing	\$ 48.18		
Staples	<u>\$ 22.61</u>		
Total	\$1174.43	<b>\$ 1174.43</b>	

**Account Balances 7/31/06**

General Fund	\$ 10240.11
Field Fund	<u>\$ 18454.29</u>
Total	\$ 28694.40

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**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY  
GANG, AKA the flying B.B.Q's  
By Al Chiaverini**

It's the end of August. The weather has been favorable for flying, just a bit hot though, can't have it all. I was flying my Tiger 60 pretty well doing my touch and goes with a little bounce now and then. The engine was running well. The next time out as I was taking off about 30 ft. in the air I got a dead stick and cut my turn a little to sharp dipping my left wing. The rest is, I will be doing some major repairs.

The day wasn't all that bad. Charlie Fisher cooked at home a delicious egg casserole and we had a great breakfast. He stated the food contained 9 eggs, sweet sausage, cheddar cheese, bread, and some hot and mild pepper. We were living and eating well. Pat Buzzeo brought a Box of coffee from Duncan Donuts and it was FREE to all who were present. Big thanks guys, Charlie and Pat.

It wasn't a good month for me. My Piper Arrow has been flying well, but this day as I was taking off I lost control while still on the ground. I attempted to abort but the plane would not respond to the transmitter. After crashing into the fence I saw that I forgot to put up my antenna. I'm not sure yet but I believe that was the problem. I will be doing some repairs for quite a while.

Charlie Fisher brought his masterpiece to the field, a C1096 SE5A British WWI 1/4 scale Warbird with G45 engine turning a 20x10 prop. Charlie says it weighed in at 25lbs. He finished it with latex paint, warbird colors. With some minor adjustments the bird flew well and looked just great. Great workmanship. The plane has a gorgeous well developed pilot by the name of Bridgette.

We had another treat Chris Christiansen flew his new Great Planes Super Sportster ARF with a 32cc engine. I believe Chris said this is his first gas engine. Well, Chris took the plane up and it flew like a charm.

Jim McCune has been flying a Big Stik over powered with a 1.20 O.S. 4 stroke. He is planning to put some floats on it.

Vinny Giuffre has been flying a Super Sportster and is planning to put floats on also. More information to come next month

Good landings and don't forget the antenna.

*Al Chiaverini*

**THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
GANG  
By Rusty Pieper**

Hello Sun Dancers. The fun never seems to end. The afternoons are getting cooler and the flying has been fun as always. It seems I report mostly on blunders people seem to have. As with any reporter, I report what happens and I don't take contributions from any drug companies.

I regret to report that a frequent flier, Byron Hoganson, is moving away next month. He will be missed at the field and at church. Good luck Byron.

We had a couple of blunders this month. One was where a flier (name withheld) could not get his engine to run right. Adjusting the needle valve, changing props and even disassembling the carburetor would not fix it. The pilot and his A&P mechanics just could not understand why it would not rev up. Then on one flight the RPM's would vacillate. It was after this exhaustive research and experimentation that it was discovered the throttle was not open all the way and then it was further discovered the throttle servo was not even attached to the fuselage. The flier said, "It should not have come loose, I used good double sided tape on it." See monthly tip below.

A guest pilot, Ricky Messer, brought out a World Models Candyman Mustang. It had a 61 engine on it and a tuned pipe. Ricky came out with aspirations of defeating Hart's Christian Racing Team. Well the first thing to go wrong was that the plastic spinner came apart on the bench which threw pieces everywhere. Luckily nobody was hit. After this a flight was attempted and after a few minutes the engine quit. It was then that the second thing went wrong. That tree at the east end of the field deserve another kill mark carved in it's trunk. Ricky glided straight into the top of the tree and you know the rest.

There were a couple of guys flying a trainer, which crashed in the lake somewhere. I went to help them find it and it like disappeared. I guess they abandoned hope of finding it as they got in their car and left.

My tip this month is to check your carburetor to see if the barrel is opening all the way and/or closing all the way before changing props and disassembling it. Remember this: If you change your prop and disassemble your carb because your servo is not attached, you might be a redneck.

Please come to the swap meet.

*Rusty*

## **THE HISTORY OF BALSA WOOD AND MODEL AVIATION**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And rested. And God created Man, and rested. Then the Lord God made women.

And since that time no one has rested.

And it came to pass, as the trees grew and covered the earth, that God said "Let there be light". And one of the trees said "I will be light". And the Balsa wood tree grew and prospered and populated the earth.

And God saw what he had made and that it was good.

And it is truly written that the serpent did beguile Eve, and she ate of the forbidden fruit, as did her husband, Adam. And the Lord God came down to walk in the garden in the cool of the day, and asked his creation, "Haste thou eaten of the fruit of the tree?" And Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent and the serpent didn't have a leg to stand on!

Then the wrath of the Lord rose up and he cursed the serpent, proclaiming that the serpent shall crawl on it's belly all the days of it's life, and that man would smite it's head, and it would bruise mans heel.

And it came to pass, that man multiplied on the face of the earth, and so did the serpent. And man said, "I will invent a tool to bruise the serpents head, as the Lord hath said." And he made a tool from the Balsa wood tree and found it easy to carry in his quest for a serpent to bruise. Man called his new tool a "club" and soon found a serpent and said "Holdest thou still wilt I bruise thy head". And man did swing his club at the serpent, but the club did break, and fulfilling all that the Lord God did prophesied, the serpent did bruise the mans heel. And man gave up on his invention, the Balsa wood club, hoping that the Japanese would improve upon it and import it into the land of Canaan.

As the man rubbed his heel, he hacked his club into pieces with his new invention, the X-acto knife. One of the pieces was round in shape like unto the sun and the moon. And it rolled down the hill. The man said, "I have a new invention. I will call thee a "wheel". And it came to pass that men all over the earth were making wheels out of Balsa wood trees. The Makasites fastened nine

wheels on each side of a log and called it an "Eighteen wheeler" One of the Makasites, who was called Nader, sat down on the eighteen wheeler. It rolled down a steep hill and all of the wheels broke. As Nader picked splinters from his lower parts, he was heard to proclaim: "Thou art unsafe at any speed." ( Many years came to pass before his descendent, Ralph, wrote a book about the Chevrolet Corvair and used that statement in his title!)

Meanwhile, in the land of the Jubusites, a man called Honda had hollowed out a large balsa log and put four wheels on it. It would seat four Jebusites and one Amelikite comfortable. And the Amelikites and the Jebusites would come from miles around to sit in the new invention and drink from the fruit of the vine. And after they had drunk, they got along so well that someone named the invention the Honda Accord. That it endured for so many years is proven in the New Testament.

"They were gathered in the upper room, all in one accord".

As man looked for new items to invent, he noticed a Pterodactyl soaring overhead. He said "I will build a copy of the Pterodactyl, and I will call it a model and it will be good. "So man cut a balsa tree log into many sticks with his X-acto knife. He melted tree sap in a boiling pot. He saw that it was sticky and was good for fastening the balsa sticks together. He thought "I will call it "Sticky Stuff". But he was over ruled by his marketing and advertising consultant, Benjamin Boehmke, who said that the name "Hot Stuff" would sell better.

And it came to pass after many days that man fashioned a likeness of the Pterodactyl from the balsa wood sticks and the Hot Stuff, and mans wife helped him cover it with real feathers from a real Pterodactyl insisting that any other kind of feathers would not qualify for a true scale finish. And man threw his model from a tall tree. And it flew. And man saw that what he had made was good. And the Lord God looked down from heaven and saw that it was good. And people came from many lands to see the man fly his model Pterodactyl, and all agreed that he was the wisest in the land.

And thus was model aviation born on the earth and continues to this very day.

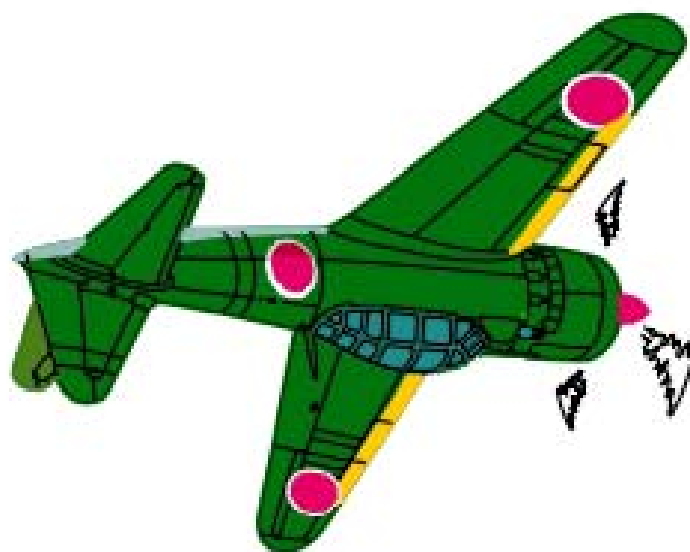
( Author unknown but had to be a modeler.)

Contributed by Jack DeLisle

# **Sundancer's R/C Club**

*Presents*

# **SWAP MEET**



**September 23, 2006**

**8:00 AM**

**at the old PSL Field**

Info: Rusty Pieper 772-332-7128

## TUESDAY-THURSDAY-SATURDAY GANG

By: Walt Swentzell and George White

Every year I think it can't get any hotter in the middle of summer, and it does! The action at Midway continues with the hip boots getting plenty of use in the pond. Wan Huntman had the opportunity to tour the pond to get George Zegaib's plane that was landing short, and I had to get my Matrix out of the pond also when I lost it trying to trim an obstinate elevator.

This hot and humid weather is not very friendly to our engines, and we all need to be cognizant that it is very common to have too much prop and hence the engines tend to overheat. Recently a new member, Ray Ingram was having problems with a .61 Tower Hobbies engine using an 11x7 prop and only getting two minute flights before it overheated. We changed his new engine to an 11x5 and the engine was then fine for a full flight. So---- if in doubt----- Use a smaller (lower pitch) prop to keep the RPM up and reduce the overheating

*George*

### Field Search Committee Status Report

We met with the Public Works officials at the proposed Retention Pond Site. It was agreed that we would provide a combination lock and chain to have access to the main gate. (we have the lock)

We have provided our AMA insurance document for the new site and a revised agreement for use of the site is in the hands of the City Attorney. When this is approved, we will have access.

We will then cut a temporary runway and use the site until the members approve the funds to make the site permanent.

Public Works will remove all the debris that is in the field.

*Walt*

## ADVERTISEMENTS

Ads are free for member's to buy, sell, trade model equipment, to buy something special or advertise a model service. Just call in or e-mail your ad to the editor. You must, however, notify the editor each month if you wish to continue your ad in the next month's newsletter, otherwise, it will be assumed that your item has been sold or located. Commercial ads will remain as a courtesy to our local area hobby vendors until they request otherwise. The local area code is 772.

**GB's Hobby Shop** – 460-2844 – 6839 South U.S. 1, PSL in the Lexington Shops 0.9 miles north of Prima Vista Blvd is a full line hobby shop with a full service shop.

**South Florida Hobbies** – 465-9441 – Hobby Shop – 2931 South US 1, South Fort Pierce. One block north of the railroad crossing and behind Pizza Hut.

**Walt Swentzell** - 465-4454 - Foam wing cores. Make wing kits.

**The Craft House Hobby Shop** – 683-0764 – Joyce Hart has a very well stocked hobby shop located at 1379 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

**Ricky Calero**—878-4602 HiTech Servos, Glue & Epoxy

**Rusty Pieper-332-7128** New ball bearings for model engines

**Ready Heli - 561-575-1118** - Specializing in electric helicopters. The store is located at 354 Cypress Dr. #7 in Tequesta.

## FOR SALE

**Doug Grant - 220-2833**

Great Planes Tiger Moth Biplane with a new OS91FS 4 cycle engine. Futaba CH-36 \$400.00  
BVM Maverick with BVM-91 ducted fan engine. The receiver is JR CH-41 Flown twice \$1200.00  
BVM Bobcat XL with Jetcat 80 turbine, digital servos, JR PCM rec. on CH-41 All new \$7500.00

**Don Bender - 569-3258** Don is selling his 1/5 scale Pica T-28 with a new OS-160 engine. It is ready to fly! \$ 300.00

## Safety Certification of New Pilots

A copy of these safety procedures must be presented to the new pilots prior to their first lesson. This is done so that the new pilots will be fully aware of what is expected of them.

### Preflight Procedures

1. The student pilot must fully understand the importance of the frequency control system and be sure that they put their club card in the proper frequency slot prior to turning on the transmitter.
2. The student pilot must demonstrate the ability to assemble the plane so that it is safe to fly.
3. The student pilot must show safe engine starting procedures. I.e., plane properly secured to the worktable and hand and equipment away from the propeller.
4. Check operation of all flight controls and complete a radio range check prior to takeoff
5. Must announce their intentions to take off in a loud voice so that other pilots who are flying can hear them.

### Flying Skills

1. Must be able to demonstrate 5 consecutive successful takeoffs and landings.
2. Demonstrate control in the air by successfully performing 3 figure 8's.
3. Must be proficient in flying either a right hand or left hand flight pattern depending upon the winds.

### Landing Procedures

1. Announce in a loud voice their intention to land.
2. Taxi plane to flight station and shut down engine. **DO NOT TAXI IN THE PIT AREA.**
3. If the plane engine stops on the runway and cannot be taxied, the pilot must announce in a loud voice **"ON THE FIELD"**.

If a new pilot cannot perform these skills and attempts to fly on their own, the following will occur:

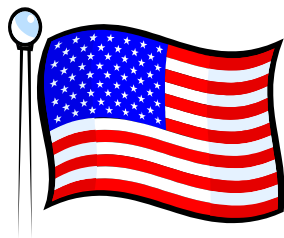
- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: **Letter of Reprimand**  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense: **A Week of Suspension**  
3<sup>rd</sup> offense: **Termination of Membership**

### Flight Instructor's

1. Preferably training should be done by one of our trained and certified flight instructor's and upon completion of training they can certify the student pilot.
2. If the student pilot is trained by other than the flight instructor, the student pilot must have their final check flight by one of our flight instructors.

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**NEXT MEETING - September 7, 2006 7:30 PM**

**KOBELGUARD STUDENT UNION BLDG., IRCC, FORT PIERCE**