

CORKS NEWSLETTER

April 2011

Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Society

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Flying hours: Monday thru Saturday 10 AM to 8 PM Sunday 11 AM to 8 PM

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 6th at the Sunbury Library – 7 P.M.

From the President:

First I want to thank everyone for coming to the last meeting. We had a good turnout for a Wednesday evening. I also would like to thank those of you who have gone out to the AMA's website and sent a letter to our state representatives. It is imperative we be heard and not let the FAA put too many regulations on our hobby. If you have not done this as of yet please do. I have attached the link to the AMA website that will direct you in creating and sending this letter. Please take a few minutes and complete this, it takes about five minutes.

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/voice.aspx> I am also attaching a quote from the AMA's website of the recent question that was asked to the AMA. I think it is worth reading.

“This is probably the single most prevalent question posed by the aeromodeling enthusiast when discussing the inclusion of model airplanes in the proposed small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) regulation. Why is it necessary to regulate model aviation? Some would question FAA's authority to do this; however, there are several acts of law that give the FAA authority over the National Airspace System (NAS). In terms of their intent to regulate model airplanes, the FAA references the definition of an “aircraft,” which comprises “any contrivance that is capable of sustained flight in the airspace.” And model airplanes, specifically radio controlled model airplanes, are viewed as capable of sustained flight and able to navigate the airspace. As such, radio controlled model aircraft as with all unmanned aircraft are deemed to fall within the FAA's jurisdiction. Though the FAA may have the authority to regulate model aircraft (MA), in our opinion they have not yet made a clear and compelling case for doing so. By in large the FAA's rationale for regulating MA is:

- ü 1) *The FAA is mandated to maintain the safety of the NAS and believe that AC 91-57 is no longer adequate to ensure safe MA operations.*
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- ü 2) *Advancements in the capability of MA and the technological enhancements in the hobby present new and as yet unaddressed safety concerns.*
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- ü 3) *There is a need to safely integrate ALL unmanned aircraft into the NAS.*

AMA contends that:

- ü 1) *AC 91-57 has NEVER served as nor has it proven to be an effective or practical safety tenet. The mere existence of the advisory circular is virtually unknown to the vast majority of aeromodeling enthusiasts and has only recently gained identity due to the sUAS rulemaking process.*
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- ü 2) *MA operate under a community-based set of safety guidelines (AMA Safety Code) that encompasses the “spirit” of AC 91-57* (see description below), has evolved to effectively address the advancements in the hobby, and to date has achieved a superb safety record.*
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ü 3) MA are distinctly different from commercial and public use unmanned aircraft and do not pose the safety concerns and operational issues presented by these platforms. As such, it is unwarranted and unreasonable to lump MA into the regulatory arena with these devices.

Through self governance, common sense and a responsible approach to the hobby, model aviation has existed safely, effectively and harmoniously in the NAS for more than 75 years, and has the safety record to prove it. There is no data, no single incident nor catastrophic accident to warrant regulating this purely recreational activity enjoyed by thousands of Americans, young and old.

*AC 91-57 – FAA Advisory Circular entitled, “Model Aircraft Operating Standards”, dated June 9, 1981. This advisory circular outlines and encourages voluntary compliance with safety standards for model aircraft operators. “

Rich Hanson, AMA Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs Representative

Please do not forget about our static show for this upcoming meeting. Let’s see all those projects everyone has been working on all winter. I am sure there are many beautiful aircraft to be seen. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Mike

From the Editor:

Don’t forget, for sale or wanted ads are welcome in the newsletter. Don’t miss Bill Folk’s ad below.

Remember to check out our club website @ corksfield.org. If you have anything you want posted send it to Dan Barbee.

As always, if you see something that is of no value or if you have suggestions for change, let me know. The e-mail address for you to contact me is hmbengr@earthlink.net and there is always the phone (614) 899-3800 or snail mail.

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Corks Meeting Minutes 3-2-2011

Guests: None

Members: 16

Minutes Last Meeting: Approved as printed in last newsletter.

Treasurers Report: Gil Lowder discussed the December & total 2010, Jan 2011, Feb 2011 & total budget for 2011 with members present. Further discussion of 2011 budget involved the following: road repair–(Dave Ziems said that he knew of a gravel supplier that was probably cheaper than club was paying). Don Bryant made suggestion that a club member should be present when gravel is delivered. Dick Liston suggested that building repair be further discussed in the next meeting. Repairs to the open shelter were also discussed. Motion made and seconded to accept treasurer’s report.

Old Business: Dick Liston brought a box of old documents involving Corks to the meeting and invited club officers to sort thru them for importance of retention. Gil Lowder received info that Jay Norris's wife passed away.

New Business: President indicated that event schedules for 2011 are complete and ready. President also informed club that upcoming FAA regulations could adversely affect everyone involved in R/C and that all club members should make themselves heard by replying to AMA website (See Model Aviation Mag pg 18-21). Don Bryant suggested that Corks officers compile letter to AMA.

50-50 Drawing: Dave Ziems was the winner.

Motion made and accepted to adjourn meeting.

Darrell Krasny

For Sale:

Scratch built SE 5-A WW I biplane
True quarter scale, takes a G-26
71" wingspan, wt. 16#
Covering is Solartex
Call Bill Folk for pricing (740) 817-1578

ADULT TRUTHS

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing stinks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. Was learning cursive really necessary?
6. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
7. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
8. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
9. Bad decisions make good stories.
10. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.
11. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Lite than Kay.
12. The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.