

AMA Charter 1344
Gold Leader Club

Hangar Talk

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Hopefully, winter will soon be leaving us. Warmer days and longer days are beginning to get the upper hand. Activity at the flying field seems to be on the rise too. All of this is a good sign of good things to come. The year is also bringing back some people who have been absent for a few years. Welcome Back! Our membership renewals are going well also.

I find myself a little behind on getting out the calendar for the year. I will get it out as soon as possible. I am shooting for the end of the week. It will be totally cast in Jell-O for now and subject to changes as necessary. I will post it on the web site and for those without computer access I will post a copy in the clubhouse.

As it currently stands, there will be no CP event this year. After talking with the president of Mile Hi and several of our people, there just is not enough interest to justify the hard work and time involved. I would like to see us do a benefit of some type but only if there is interest, support, and enthusiasm by the club members. There are many worthwhile programs out there that can certainly use some help. I think we can do something that is good and that we can take pride in doing our part to support them.

I was all for us hosting an IMAC event this year. I have since found out that the dates available would be either short fused or on a holiday weekend (or at least very close to it). I believe that it is in the best interest of the club to not host one this year but to begin planning now for one next year. George Kerr has volunteered to assist me in that endeavor. We will begin initial work on this within the week.

A reminder to all, the gate code will be changed immediately following the March club meeting. Spring means warm days, good flying, fun times, and a new beginning.

Larry

Upcoming meetings and events

Dues are Due

March 25th Meeting

April 22nd Meeting

April 24th Work Party @ field

May 27th Meeting

February Meeting Minutes

Hi everyone.

There were 20 members and 3 visitors at the meeting this month. Nice turnout.

Lee and Earl discussed the plans for the Wings Over the Rockies show on Feb. 27. This has long past as of this writing, so I won't go into details on the plans. By the next meeting we should get a report on how it all went.

Dennis discussed his research into a control line field and what it would cost to get installed at our club field.

Dennis priced a 140'x140' field:

The better grade material is \$1.50/sq. yard

5 rolls of the material are needed. That totals \$3750 plus shipping (\$300-\$400)

A cheaper material is \$1.12/sq. yard. \$2800 plus shipping

Installation spikes cost \$60 per box (3-5 boxes needed)

Based on those costs, Larry would like to know the interest in the club. Do we have enough members interested in control line to spend that kind of money? It would be a large chunk of our funds.

Ron has done some research on some coatings for the tables. This is an effort to refinish what we have and hopefully get something on the tables that lasts. The coating he found is \$120/gallon and we would need 5 gallons for all the tables. This product is guaranteed for life and is used on US Navy ships for protection.

There is a cheaper product, UCoat-It that comes as a kit with brushes, respirators, etc. This kit is \$249 for everything. Ron will do some more research so we can make a good decision.

Larry spoke with Mark Dennis about the IMAC competition. Mark has three possible dates, but there seemed to be some misconception about who runs the event. For now, there is no change; if we have to run it, the club is not interested in hosting it. Larry will discuss this more with Mark.

Van Air airpark is having their annual picnic on June 19th. They've invited us to do a little air show as part of the entertainment. The membership seemed interested and there was mention of doing a cross country fly from our field. More news later as this becomes more final.

We also got another air show request from George Kerr for The Wanderers. This is a senior group that does regular outings to various places and events around the area. They are interested in seeing us fly. This would be on July 30th (a Friday) from 10am to noon. This would be held at our field. Once again, more details are forthcoming.

Larry has penciled in some activities for the club. He'll put the days in his newsletter column, but I want to point out that the first **Work Party** of the year will be **April 24th**. **The field will be closed during this work party.** This is an event that satisfies your Work Bond for 2010.

The AMA rules sheets are in. I left them at the field a couple of weeks back and they were gone this past weekend, so I assume someone took them to get mounted.

Mark Nicastle is running for Adams County Sheriff. There will be no primary and the election is in November. Mark needs our support (yard signs later this year) and donations. Mark is a long time member of MAS and has done a lot for the club. Wish him luck.

Ron has volunteered to clean-up and tune-up the grills. Thanks Ron.

We finished-up with some drawings. Earl had the \$100 ticket from the January drawing. He donated the money back to the club. Thanks Earl.

Lastly, Amadeo won the fuel drawing.

That's it for this month.

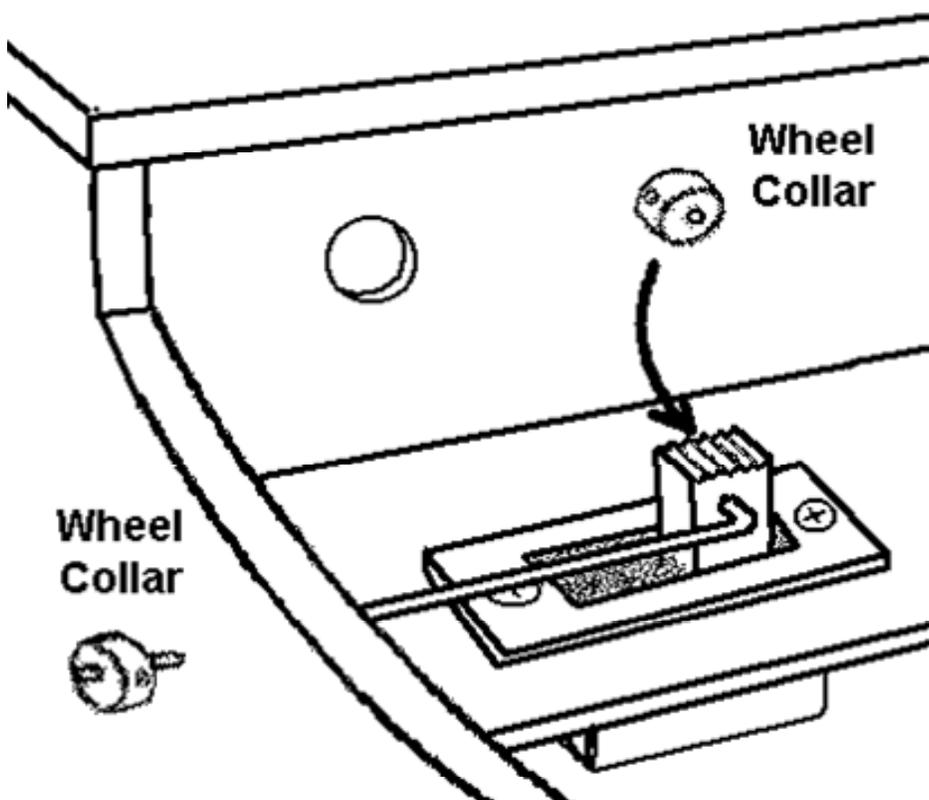
Tom

INTERNAL SWITCH

Mounting your receiver switch internally isn't too tough - here's one way. Just put in a piece of lite ply to mount the switch, drill out the hole in the switch as necessary to insert a piece of 1/16" music wire, and secure with 1/16" wheel collars.

Why mount the switch internally? Looks, mostly, especially for a scale model. Also there is less chance that an internal switch will get dirt, water, or fuel in it.

Note: Most modelers will mount the switch such that its OFF pushed in, and ON pulled out. This lessens the chance that bumping it during handling will inadvertently turn the switch on, and run down your batteries. ...Clay



An Internal Switch

From Clay Ramskill

**NOTICE:
DUES ARE COMING DUE**

MAS dues are payable each January. There is a grace period extending until the end of March. After 1 April, if your dues are not paid, you will not be able to fly at the MAS field (although you will always be welcome) and you will no longer receive the MAS newsletter. Your 2009 membership card will not be accepted on the frequency board. You must have the new 2010 card. In the period (which is very short) between the time that you submit your dues payment and receive your new MAS membership card for the coming year, you may display your new AMA card to let other members know that you have renewed your MAS membership and are insured in case of accident. At the end of the grace period all member whose dues have not been paid will have their names removed from the club roster and AMA so notified. This is an AMA requirement All members are aware of the initial joining fee of \$125.00. Annual dues, as stipulated below, are to be paid in January. Those new members joining in September or later will not be assessed dues for the following year. Their initial \$125.00 will carry over into the next year. After that period they will be obligated to pay yearly dues. This is the way AMA handles the problem of late registrations.

Dues are \$90.00 per year for regular members and \$15.00 for junior (18 years or younger) members.

Please send your dues (checks payable to MAS) to Tom Glaess, 11208 Vrain Dr, Westminster, 80031. Also please submit the following information with your dues so that the club roster can be updated if necessary.

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Simple Fueling System for Cowled Engines

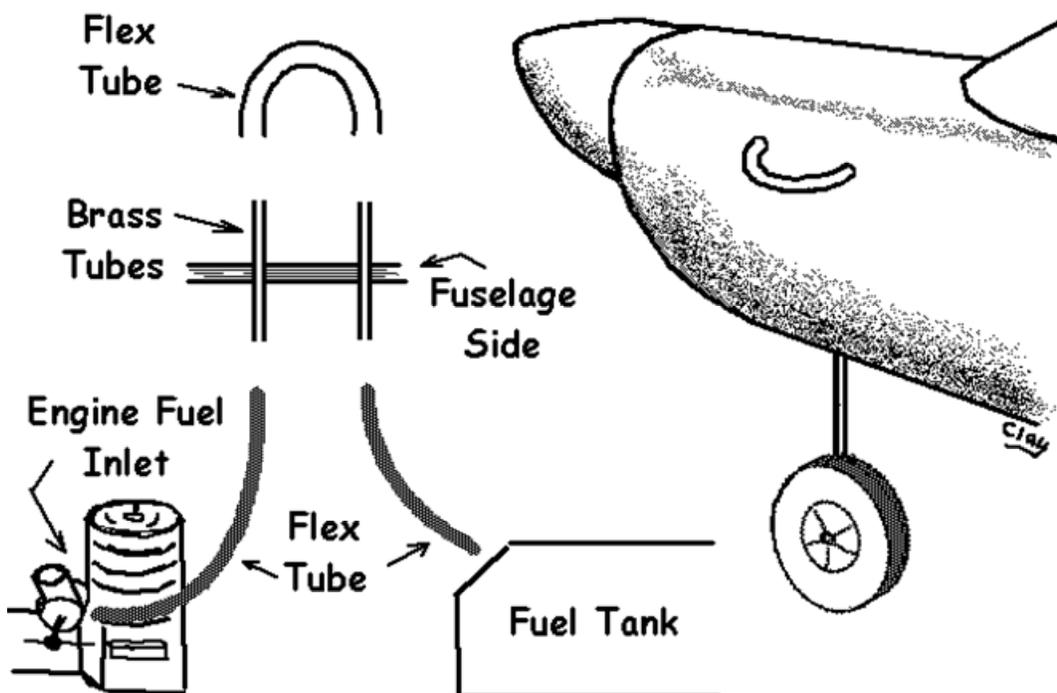
I've been asked several times what is the best way to fuel and defuel a plane when the engine is cowled in and the flyer can't reach the fuel lines.

There are several answers - one of the most obvious is to buy a fueling fitting from a commercial source; there are several designs available, which may or may not work fine. And that's the problem. If they DON'T work fine, you can have serious problems.

The system shown here is certainly not the most aesthetically pleasing, but it is simple and reasonably foolproof. You just glue in a pair of short brass fuel tubes into the fuselage side and run the fuel feed line to the carb through the tubes. A short length of flex tubing on the outside of the plane completes the system. You can then fuel or defuel by unhooking the short tubing, and connecting to the side that goes to the tank.

There is an added benefit - you can pinch the short outside loop to check your mixture setting, something you cannot do with the commercial fittings.

SIMPLE Fueling/Defueling -for cowled engines



From George Kerr:

Can you believe it?

You heard it right - On March 19, 2020 I'm shaving my head again in solidarity with children who have cancer and typically lose their hair during treatment, while raising critical funds for childhood cancer research!

In the US, more children die of childhood cancer than any other disease. Please make a donation on my behalf to support childhood cancer research so that all children diagnosed with cancer will have a better chance for a cure.

Please consider a donation to this very worth while cause!

To make a donation, click on

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/373368> then "Make A Donation" or donate by mail or phone.

My six year old Granddaughter, Isabelle, finished her treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in May of 2009 and is now officially in remission. What a blessing!!!! St Baldrick's funding contributed to the research and indirectly to Isabelle's successful treatment. Thank you very much for your support!

George Kerr



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Serving the Northeast Denver Area the Miniature Aero Sportsters flying site sits on 48 acres with a 500 foot paved runway. The club is open to all who have a current AMA membership. The Miniature Aero Sportsters consists of a group of individuals with a common interest in radio control aircraft. Club meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month at Gander Mountain Sporting Goods located at 9923 Grant Street Thornton , CO. Meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm. All M.A.S. club members are encouraged to attend meetings, and to become actively involved in the club's activities

The first year there is a once a lifetime \$125 initiation fee charged to all new members. Every year after that Annual membership dues are \$90.

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