



Hangar Talk

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****!** NEXT CLUB MEETING: Thursday January 27th 2005., at
the church in the old Safeway center at North Washington and Eppinger in
Thornton, 7:00 p.m. **!****

DUES ARE DUE

Bring current AMA card and DUES to the meeting

From the President

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of our club members! I hope the holiday season was well enjoyed by all. They say that what you do on New Year's Day is what you will do all year long. And as we had an incredible turnout at the Snowbird this year, it should be an awesome year for the club! I was very happy to see all of you there, braving the fog, cold, and wind. It was a little "iffy" at first but when the sun broke through and the fog disappeared we had a great sky for some great flying.

Early on, Vince Gutschalk had some "trouble" with his plane. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a day for a hike over the hill to retrieve the pieces. Vince, the comment earlier about what we do on New Year's Day, we do all year... we'll make you exempt from that! The same goes for Mark Nicastle and Roy McGee who had a spectacular mid-air. Wow, what a crash!

The snowbird competition was very exciting this year. We had 7 members participate. The trophy was ultimately won by Barry McGee. It was a close race for sure with less than .20 seconds separating Barry and Earl. The cool news about this year's winner is that Barry's dad, Roy, has won the trophy before so now the trophy will be adorned with a 2nd generation MAS member. Great going Barry! Have you talked to your wife yet about replacing the mantle clock with the lovely prize? An honorable mention goes out to Bill DeWalt for his "creative" flying during the competition. It was something you had to see in person to appreciate for sure! Please note that as President of the club, I believe we should not offer Bill's name out as an instructor for new members! ha ha Burt Evans, however, may be available. Please see Bill for further details.

All in all the snowbird was a great success this year and a lot of fun was had by all. I look forward to this new year in my role as President. Please let me know if you need anything. See you all at the next meeting on the 28th. I will be in touch about what time and where. I will also be contacting the board members about a separate board meeting.

Thanks again,
Johnn Dodge

Snow Bird 2005

First Flight	Roger George
First Mid-Air	Mark Nicastle Roy McGee
First Crash	Vince Gutschalk

WOW What a GREAT Way to start the New Year. The 2005 SnoBird was a BIG Success. The parking lot was full from one end to the other and I saw people that I hadn't seen in a very long time. Even Earl Keffer showed B-4 noon and did quite well in the fun fly I might add. He came in second by a very close margin. Only had about five or six fliers but from the way everyone was talking I think next year will be much better. Our new Prez was the CD and did a fine job of keeping things going except for Mark not figuring out how to keep his finger on the muffler to keep his engine running and getting the plane in the air at the same time. WARREN to the rescue. He got the engine tuned and Mark off to the blue. And Bill DeWalt, who knows what his problem was. He didn't even have a muffler to blame.

The Big Winner was Barry McGee . The object was to take off from the North end of the runway, fly past a balloon on the South end of the runway, do a 180 degree turn, perform two loops, land and hit the balloon without breaking it in the shortest time. Mark passed it at about 60+, Warren performed some of the most precision ground loops I have ever seen , Keffer hit the balloon but couldn't break it even with his prop, Wayne showed how to perform some fantastic ricochets, and Bill DeWalt had a great time.

Johnn and Michelle Dodge brought enough chow to feed an Army and there were lots of other folks that brought food also. All in all we had a great time and it brought back memories of days gone by when we did things like that lots more often. Wonder what ever happened to those days??

Vince



For the good of the club

Keeping Your Club Alive

By Bruce K. Stenulson, 1-8-98

What Is A Club?

This is probably the best place to start to reach an understanding of this subject. A CLUB is a voluntary association of INDIVIDUALS, each of whom desire to derive some individual benefit, satisfaction, or reward from their activity as a member of the organization.

The minimum involvement member may feel that by paying their annual dues, they are supporting the worthwhile efforts of the Club; this may be reason enough to be a member. They derive satisfaction from knowing that the club they support in this way does good things with it's resources, provides beneficial services or opportunities to it's members and the public, and otherwise is a positive influence in the area.

Some will join a Club or organization to show their support for the ethics, principles, and activities of that group, and derive their satisfaction from being a supporter of those ethics, principles, and activities.

Some may wish to simply be a member of a successful club, a group which is recognized for sponsoring successful events or activities, or is recognized as a group with expertise or accomplishments in their field of endeavor. This is "success by association", and is a great source of satisfaction for some club members.

Another group of members are those who simply enjoy the comradery of participating in an enjoyable activity or endeavor with others who also enjoy the same activities; it's that simple.

Another level of involvement is the individual who desires to gain new skills, information, or expertise. For them, a Club offers opportunities to gain assistance and learn from those experienced in certain specialized activities. Continuing opportunities to add to their skills or knowledge on a regular basis is important to these members; that's the value derived from their membership.

Yet another group needs to feel that they are contributing to the efforts of the group as a whole, or serving in a useful capacity to the club. They derive their satisfaction in being able to be involved in either the operations of the club on an ongoing basis, or in the successful operation of a special event, project, or activity.

To quote a friend, "Good judgement comes from experience; Experience comes from bad judgement". Experienced individuals have gone through the process of making mistakes along the way to learning a certain skill, or gathering extensive information on a given subject. They derive satisfaction from being able to pass on this information or specialized skill to others who aspire to develop knowledge or proficiency in that area, helping them to avoid some of the rough spots on the learning curve. "Been There, Done That, Got The Tee Shirt" fits for these members.

Among the experienced or proficient are also those who desire recognition or acknowledgment for their accomplishments, innovations, or insights in their field of endeavor, along with the opportunity to make a contribution and advance the "State of the Art".

These last two groups are the "Mentors", those who are willing to give to others what they have worked to learn. They derive satisfaction from passing on what they have learned.

Maybe the above look at what members need from a club is the underlying key to operating a continuously successful, active, growing club; all of the various member types above must derive satisfaction from their involvement in the club, from their own viewpoint.

A CLUB, to be successful, active, and dynamic, must continually offer opportunities for all current or prospective members (in all of the above groups) to derive benefit or satisfaction from their involvement in the club in a way meaningful to themselves. These varying perspectives are all valid reasons for being a member. To attract the prospective new member, these same opportunities must be readily seen as being available, on a regular enough basis to satisfy those same varying needs.

How does a Club Offer "Everything to Everyone"?

Opportunities to interact on a regular basis are one of the basic requirements that is proceeds from the analysis above. This translates to "Regularly Scheduled Meetings" and activities, and the general consensus is that monthly meetings are necessary to maintain active interest in those who are looking to expand their knowledge and skills, which especially includes those new to the club. Others who feel a sense of satisfaction in being included in running the ongoing affairs of the club also enjoy the opportunity to participate in regular meetings. Constant input or an opportunity for interaction and involvement are what's called for.

Also important is offering an opportunity on a regular basis for each and every member to contribute or participate in the ongoing successful operation of the club; this is essential to their feeling of value to the club for many. (Not offering the opportunity for members to participate sends a negative message.)

COMMUNICATION is also essential to keeping members satisfied that they are each an important part of any club. A regular newsletter goes a long way towards keeping all members informed and involved in the ongoing activities of the club. It says, "It's important to the club that YOU as a member know about everything that's going on; we value your input and your contributions towards making this a successful and dynamic club." "Old-Timers should keep in mind that, especially in new members, there's a hunger for more and more information on a frequent basis - to them, waiting a whole month for the next newsletter's 'nuggets of wisdom' is a long time!

Meetings should be brief on business while allowing members to be involved in decisions, and feature a "PROGRAM" that gives all attending an opportunity to learn, participate, contribute, or gain in some way. The overall experience should be enjoyable, or give a feeling of accomplishment, or of having contributed something of value to the Club or to others in attendance. For some types of technical or craftsmanship oriented clubs, "Show & Tell" presentations are successful in keeping club activity and involvement high. Interaction and comradery are important elements for many club members.

INVITE & INFORM EVERYONE! It's the job of the club officers and event organizers to make everyone feel welcome and included in all club activities and events, and to promote participation by everyone. If you leave someone out of the lines of communication, they will feel left out - and this is not the message that should be sent to any member. If phone calls are used to pass the word on a spur of the moment activity, then a full phone tree should be set up, where every member (and interested prospective members as appropriate) is contacted and offered the opportunity to be involved.

Accept that People's Interests Change

After all is said and done, despite your best efforts, people's interests change. They find a new activity, club, or cause that captivates their attention, leaving little time for involvement in the "old club". If they continue to support your organization's efforts by maintaining their membership, maybe that's more than you can expect; some will just move on to other interests.

Some move in and out of involvement in a given club's activities on a seasonal basis; others come and go over the years. The best you can do is to offer what they're looking for when and while they are interested; your club must be able to satisfy the previously listed variety of needs, to keep the interested members involved and satisfied.

Statistics show that a successful club can still expect a loss of 15% of its members in a given year. With this in mind it is imperative to continue to bring "New Blood" into the club, welcoming new members. Publicizing the club's activities, making it easy for those interested to find and join the club, is also necessary.

Positive public relations are also valuable. Educational presentations in the community schools may be beneficial in promoting a positive impression of the club in the community. Activities open to public participation, or public service projects or activities may be appropriate.

If the "Old Guard" find themselves ambivalent about keeping up the regular meetings and newsletters, they should keep in mind that these aspects of a club are felt to be much more important to many members. Maybe it's time to pass the torch to others who have a desire to "make things happen" on a regular basis, and delegate responsibilities for meeting programs, and solicit input for contributions to newsletters.

Club officers should be chosen wisely. Rather than bestowing an honor, those you elect as club officials are being asked to carry the responsibility of seeing that the club's purposes and activities continue to be successfully advanced. The club under their leadership must continue to satisfy the needs of all of the various groups of members mentioned in the beginning of this article.

RESOLUTIONS

No one will ever get out of this world alive!

Take care of yourself. Good health is everyone's major source of wealth. Without it happiness is almost impossible.

Resolve to be cheerful and helpful. People will repay you in kind.

Avoid angry, abrasive persons. They are generally vengeful.

Avoid zealots. They are generally humorless.

Resolve to listen more and talk less. No one ever learns anything by talking.

Be chary of giving advice. Wise men don't need it and fools won't heed it.

Resolve to be tender with the young; compassionate with the aged; sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these.

Resolve to love someone next year that you didn't love this year. Love is the most enriching ingredient of life.

Lots of good stuff in the above folks;

Food for thought: **The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention.**

Regards.

Vince

PS Thought this might be a good start for the New Year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 27 th	Meeting	7:00 pm
February 24 th	Meeting	7:00 pm
March 24 th	Meeting	7:00 pm

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All articles or items of interest should be submitted to me by the 1st Wednesday of the month. Newsletter editor (that's ME) reserves the right to accept, refuse and edit all articles submitted for publication. Articles or items submitted after the deadline will be included in the following month's newsletter. Send or deliver articles to:

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