

# InFlight



The Official Newsletter of the Free State Aeromodelers

December 2007

## The President's Corner

The club meeting is Friday, 7:30pm, at the Aquatic Center on Old Gunpowder Rd, near the end of Van Dusen Rd.

It's December, which means two things in the club. First is the club officer election. It looks like we have about the typical number of people running for office.



Second, it's time to renew your membership. You should have already received your AMA renewal form. Don't delay, get it in the mail now. We always have some nice weather days during January and February, but if you haven't renewed, you won't be able to fly. Your AMA coverage ends on January 1st, and so does your club membership. There is a grace period to avoid paying the club late renewal fee, but that's NOT a grace period on your membership or your ability to fly.

On another note, recently some issues from the field have been brought to my attention. Obviously, FSA is a club based on flying model aircraft. We are all out there to have a good time, relax, and enjoy flying our models. But it's also a "social" club in many ways. No one at the field can just ignore everyone else there and do whatever they want, however they want, without regard to how their actions affect others. Sure, it would be nice to "just fly", but with a club the size of ours, we all have to pay attention the impact of our actions on others at the field.

Part of getting along with other club members is following the club's safety rules and using some common sense. No one wants to fly in an unsafe or dangerous manner, and it's important for everyone to remember that when it comes to model flying "safe" is often a matter of perception and degree.

This works in both directions. While flying our own models, it's rare that we think we are doing something unsafe. On the other hand, most of us have seen someone do something we thought was at least borderline at least once. It should come as no surprise that while the pilot thinks they are fine, someone else watching might have a different opinion.

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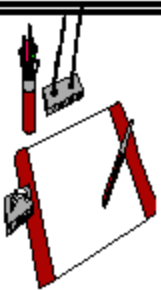
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Every FSA member should also be aware of the club safety rules and fly safely, and at the same time help ensure that others are doing so as well. So, if you see something at the field that you think is a problem, you can and should point it out. If you don't want to talk directly with the other pilot, you can contact me directly. However, it is generally better all around if you talk to the other pilot. The trick is to keep in mind that it is often an issue of perception. Don't yell at someone or get in their face about how dangerous they are. Just talk to them, chances are, they don't realize how others see what they are doing, and a friendly reminder or conversation is all it will take to fix any problem.

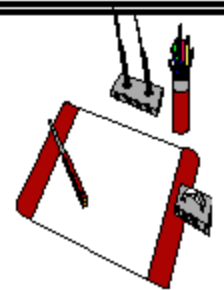
On the flip side, if you are flying, and someone approaches you with a concern about what you were doing, it is NOT ok to tell them to go away and leave you alone, or yell or dismiss what someone is saying. While you might think your flying is just fine, if another club member is taking the time and effort to raise a concern, it means your actions are really bothering them. For whatever reason, something you are doing is making them feel unsafe at the field, and that's not good. You need to listen to what they are saying, and see what you can do to put them at ease. The vast majority of the time, it's something simple and all you need to do is make a small effort, and everyone can go back to enjoying their time at the field.

I hope everyone has some winter projects on the drawing board.

Kirk



## From the Desk of your Membership Secretary



It is FSA and AMA membership renewal time and time is running out. Remember they both expire at the end of the year. Both memberships have a grace period to pay BUT there is NO grace period in benefits so renew now.

We have 133 members and only 29 members have renewed for 2008. I try to process renewal applications 10 at a time but it is as hard to do when they come in so slow.

A notice to all Life and Presidential FSA members. I need a filled out renewal application from every one so I can keep my records straight. Just mark on the application either FSA Life Member or Presidential, If Presidential indicate your active position for 2008 in the club.

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## FSA Website and Internet Access

Visit our website at: <http://www.freestateaeromodelers.org/>

Join our FAS Newsgroup at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FSAeromodelers/>

Email us at: [fsawebmail@yahoo.com](mailto:fsawebmail@yahoo.com)

Weather at field: [http://www.aws.com/aws\\_2001/asp/single\\_site.asp?id=LAURL](http://www.aws.com/aws_2001/asp/single_site.asp?id=LAURL)

# Airplanes of the World IV

The most fun I had at the field last year has to have been the "Aircraft of the World III." All the great looking planes and those who built them, all the FSA members pitching in to help with a great event, the fine weather, and all those spectators who had a great time! Who doesn't love looking at a vintage warbird or a scale model of an exotic twin engine airplane?

Well, I'm pleased to announce that "Aircraft of the World IV" will be Saturday, June 28th, 2008. I'd love to hear any idea that any of you has as to how we can make this year's event better than past years. I think that's a tall order as Lee Harris and his team did a great job the last few years.

Please come to the December meeting and share your ideas for this event. What do you think worked well in the past and just as importantly, what do you think needs some work to be better? Very shortly, I'll have the paperwork in for the AMA sanction, an ad to run in the AMA magazine, and I'll be drawing up a list of needed helper jobs. Three of my goals are to make more money for the club, draw more out of town pilots, and to draw more spectators.

Here's to sunny skies on June 28th!

Rob Clark

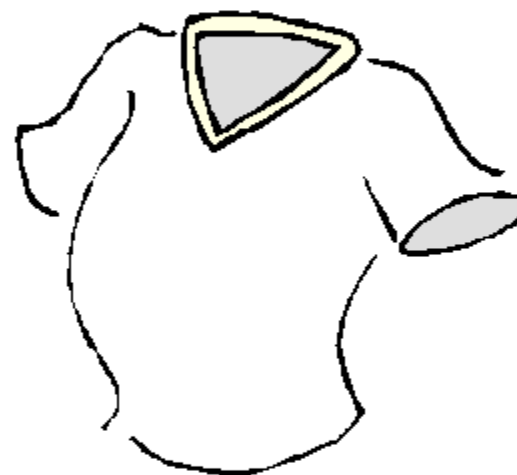
Contest Director



We still have a nice selection of Freestate Aeromodeler apparel available. Once these are sold out we will not be reordering, so get them while you can.

## Item's Available:

- Golf Shirts
- Tee Shirts
- Hats
- Patches
- Stickers



Golf Shirts - \$25.00

Tee Shirt - \$15.00

Hats - \$15.00

Patches - \$4.00

Window Cling-ons - \$2.00

Peel and Stick Logo Decal Large - \$4.00

Peel and Stick Logo Decal Small - \$1.00

American Flag Button - \$1.00

To purchase any of the items contact Tom at:

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# Meeting Location!



Friday, December 14, 2007  
At the Aquadic Center 7:30



## NOTICE



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### **Hobby City (Burtonsville)**

All FSA Club members are entitled to a 10% discount on purchase.

Just tell the cashier at checkout that you are a Free State Club member.

## Field Search Committee

If you are interested in serving on the committee, contact Kirk. We have a bunch of leads at this point, so we need to start taking action. It still appears that the first project that will impact us is the building of the Contee Road extension. This extension is still pretty early in the planning stages. The best estimates are that construction is still several years away, probably 3-5.



## FSA Video Library

Quite a few aviation-related DVDs have been added to the FSA Video Library. Check out the library at a club meeting to see what's available. One video will be highlighted in the newsletter each month, and many others will be available.

Several episodes of Air Emergency are now available in the library. Air Emergency is a series of programs produced by National Geographic to dramatize commercial aviation incidents and present the results of the subsequent accident investigations. I find it quite interesting how a series of small errors can result in tragedy. Equally amazing are the cases where crews are able to save lives and reduce injuries by their responses to crisis.

The first episode recounts a stunning flight where the aircraft windshield is blown off as the plane climbs to cruising altitude. The explosive decompression blows the pilot nearly out the plane, where the wind keeps his body plastered to the cockpit roof for the remainder of the flight. This story, unlike many of the other episodes, has a happy ending!

You are welcome to borrow tapes and DVDs from the library. Just remember to return them at the next meeting. If you have any items to donate to the library, or suggestions for acquisitions, pass them on to Les Hamilton.

Les Hamilton



## Calendar

December 31 - AMA Expiration

December 31: FSA Renewals



## For Sale

JRXP9303 9 Ch Mode II Transmitter (hardly used).

JRXP652 6Ch Mode II Transmitter (Both on the hardly used and clean Ch21) with (12) RX's including (2) 9Ch PCM's.

Over \$1200 new, asking \$600

Call Mike for more details at 301-752-7519



## Impound Box Use!

Just a reminder to all to please use the impound box. This is very important if there are more than a few at the field. Remember, Stuff can happen (and already has).

## Heli Guys!

You heli guys MUST USE THE FLIGHT BOX AT THE LEFT END (as you are facing the field).

## Trash!

The club is NOT in the trash removal business. Any thing you bring to the field you must take away with you the same day.



## New Members

None

**Don't forget you r AMA Applications and FSA Renewals!**

**133 Total Members**



## BANNED CHANNELS

These channels are banned from use at our field.

43, 44, 52, 53, 55, 56, 59, 60

**ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL OR RECREATIONAL DRUGS ALLOWED  
ON THE KONTERRA MODEL AIRPARK PREMISES**

**VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE CLUB AND FORFEITURE OF  
ALL DUES AND PRIVILEGES**