



The Sunbeam

President's Column

by Dave Sult

It's amazing how fast time goes by. Seems like we just had to club meeting and here it's almost time again. The good new is that this is the last meeting this spring that will be indoors. The May meeting will be at the field and all will be well again.

With any luck at all we'll be able to get out and do some flying soon. With that in mind I'll push the "get your equipment ready" button again. The last thing you want is to go out to the field for your first flight of the season and find your plane or radio, etc. isn't ready and needs to go back home to be made ready. Let's all plan for that first day out so we can be safe and get plenty of flying in.

Make sure you come to the April meeting as we are going over covering. Kent is going to bring in a wing to cover. Denny has more free parts boxes and even some fold film cans to give away!

Dave

Executive Council Report

The Executive Council met on March 28 at Cafe Milo in west Ames. Present: Dave Sult, Kent Woods, Craig Krueger, Mark Taylor & Denny Goodrich.

Our main topic was coming up with an April program. Kent will bring items to demonstrate covering repair. Even if you only have ARF's, you will someday need to repair the covering.

The program at the May meeting (at the field) will be about retracts.

Club Calendar

April 9 Monthly club meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Ames City Hall, Room 233. That is upstairs and to the left.

Meeting program will be tips on patching up covering by Kent Woods. Bring your tips.

April 13 Cedar Rapids Indoor Charity Fly-In to Benefit Disaster Dogs of Iowa. 8:00 am- 5:00 pm. Eastern Iowa Sports Complex, Hiawatha, IA. \$20 landing/\$5 spectator fee. See ad on page 4.

February Meeting Report

The March meeting was held at the Ames City Hall.

Program was a presentation by Kent Woods showing us his pet tools. And did he ever have a nice selection of helpful items. Notes taken at the time have descriptions of about 40 items or categories of things, like clamps - spring, C- and bar.

Craig Krueger showed photos of an Arizona club he visited recently. They fly at an air park near Superstition and Mesa. He also visited the Commemorative Air Force Museum and had photos of the B-17 Sentimental Journey. Thanks for sharing, Craig!

Show'n'Tells included an Align Trex 550 E helicopter from Dave Popelka. Welcome, back, Dave! Dave Sult had a helicopter in and air rescue fuselage. He had modified it to be used in a tethered application on a St. Patrick's Day parade soon to come.

Denny Goodrich showed a wing for a 1/2A Skylark. He used a combination torque rod/swingee application to make for invisible aileron activation.

See photos from the meeting on page 3.

FLOAT FLY FUTURE TENSE

You still have time.....time for what you ask? To get a float plane ready for the June 29th float fly at Cornerstone Church. You may have a plane already that can be converted, and all you need to do is add some floats. I have found a web site that may make that a little easier than you think!! They cut CNC foam floats in various sizes and they also have a nice tutorial on how to set up your plane.

The URL is www.seaplanesupply.com.

Even if you decide it's not your thing, they have some nice photos of various planes that have been converted to floats.

Kent



Free parts boxes. 4" x 4.5" x 1.75"



Come to the meeting!

From Your Safety Officer

Safety comes first and foremost is a reminder each of us needs at every start of the flying season. And it's true. Our hobby has recently seen some bad publicity related to activities that are just stupid. To me, a few seem to wreck it for all of us. Let's not put ourselves into those types of situations that could jeopardize our love of flying.

Additional reminders include:

Reminder #1-Be legal. Get your current AMA card. And join an AMA sanctioned club (ours in particular). Review regulations of AMA and our club.

Reminder #2-Check out our field. Become familiar with the lay of the land. Field rules are posted. Again, please review for an understanding of what is expected of you and guests.

Reminder #3-Don't expect your planes to be in the same condition at the start of the new season as when you ended last season! Check your aircraft over; clevis' good, fuel lines, batteries, control surfaces, transmitters/receivers, and the list goes on. Also check your flight boxes ie: tools, parts, fuel, etc.

Reminder #4-Get to know your club officers. Our club has a great group of officers. Friendly and approachable.

Reminder #5-Have fun! Volunteer to help at club events. The friendship is priceless!

See you at the field,
Craig

The Gee Bee Windshield Adventure

by Denny Goodrich

Last fall I bought a Gee Bee Sportster model from a friend. He had bought it from another friend, but had not flown it. A notation inside leads me to believe it was finished in February, 1988. The model is in pretty good shape, but the canopy has yellowed severely. "Let's put on a new one," I thought to myself. Notice how it stands higher than the turtledeck behind the pilot.

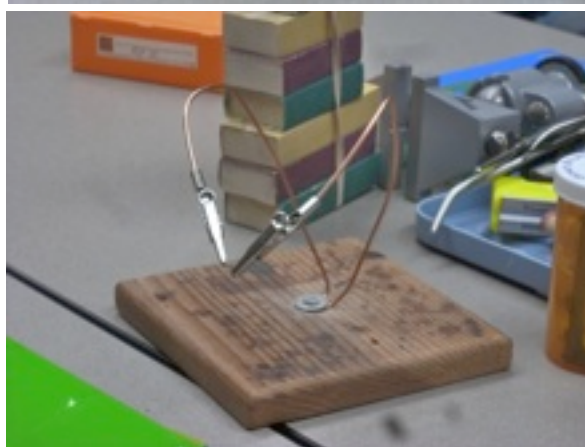


A look at pictures of the prototype reveal that it should not be that high. So, after removing the old one and using it as a pattern, I started to modify that pattern to get the desired profile.



After much trial fitting and cutting of pieces of pater, I finally realized that the old one had been put on upside down! As similar as the two curves were, only one gave the desired low height. I glued it on with Formula 560.

Photos from the March meeting



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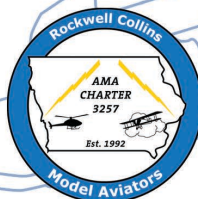
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Jon and Connie Bus at the Iowa City
Aerohawks Swap Meet in January

The Central Iowa Aeromodelers

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