



# The Sunbeam

## President's Column

Mark Taylor

Happy April, everybody, and I hope you've been out taking advantage of this *balmy* April weather to fly.

I hope most of you can make the meeting this coming Tuesday. I appreciate everybody who chimed in about the club fiscal situation, particularly as it pertains to lawn equipment.

Just to summarize, the new tractor and a storage box to keep it in, will cost somewhere in the range of \$6000, and require a very minor modification to our land-use permit. We have the application for that ready to go, but we very much need to decide as a club how we're going to handle that much debt, and if we want to go ahead with it.

I gave five or six rather simplistic options, and most of you answered that you would rather deal with the debt and keep the club together, and have long-term integrity for our mowing situation.

Opinions as to how this could be realistically accomplished were diverse, and that will be the dialogue from here on.

First item on the agenda going forward will be to dispose of the three old mowers with a maximum of reward, so that we can dispose of a significant portion of the debt. After some research on the Internet, I believe if we work hard we can get about \$2500 out of the three old mowers combined.

That leaves us with about \$3500 of debt and about \$3000 in our club account, but we need most of that account money to keep the field going. As it stands, with dues at \$100 per member and a membership of about 20 consistently, our total dues are approximately the same as our total operating expenses every year.

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## Club Calendar

**April 10 6:30 P.M.** Monthly meeting of the Central Iowa Aeromodelers. At the Field, but bring your jacket !!!



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We are not the United States government, so we can't operate at a loss. Kent has been patient and generous regarding the repayment of our debt to him for the new mower, and recently offered to take just \$400 this year and contribute to the special collection for the mower fund.

While that's very good of him, I fear that it will perpetuate a culture of "somebody else is going to take care of it, I'm just gonna come out and fly!" attitude within the club. As small as we are, we can't afford that.

### Summary: What You Can Do for Your Club.

- Help get the mowers sold.
- If you know any dealers or collectors, hustle them to make an offer and we will consider anything reasonable. Just like the mowing and the field maintenance, we need to all get on this and not just leave it for somebody else to do. In a club this small, there isn't "somebody else to do it."

After we buy new batteries and get the tires inflated, I expect the following:

Allis: \$1,500

Jacobsen: \$500 (for parts)

Ahrens: \$500

We still have a great field and a great club. Let's not go down the Tower Hobbies road!

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## Getting Your Gear Ready for Use Again

Even though we are a bit late due to the lingering winter weather, in a week or so flying season WILL have arrived. Are you going to be ready to go to the field and be ready to fly successfully? I know that I have disappointed myself at times by finding dead batteries or no fuel in the can or warped wings, neglected repairs and such AFTER getting to the field.

- Cycle batteries. If you do not have a cycler you are going to have to run the batteries down by using them, just to be sure you have sufficient capacity to fly.
- On aircraft you are taking to the field, check all the hinges for attachment, control clevises for safety tubing and being latched.
- Check props for damage.
- Tighten props.
- Check tightness of engine and electric motor mountings.
- Check fuel tubing.
- Are your cheater and adapter cords in your charger box?
- Check for warps.
- Tighten loose covering. Sometimes that covering has become detached, not something you want to put into the air.
- Check that controls work with the radio in operational mode.
- You might not want to use your gasoline mix left over from last year.
- Check the things I have forgotten to mention!

Happy (flying) days are nearly here again. Be ready to enjoy them!



## The Scrap Bin

by Denny Goodrich

It's Inconceivable!

That is THE catch phrase from one of the most popular movies of our lives, The Princess Bride. Inconceivable!

That is what I have been saying to myself lately. Keith Begin gifted me with a triple kit given to him by John Schoeneman. Pica had a triple kit of Corsair racing models in the 1990's. John mostly constructed on of them before apparently losing interest and passed them to Keith when he moved south. Now I have them. An inventory of items includes all the parts for the next two models, and complete wing and fuselage plans. But no instruction manuals.

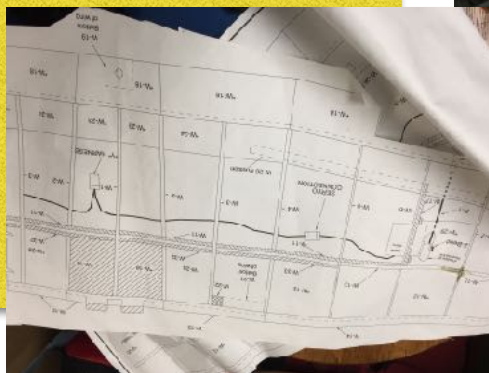
Finding the plane and maybe the book online should be no problem, what with all the plans that have been digitized and placed in the many repositories for these. Guess what? Plans and instruction book for Pica Kit RC-30 triple Corsair are NOWHERE, man!

**Inconceivable!**

I am sure I can complete them with the information I have, but there have been posts from guys who feel like they are up a creek because they have the kit, but without plans or book. So, if you have them, or know someone who does, please get them digitized and made available.



Wallace Shawn and Robin Wright in The Princess Bride



## The Central Iowa Aeromodelers

<http://centraliowaeromodelers.weebly.com/index.html>

This club has been established to promote all facets of the hobby/sport of model aviation and to provide assistance and fellowship for its members. AMA Charter 2091.

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Family Membership	\$100 - Includes spouse and all in household 18 & under.
Newsletter Subscription	\$ 10 - For non members only.

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