



The Sunbeam

President's Column

Mark Taylor

Now is the Time for All Good Men to Come to the Aid of Their Flight Club!
Yeah, I got stuck with the job.

Maybe I was the only stable genius that night at Old Chicago

Good news is, I've had lots of experience with it in the distant past.

For those of you who don't remember, the Taylor presidencies have been characterized by a lot of gossip and construction updates, and "de-construction" updates! Without any regard for anybody's feelings or concerns about RC privacy or deeply-held need to keep a secret. Ya-da, ya-da, ya-da

So, brace yourselves, and be the first to tattletale on your buddies when you hear any worthy RC news. Send pictures if possible.

Maybe I should learn how to tweet!

About the only rumors lately are from Connor's new shop: the distal rumble of very large twin engines has been heard. I imagine Connor may be 26 before he's ready to fly it 🤔

I really enjoyed having company for New Year's Eve at my shop. Thanks to all 11 who came, including Tom and Carl from way down South! It was certainly more enjoyable than flying at -20° would have been!

That segues nicely into a brief philosophical assessment of our club. I think things have changed a lot over the last 10 years. Rather than a large impersonal gathering of RC flyers, this is truly a private club. That means that in order to rub elbows at the field we need to make an effort to communicate with each other over Wayne's excellent text group and via email. I think we also need to make a forthright effort to get together every once in a while, so we don't get isolated and feel like we're the only ones flying RC planes in the whole area.

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Club Calendar

February 13

6:00 P.M. Monthly meeting of the Central Iowa Aeromodelers. Meeting at the 3M Hall.



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Join the group, make a reasonable comment,
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INDOOR FLY THIS TUESDAY

This is a reminder that the Feb. and March meetings of the Central Iowa Aeromodelers are a fun fly with a brief agenda at the 3M community building. We did this twice last year. Everyone had a great time and got to try out indoor RC gear.

Be sure to charge up your batteries and come! If you don't have indoor aircraft come and spectate anyway.

The 3M Community Building is at 900 Dayton Avenue in East Ames. Here are the details from our Facebook page:

Drive to the northeast end of the parking lot, a driveway will go to the building. Highly suggest you drive in, unload or carry in your stuff, and park in the main lot.

Parking space is a premium. AND STAY OFF THE GRASS!

Tuesday,
February 13, March 13
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

- 2018 AMA membership mandatory.

Open to club members whose 2018 dues have been paid.

Guests welcome.

- Club Safety Officer will inspect all aircraft.

Note-this is a gym with high ceilings, so bring suitable aircraft.

- \$5 for club members, \$10 for guests.

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For the winter months, the meeting at my shop was a good beginning and will be continued by the monthly meetings February and March at the 3M gym: we can at least get together and drop drones through the basketball hoops at 3M.

Thanks to our past president Craig for setting that up.

The good part about a small club is that you can come out and fly anytime you want to, and if you have a particularly tricky or nerve-wrecking plane to fly, it's no big deal to get private flying time.

The bad part about a small club is that you can't just stick your head in the sand and assume that somebody else is going to weed and seed and mow the grass, or patch the runway. Just like an intentional effort is needed to Socialize with other flyers, it is vitally important that all members stay active and aggressive with finding out what needs to be done at the field or otherwise to keep our facility in good shape.

First group task: we have three old mowers that we're going to try to sell to make up as much as possible for Kent's generous purchase of a very nice John Deere tractor mower. We have no intention of sticking Kent with the cost of that purchase, and we appreciate him putting forth the effort and the dollars to get us a reasonable tractor that can mow comfortably quickly. There will be training sessions about how to use it safely and efficiently and we expect anyone who flies with any regularity to participate in grounds maintenance.

That's just the way this Private Club has to work to stay afloat.

Also, it is important to stay alert and stay aggressive if you have any ideas about flying events or special fun gatherings: speak out and make an active effort to organize and motivate people to do things together. To tell the truth, RC flying just isn't much fun when you're out there by yourself, never mind the prospect of ruining your front seat upholstery if you have to drive yerself to ER to count yer fingers!

So, start charging your batteries monthly now to get ready for flying season, pay your dues early, and bring ideas for increasing activity levels to the monthly club meetings, please. And let us know if you have any leads on buyers of antique tractors.

Mark

Central Iowa Aeromodelers
Indoor Electric Fun Fly
At February Club Meeting

Held at the 3M Rec Building
900 Dayton Avenue
Ames, Iowa

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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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2018 Central Iowa Aeromodelers Membership Form

Annual Dues: Open Member \$100 - Any Open AMA member.
 Student \$ 35 - Full time college undergrad/school student of any capability
 Family Membership \$100 - Includes spouse and all in household 18 & under.
 Newsletter Subscription \$10 - For non members only.

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