



The Sunbeam

President's Column by Craig Kreuger

Usually, I start my articles by writing some serious/important topics, but not this time! That will come later. Every once in a while, I'm sure we get emails from time to time that turn out to be quite interesting. I received one from my wife's uncle, (which had like maybe a hundred thousand "forwarded" names on it). I figured with that many names, it might be worth reading. All it contained was interesting statements, with pictures!!

#1. Sleeping on the job is acceptable in Japan. It is viewed as exhaustion from working hard. Funny, my head hardly hit the desk before I heard "wake up and get back to work"!

#2. If you eat a teaspoon of sugar after eating something spicy hot, it will completely neutralize the heat. Hmm, wonder if that neutralizes the "heat" farther down the digestive system?

#3. If too many pistachios are shipped in a single container, they will self-heat and experience spontaneous combustion. And I thought only chili did that after several bowls.

Club

OCTOBER 11 7:30 P.M. Regular meeting of the Central Iowa Aeromodelers. Meeting at the AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY, Dale Ross Board Room.. Proceed up stairs, then turn left 3 times!

Expect discussions on dues and about a possible charging station installation.charging station setup, which would require getting electricity at the field.

#4. And for all you soda drinkers, did you know that a can of Diet Coke floats in water, while a regular can of Coke sinks? Geez, where do they come up with this stuff?

Ok, enough is enough. Time for the serious stuff, so PLEASE read it carefully.

Our club's financial viability is being eroded. There are two reasons for this, one immediate and one long term.

The immediate reason is that we have seen an abnormal amount of costs on our mowing equipment this year. Through the diligent efforts of a few people, all three mowers are operational. (So please, drive them like you HAVEN'T stolen them.)

The long term problem is that membership has been down the past couple of years, possibly being the lowest ever this year. Annual fixed expenses are usually around \$2,000. Current annual dues of \$70 was based on typical membership levels of 25-35 members. We are below 20 members this year.

It has become necessary for the Board to meet and discuss the current state, as well as, the future state of the club's financial position. After reviewing the figures (membership dues, breakdown of expenses), the Board is recommending an increase in dues to \$100 per year, from the current \$70 per year. Every year is a crap shoot on what the weather will be, how many members we will have, and if there will be added expenses to the equipment, or anything else that seems to creep up? Every club probably goes through the same thought process, so I believe our club is not unique to this situation.

So with all this in mind, please plan to attend the regular club meetings for October and November to discuss. Reminders will be put in each newsletter publication. We will vote on this at the December meeting.

Also during the December meeting, election of Board members will take place. Nominations will be taken up until the vote. So please consider running for the Board.

Lastly, I would like to say thanks to all the members who have given their time in keeping the field in such good shape and for those who have kept the equipment operational. It truly is a group effort.

Take care,
Craig

AMA Presidential Election

You have all received your AMA ballot for the election of the president of AMA. Read the candidate statements of the three men in the running. Each expresses a different vision for the future direction of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. See Page 119 in the October, 2016, issue of "Mode Aviation".

Descriptions of their statements here will be vague, as you should really read the actual statements. The intense and expensive response to possible FAA regulation of aeromodeling has largely been caused by the drone revolution and the actions of many irresponsible drone operators. AMA has endeavored to bring the multi-rotor flyers into our sphere of influence, if you will.

One candidate believes the AMA should continue to engage the multi-rotor crowd. Another candidate feels this has been mostly a bust, that the vast majority of them do not care to join AMA and sign on with safety code restrictions. The third candidate is a bit in between the two views and emphasizes bettering traditional AMA educational activities.

Ballots are due postmarked no later than November 8. Note that ballots go to a different address than your membership

The Central Iowa Aeromodelers

<http://centraliwaeromodelers.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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2016 Central Iowa Aeromodelers Membership Form

Annual Dues: Open Member \$70 - Any Open AMA member.
 Student \$35 - Full time college undergrad/school student of any capability
 Family Membership \$70 - Includes spouse and all in household 18 & under.
 Newsletter Subscription \$10 - For non members only.

NO REFUNDS ON DUES PAID

THESE DUES ARE ADDITIONAL TO ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS MEMBERSHIP

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