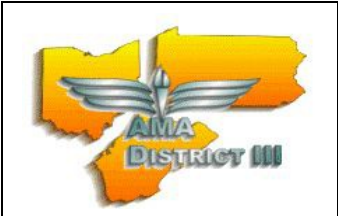


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Upcoming Events.....

Sunday, August 30th: Just may be the last Summer Family Picnic, 5pm at the field. Come on out and enjoy the hot dogs, corn on the cob and all the fixins. We will also have our inter-club Half A contest on this day. Bring you spouse, a girl friend, or other members of your family and enjoy the day!

Tuesday, September 1st: Our regular monthly club meeting, this is the last one held at 8:30 pm. Flying at the field beforehand, weather permitting.

Sunday, September 27th: Our last 2015 Family Picnic for sure! We will have a fun day of contests and activities planned. Come and enjoy the fun. Timed flight contest, spot landing event, Hit the baloon contest, and some other interesting events. Don't miss this last big event of the year!

Drones, Drones, Drones...



Matt Tedrow, Under the Hood!

Drones, or Quad Copter's are all the rage right now and in the news almost every day. Only a few of our members are currently flying them, but more will follow I'm sure. Matt Tedrow, shown above is the most accomplished so far and had a small quad-copter with a first person view for flying it. Any boy can he fly it! He zips it around our



fiel really fast and can skirt the trees with ease when he is using the first person hood.



Here is a closeup of Matt using the hood to see from the unit he is flying from it's prospective. Of course others fly them but have to keep their eyes on the drone itself. This technology is really progressing quickly and who knows what's coming next.

Because of all the adverse publicity we see almost every day in the news, there are more regulatins and restrictions on the way. Just last week there was an article in the Greensburg paper about Unity Township, (that's the home of the Arnold Palmer Latrobe Airport) considering an ordinance prohibiting drones from flying within an area close to their airport. At their last meeting they directed their solicitor to draft an ordinance to prohibit the unmanned aircraft after discussion with Gabe Monzo, executive director of the Westmoreland County Airport Authority. Since we are less than 4 miles from the end of runway 33 at the Johnstown Airport, don't be too surprised if something like this isn't adopted here in Cambria County as well.

The unfortunate fact is that most of the harmful flights we read about are conducted by folks who are not AMA members, or

perhaps never even heard of our organization. This therefore gives us a bad rap, and will cause us problems with tighter regs and other restrictions in the coming months and years. Keep up with this subject by reading all the articles in our AMA magazine and do comment on the FAA regs when we have the opportunity.

Sunday flying.....



The last few weeks have been great for flying, and last Sunday, August 23rd was no exception. Above, Bruce Thomas and Zane Kough prepare to fly Bruce's F-18 Hornet. Bruce has flown it a number of times and wrecked it a few weeks ago, but it was ready to go again with a bigger battery this time. He did have several good flights and it really went well with the added power, however on this next flight, Zane did a high speed low pass with a number of rolls, and the one wing came loose and it did a hard landing in the weeds opposite the field. The damage was readily repairable and Bruce said he would have it back and ready for next week! This was the jet that was outfitted with the Blue Angle paint job, but after a number of hard landings and outright crashes, Bruce had to cover up the glue marks and decided to give it a gray Navy paint job! It still preforms well with the added power of a four cell battery. Bruce also took off the landing gear which caused some problems and now it's a hand launch style jet!

Another new plane.....



Scott Holsopple gave his new bird a run on Sunday, August 23rd. It's a foam Biplane called a RockStar made by MPX he purchased from Tower Hobbies and it's a great looking plane and flies well too.



Summer's End Coming....

We have had some great flying weather this summer, and with school starting this coming week, we know the end is approaching! We still have two to three months of flying left this year, however it's getting darker a little earlier each day. Morning flying is still common and there are about 6-8 regulars who come out to fly in the AM. Of course our Saturday morning and Sunday Afternoon outings will continue for a few more months.

This past Sunday, the boys tried a demolition derby, with no mid-air, even though they were trying to hit each other.

Ken Reese, Fred Rohde, and Bruce Thomas all said they would give it a try and through several attempts, no mid-air took place.



Above, Fred prepares to launch his plane, and Bruce and Ken joined him in a robust demolition derby, with no contact in the air. Bummer!



Above, veteran club member Caleb Butler who turned 88 last month flies his electric FunMan on a regular basis.

That's it for this month! Don't forget to come out to the last two Family Picnic's of 2015 and get some flying time in before the bad weather gets here. We have a wonderful field, it's in great shape, and time is fleeting! Hope to see you at the field!





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