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Newsletter for the members of the 114th R/C Aero Squadron
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Aug '05 President's Message:

It is still HOT and we still have green grass ... amazing. Check out the triangular patch of grass to the NE. That is just a reminder of what we would normally be flying from at this time of year and is quite a contrast!

While enjoying the new field, keep in mind that the "Beach Club" is about 700' away in the general direction of the old pump house. With bigger airplanes it is quite easy to get out there so fly and plan your patterns to avoid the area to the NW as much as possible.

Our "Rules" call for a ceiling of 300' whereas the AMA restriction is 400'. I have dug through the 11 years of club records that I have and cannot find any basis for this requirement. But, I did notice that the wording for the requirement on the club sign says "FAA Requires Maximum Flying Ceiling of 300'" and doesn't make any reference at all to AMA. Do any of you (long time members in particular) know where this 300' ceiling came from? I am guessing that this was a condition established 20 years ago when the lease was initiated. Assuming this to be the case then we need to stick with it ... an FAA mandate would take priority to an AMA guideline.

The July 12th meeting was a special meeting for Regular members to deal with the temporary membership cap. Twenty of our fifty Regular members felt that this was an important matter and attended the meeting either in person or by proxy. A few folks had work obligations that precluded them from attending but as for the rest, who knows. I do thank the folks that did

attend for their interest and dedication and hope that apathy doesn't defeat your efforts!

Let me remind every **Regular member** that you do have an **obligation towards the operation of the club** (per section 1.5.2 and 1.5.6 of the Bylaws). If your situation is such that you cannot participate in the club as required then please consider changing your membership category to "Inactive". Any regular member, subject to the limit of 25, can do that at any time. Currently there are only 10 Inactive members on the roster. Please contact Jack Parker at your earliest convenience if this option would be of interest to you. Details can be found in the Club Bylaws which have been provided previously and are also available on our website. This will give people that do want to participate in club business that opportunity.

The July 12th meeting was a success in that after 3 hours of discussion we adjourned with a solution that ALL participants will stand behind. I think that is a rather remarkable achievement in itself. While some of the elements still require ratification (e.g. the Bylaw amendments), the result can substantially be put into effect now. To summarize ... *The Club will not place any defined cap on the Associate member category. However, the Club will control the growth with safety, noise and overall field utility as key controlling parameters. Consistency with Club philosophy (i.e. a social entity that happens to have a flying field), unselfish service to the Club and its members and general behavior will be further considerations.*

Subject to the limitations being discussed herein, **new Associate member applications will be taken** but not necessarily accepted immediately or at all. Candidates are advised to take the policy changes and practical flying field constraints into consideration before proceeding. Candidates will require a (Regular member) sponsor and should develop a relationship with the Membership Nominating Committee members.

It was decided that initial membership would no longer be (essentially) automatic. And, promotion from Associate to Regular will no longer be automatic nor will it be based solely on the date of application. Rather, the openings available will be filled based on the recommendations of the Membership Nominating Committee and their decision will be rendered on the basis of the considerations stated in the preceding paragraphs. The committee is required to leave Regular openings open if, in their opinion, suitable candidates are not currently available.

A further change is that an Associate member will need to be re-voted annually although the "two meeting" requirement will be waived. Even so, given the scope of the Membership Nominating committee, it would be wise to "stay on the radar" if you have aspirations of becoming a Regular member at some time. There are a lot of elements that get caught up in our policy shift. Here is a summary of them:

1. **[Ratification Pending]** The By-laws need modification to better define the role of the Associate membership in the context of the Club and to emphasize it's intended transitory nature. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the specific changes that are being voted on.

Next Meeting, August 9, At The Field

2. **[Existing Provisions]** Some existing provisions will be used and/or applied more rigorously.
 - a. Associate members will continue to have NO guest privilege as is currently stated in paragraph 1.3.6.
 - b. Section 1.4 applies to all Associate and Regular memberships. An Associate membership and a Regular membership are therefore distinct events and will be considered independently. Promotion from Associate member to Regular member therefore does not have to be, nor will it be, automatic.
 - c. The Board reserves the right to set membership fees and dues as it sees fit. In fairness to the Regular members and to reinforce that Associate membership is not intended to be long term, the Associate member annual fee will be increased to 1.5x the Regular member annual fee.

3. **[In Progress]** The scope of the Membership Nominating Committee is to be expanded to include all prospective members, regardless of category. This committee will be the primary growth control mechanism although the requirement for unanimous approval of every new member remains as a check and balance.

We currently have such a committee that was assembled to deal with the “in absentia” memberships and **ED PEREZ** heads it. Ed was instrumental in establishing the “in absentia” process in the first place and put in a large number of hours in ensuring that due diligence was being done. Ed was a perfect fit as one of the longest standing members of the club, as an individual with AMA executive experience, as a member who cares greatly about the club and as an individual of impeccable character.

However, we have a dichotomy in our by-laws. While we allow the Membership Nominating Committee to consist of Regular and Inactive members, we require that they make membership decisions through unanimous agreement. But, this is a problem because Inactive members cannot vote (per 1.3.5) and here is the real oxymoron; Ed is an Inactive member. In any case, the committee will have to be restructured and consist only of Regular members and this activity is pending.

4. **[Done]** The Safety Committee has to move to “front and center” and play a much more central role. Without a doubt, increased numbers require a renewed vigil.

To this end, **HERB KOVEN** has volunteered to take this task on and it is great news. But, we must thank Herb’s predecessor, **RON KORENEK**, for his work in this regard. Ron’s new job has left him with precious little free time let alone time for aero modeling. No one stepped forward at the last election to take over for him so, rather than leaving us in a tough position with the AMA (due to the Safety Officer being a mandated position starting in 2005) he let his name stand. Thanks for being so unselfish Ron and hopefully you will get some time to “come out and play” in the near future! You know what they say about all work and no play ...

Let me once again appeal for some volunteers to help Herb. If you are relatively active and care about safety so that you can continue to have a place to fly, please step forward to serve on this committee. Just getting out and flying on a regular basis is 90% of the job ... the remainder is keeping an eye out for safety issues and bringing them to the individual’s

and/or Club Officer’s attention.

5. **[Done. Study in Progress]** That a Noise Committee be formed to establish parameters that will allow us to coexist with our neighbors and monitor said compliance going forward.

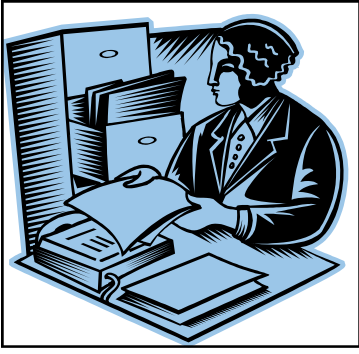
To this end, **DAVID VILBIG** stepped forward to chair this undertaking. One of our newest members, **ANDY BOYDEN**, offered his expertise as an acoustic engineer with Nokia and has already been most active in the matter. **DAVID McCUTCHEN** has also offered to work on this committee. He brings us considerable experience in IMAC and noise issues as does another of our newer members, **WALLY PITTS** (current IMAC president). This is a strong group of individuals that should be able to nip our problem in the bud. If nothing else, I hope that they are able to “shoot down” my 100dBA number and come back with something higher so that some of my grounded airplanes can fly again!!!

I can hardly wait to put these politics to rest and get back to the “fun” that has been somewhat lacking of late.

Happy and safe modeling!



Tell



From the Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of Monthly Meeting July 12

The club President called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. There was a quorum present.

Old Business

See Darrell if you are a new member and need a gate key.

In an effort to operate the club more efficiently, the membership has been asked to have their newsletter E-mailed to them instead of regular mail. Advise Richard or Johnny if

E-mail will work for you. The newsletter will be mailed to all those who do not sign up

New Business

.This meeting was a special meeting for regular members only and its purpose was to resolve the issue on the rapid growth of our club.

Darrell started the discussion with some of his thoughts on the situation.

He hoped that all members in attendance would come together and totally support the decisions that were made to help the club move forward.

The **regular** membership should remain at its present number of 50. Darrell proposed that we not put a finite number on the **associate** membership list. He felt that the growth of the club should be handled with the process of approving new members into the club. New members should be an asset to the club. They should be willing to support the club in some way.

The following items should therefore be taken under consideration:

Prospective associate members **must** have a regular member to sponsor them.

Associate membership must be **renewed** each January with approval from the regular membership.

Conversion from associate to regular is not automatic. The membership nominating committee will oversee this process. In February of each year, the nominating committee will submit a list of prospective associate members to be voted on to become regular members.

Length of service as an associate member will not be a deciding factor.

Associate yearly dues will be 50% more than regular membership. Associate members do not have any guest privileges. Associate members will pay a \$10.00 fee for participating in fun flies.

Darrell said that a few changes to the by laws are needed to implement this approach to managing the club.

Mark Haman presented to the club some of his ideas on how to handle the flight line if it becomes too crowded or if there are problems integrating the types of models desiring to fly. Thank you Mark for an informative presentation. Several members spoke up and said that they do not want to ever see a situation where the flight line needs to have mandatory restrictions placed on it.

Herb Koven has volunteered to take on the job of Safety Officer. Ron Korenek has stayed on in this job but has asked for someone else to take over. A big thanks to both Ron for his previous service and to Herb for assuming the job.

David Vilbig has volunteered to head up a Noise Committee. This committee will provide guidelines on what is an acceptable noise level. Thank you David for taking the lead role in this important issue.

Model of the Month

There were no MOTM entries. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.



Electric Combat Flight Demo!

If you only attend one meeting a year, come on Aug 9th!! During this meeting you will experience an adrenalin rush you soon won't forget!

There will be a LIVE electric combat demonstration right at the 114th battle headquarters, aka the field! WWII airplanes competing for King of the sky in a 5 minute, no guts no glory, electric combat show will cover the sky!

We will be demonstrating the new and exciting sport of e-combat! If you like sport flying or chasing ribbons, you will enjoy this show! Meeting starts a 7:00 PM we will be fun flying before hand and looking for a few brave men to help in the demo.

Any questions feel free to email Mark Grohe at mark@2dogrc.com.

IMPORTANT

There are three pages of proposed changes to the by-laws printed in this issue. Our by-laws state that the proposed changes must be published before voting on them. This issue complies with that regulation. It is also very difficult to follow the changes in the wording in a black and white document. I would strongly suggest you view the newsletter on our website if you are not an email recipient since the changes are annotated in red.

LESS IMPORTANT

Since most of this issue deals with revising definitions and approaches to the various classes of membership, I have published a list of the current membership by category. R denotes regular members, A associates, F family, H honorary, I inactive and J junior.

R	Allman	Jim	A	Allen	Scott	F	Barabash	Shawn
R	Anderson	Steve	A	Boyden	Andy	F	Eaton	Jeff
R	Barabash	Darrell	A	Burton	Jerry	F	Eberhardt	Matt
R	Beuret	Bryan	A	Carver	Murray	F	Hall	Zach
R	Blasavage	Gene	A	Coder	Don	F	Hand	Brannon
R	Brown	Mick	A	Cole	Daniel	F	Mattheis	Andrew
R	Bruce	James	A	Coody	Keith	F	Morris	Sarah
R	Buchwalter	Larry	A	Dane	Bob	F	Painter	Andrew
R	Coody	Steven	A	Davis	Rob	F	Smith	Dwight
R	Day	Preston	A	Dreyfus	Richard	F	Smith	Norma Jean
R	Eaton	Dennis	A	Estes	Danal	F	Stenger	Alan
R	Eberhardt	Ron	A	Fawcett	Tom	F	Stenger	Brian
R	Faulkner	James	A	Forgash	Paul	F	Vilbig	Tommy
R	Hagel Jr.	John W.	A	Goodson	Glenn			
R	Haman	Mark	A	Jackson	Walter			
R	Hampton	Tony	A	Kemper	Bill			
R	Hand	Phillip	A	Klemp	Steve			
R	Hubbard	Robert	A	Larsen	Victor			
R	Hubbard	Wendell	A	Lee	Woonsang			
R	Hurst	Ed	A	Little	William	H	Craig	Roy
R	Josten	Harry	A	Logan	Shay	H	Frank	Dr. Sandy
R	King	Danny	A	Logue	James	H	Pisecco	Joe
R	King	Ed	A	Makie	Jeff	H	Sybank	Dave
R	Korenek	Ron	A	McCutchen	David	H	Craig	Roy
R	Koven	Herbert	A	Miller	Vern	H	Frank	Dr. Sandy
R	Lessard	Richard	A	Miller	John	H	Pisecco	Joe
R	Mason	Al	A	Naylor	Joe	H	Sybank	Dave
R	Mattheis	Scott	A	Newman	Phil			
R	McMillan	Ken	A	Norris	Mike	I	Parker	Mark
R	Minco	Leonard	A	O'Neil	Kevin	I	Perez	Ed
R	Morris	Stephen	A	Parker	Scott	I	Pittman	Tab
R	Nichols	Walter	A	Parr	Bob	I	Root	David
R	Painter	Michael	A	Pearcy	David	I	Stewart	Morris
R	Parker	Jack	A	Pitts	Wally	I	Trimarchi	Tony
R	Parker	Jacque	A	Roque	Mike	I	Weaver	Clyde
R	Raimer	Jeff	A	Rosario	Angel			
R	Rutledge	Bill	A	Rose	Ron	J	Callahan	John
R	Shirley	Wayne	A	Sherman	Bob	J	Cole	Christopher
R	Smith	Dale	A	Smith	Michael	J	Goodson	Coy
R	Snead	Johnny	A	Stagner	Jerry	J	Horner	Cayce
R	St. Angelo	Ron	A	Thornton	Bill	J	McFadden	Daniel
R	Stenger	Don	A	Tuckry	Patrick			
R	Van Holsbeke	Kenneth	A	Wacker	Jason			
R	VanVooren	Andy	A	Walker	Dewey			
R	Vilbig	David	A	Weathers	Franklin			
R	Vuksanovil	Nick	A	Wheless	David			
R	Wheeler	Steve	A	Wilder	Bob			
R	White	Michael	A	Wright	Brian			
R	Whitworth	Jim						
R	Zemblowski	Steve						

50 Regular
48 Associates
13 Family
8 Honorary
7 Inactive
5 Junior



Excerpt of Proposed Changes to By - Laws of the 114th R/C Aero Squadron, Inc. (July 2005)

Article III Membership

- 1.1. Membership in the Club shall be open to a maximum of fifty (50) regular members in good standing and five (5) junior members in good standing.
- 1.2. All regular members, junior members, inactive members, associate members, family members, and honorary members must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)
- 1.3. Types of membership:
 - 1.3.1. Regular member: A member who is entitled to all rights and privileges of the Club, and responsible for all dues obligations, without exception.
 - 1.3.2. Junior member: A member under the age of eighteen (18), or under the age of twenty one (21) if a full-time student, and the sole member of his household participating in Club activities, who shall fly with adult supervision ~~(if a minor)~~, be responsible for one - half (1/2) of the Regular member dues obligation, and who is not eligible to vote on Club business.
 - 1.3.3. Honorary member: A member, designated by the Club in appreciation for support provided to the Club, who shall be entitled to flying and social privileges, have no voting privileges and shall pay no dues or initiation fee. Honorary membership status will be granted by majority ballot at a regularly scheduled club meeting. Honorary status can be revoked without notice and at any time.
 - 1.3.4. Family member: Any immediate family member(s) residing in the household of a Regular member, who is entitled to flying site privileges if they are an AMA member in good standing and are accompanied by the Regular member. Family members will pay no dues and are not entitled to vote or participate in any Club business.
 - 1.3.5. Inactive member: Any Regular member may declare themselves to be an Inactive member at any time and will require ~~payment of~~ an annual non-refundable fee. Failure to pay the annual fee will ~~result in permanent~~ removal from the Club roster. A Regular member opening will be created as a result of a Regular member moving to Inactive status. Inactive members may not vote on any Club business or amendments. Inactive members have unrestricted use of the flying field, provided they maintain current membership with the AMA. A \$10.00 fee will be charged each Inactive member for attending designated Club flying activities, in addition to any required fees or assessments. Inactive members will also be responsible for any monetary assessments made to Regular members for the

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purpose of acquiring, improving, and maintaining Club flying facilities. The maximum number of Inactive members shall not exceed 25 persons or 1/2 of the Regular Club membership, whichever is lesser. Inactive members may revert back to Regular member status on a "first out - first in" basis with priority over any one on any waiting list for Regular membership, provided there are any Regular member openings at the close of the annual membership renewal period. A roster of Inactive members will be kept by an Officer of the Club as directed by the President.

- 1.3.6. Associate Members: An Associate member is any person on the actual Club new member waiting list as maintained as directed by the President. Associate members shall pay an annual non-refundable fee, upon acceptance as an Associate member ~~(see section 1.4), equal to 1 and 1/2 times the Regular member fee.~~ Associate members ~~must renew their~~ Associate status at the close of ~~each~~ annual membership renewal period ~~in accordance with section 1.4. Failure to do so will result in the individual being dropped from the roster. Promotion to Regular member status is not automatic. It will require nomination by the Membership Nominating Committee and acceptance is subject to the procedures of section 1.4 in its entirety.~~ At such time that an Associate member becomes a Regular member, the initiation fee is due and payable. Associate members may attend Club meetings but may not vote on Club business. They will have usage of the Club flying facilities without any guest privileges ~~unless specifically provided for in the guest policy~~ and pay an additional \$10.00 fee for attending scheduled Club flying activities. An Associate member may be removed from the waiting list at any time by a 2/3 vote of the membership (Section 1.7)

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- 1.4. All applicants for Regular, Associate or Family membership ~~and all Associate membership annual renewals~~ must:
 - 1.4.1. Be sponsored by a Regular member.
 - 1.4.2. Have attended two (2) regular Club meetings prior to being voted on by the membership. ~~This requirement is waived for an Associate member performing his or her annual renewal (section 1.3.6).~~
 - 1.4.3. Or, in lieu of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 1.4.1 and 1.4.2, the candidate may choose to be represented in absentia by the chairman of the Club's Membership Nominating committee. The obligations of this committee are set forth in Article IX, paragraph 1.3. A roster of members that have elected this procedure will be kept by an Officer of the Club as directed by the President.
 - 1.4.4. Be a current member of the AMA.
 - 1.4.5. Have his/her name published in the Club newsletter.
 - 1.4.6. Be approved for membership by unanimous secret ballot at a regular Club meeting. The applicant may be represented in absentia if the procedure in 1.4.3 is being exercised.
 - 1.4.7. Any member who has elected to apply the procedure of paragraph 1.4.3 must be reassessed by the Membership Committee within 60 days of the calendar year end, each and every year it is used. A positive decision returned by the Membership Committee is a non-negotiable condition of renewal.

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- 1.5. All members, regardless of type, shall:
 - 1.5.1. Maintain a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
 - 1.5.2. Fulfill their obligations to the Club in a timely manner.
 - 1.5.3. Conduct themselves so as to present a positive Club image to the public.
 - 1.5.4. Be responsible for conduct and flight rules at the Club flying site and for keeping any such facilities clean and orderly.
 - 1.5.5. Render, upon request, any advice or assistance needed, to any modeler, whether he is a Club member or not.
 - 1.5.6. To the best of their ability, support and participate in all Club activities.
- 1.6. The Club shall provide adequate and suitable notice for annual renewal of membership no later than the November newsletter. This may include a suitable form for renewal and must be returned as a condition of membership. Personal information such as address and phone numbers are never used by the Club for any means other than to maintain a proper roster and newsletter mailing list. All members must submit annually their current address and home phone number. P.O. Box addresses are not suitable for membership status purposes. Any member that has exercised the exception in 1.4.3 of Article III is also subject to the conditions in 1.4.7 of Article III on an annual basis.
- 1.7. Any member may be removed from the membership whenever in the judgment of the membership that the best interests of the Club will be served by doing so. The vote required to remove a member is a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members.

Article IX Committees

- 1.1. The Board, by resolution, may create such special or standing committees as they deem advisable.
- 1.2. The President shall appoint a Field Committee which shall be responsible for the Club's flying field, its condition, repair, and upkeep. The committee will make every effort to keep the Club informed as to the status of the flying field.

1.3. The Board shall appoint a Membership Nominating Committee, which shall be responsible for nominating new members and representing membership candidates in absentia. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) Regular members including one member who has been a club member in good standing for a minimum of ten (10) years, and two members who have been club members in good standing for at least five (5) years. A chairman will be appointed by the President and will represent the unanimous decision of the committee. While not rigorously mandated, it is expected that each member will meet with the candidate and/or make any other investigations or checks deemed necessary in order to render their own assessment as to the character and suitability of said candidate. It is expected that participation in club activities and/or business will factor significantly into the decision. Any negative decision can be reassessed after six (6) months upon written request by the candidate.

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Dennis Eaton, recently back from China, brought his new toy to the field. Didn't bring us any chop suey though...



Hot dog. Bob Hubbard crafted a bbq grill for use at the field. You da' man Bob...



Our electronic wind speed indicator is operational. Like we didn't know it was windy...

How many fields have their very own mister?



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