



NEWSLETTER

March 2016

Next Meeting

Alloa Public School
12287 Mississauga Road
Friday, March 11th 2016
7:30 to 10:00 PM

Note that this is the **new** Alloa Public School at 12287 Mississauga Road, about 2 kilometres northwest of Mayfield Road. The gym at the new school is much larger than our old location and is much better for indoor flying. GPS position for the entrance driveway is 43.70056, -079.87472 or N43° 42' 2" W079° 52' 29". Enter the school by the main front doors unless advised otherwise. Good parking close by.

Informal meeting: financial & membership updates and indoor flying.

Bring indoor gym shoes, slippers or stocking feet, as outdoor footwear will not be allowed on the gym floor.



Casual Meeting – 12 February 2016

Attendance: 12 members and 7 stayed to fly.

49 members + 6 Juniors have renewed their membership so far. 20 members from last year have not renewed (only 5 have indicated that they wish to re-join) and there are 10 on the waiting list.

Bank balance is currently \$7046. We also have \$12457 in GICs as a contingency fund in case we lose our field and have to prepare another.

The gym in the new Alloa School is very large and a welcome change from the old school. There is now plenty of room for indoor flying. Philomena and James are the custodians that will look after us. Members are encouraged to say "hello" and thank them if the opportunity arises.

No outdoor footwear in the gym!



Mandatory Registration of Model Aircraft

Paul Campbell reports from Florida that there is mixed feeling and compliance (not to mention frustration) with the new FAA ruling in the U.S.

This from Jay Smith (Editor-in-chief Model Aviation magazine):

We believe the registration process is in violation of Section 336, in which Congress states that the FAA cannot proclaim rules or regulations for model aircraft. We also believe that an AMA membership already meets the requirements for registration ... it is unnecessary for members to register again through the FAA when they are already registered with AMA.

Soup went ahead and registered anyway which is a good idea in my opinion. I think it would not be wise to push things until all court challenges have been settled. At least one club near Sarasota has decided **no registration – no fly!**



Covering With Monokote

(Reprinted from a HHMFC Newsletter dated 7 April 2000)

Karl Mueller gave another excellent presentation on the technique he uses when covering a model. You may find the following tips useful:

- ❑ Preparation of the surface to be covered is most important. This is covering not a cover up. Silicone carbide sand paper (grey stuff) is excellent and long lasting.
- ❑ Vacuum surface thoroughly **and then** use a tack cloth to get the rest of the dust.
- ❑ Self-healing mats, available at sewing centres are excellent to cut the covering on.
- ❑ Use #11 X-acto blades. Buy them by the 100s. You will probably need 10-12 blades per covering job.
- ❑ Bend the handle of the knife slightly in a vice to keep it from rolling off the table.
- ❑ Use double sided tape on a metal straight edge to keep it from slipping while cutting.
- ❑ Always use a sock on your iron. One sock per aircraft.
- ❑ Recommend nothing on wood before covering. If the surface is sealed, gas cannot escape and bubbles will form.
- ❑ 2 wee irons, one with a flat shoe and one with a round shoe are useful.
- ❑ A heat gun is required.
- ❑ After sealing the edges of a panel, shrink with the heat gun, **then go over it with the iron** to make sure the covering is stuck down all over.

- ❑ Recommend butt joints of panels be covered with a stripe to hide the joint.
- ❑ Seal edges of letters, decals, etc. with **clear** Hobby Poxy. The nitro in the fuel dissolves the coloured variety. Only the clear is fuel proof.

Karl was a perfectionist and achieved an excellent result as you can see in the photo (top left). I could never come close, but there are some good tips here to perhaps do a bit better on the next covering job.



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Note: our members flew all models depicted in this newsletter in previous years. Check out our website under "Photos" for more.