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(Miniature Aircraft Radio Control Society)

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Find a Marks Club Motto!

How about: “We fly the friendly skies -
But we crash into the unfriendly rocks”

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We are Looking for a good Club Motto (dh)

The MARKS club is healthy and prosperous with a lot of active members, being such it's about time that the club members came up with a catchy motto. Start thinking of something appropriate for the club and send it to the e-mail address above. By the February meeting there should be enough motto applications that the members can vote for the one that will be proudly displayed on the WEB site and in the Newsletter.

AMA Convention (dh)

The AMA Convention is January 11-12-13, 2008 the club will be at booths #834 & 836 (this is toward the rear of the building). The models that will be distributed to the raffle winners will be temporarily assembled for display at the booth. After the drawing the models will be disassembled and put back into their boxes for shipment.



MARKS Membership Renewal (abl)

Like last year we are making it super easy for everybody to renew his or her membership with the MARKS Club. Attached to the December newsletter you found a printout of your current record as it is stored in our member database. Please review this form and if you find a typo, missing or out of date information then please correct it with a non-black colored pen (red or blue work great).

Once you have completed that form simply send it with a check of \$50 (annual membership fee) to Chuck Comstock (MARKS Club, c/o Chuck Comstock, 834 E. Virginia St., Rialto, CA 92376) and you are good to go for the next year. Upon receiving your check, Chuck will issue you a new membership card and send it to you by snail mail. Please also check the status of your AMA membership, because as you know, this is required to be an active (aka. flying) member of our club; the main reason being insurance coverage.

If you have questions in this context please let me know (abl@rcmarks.org).

Making Money for the MARKS Club (dh)

There are various ways to make money for the new flying field and everybody can help. Oscar Furlong has volunteered to sell items donated to the club on E-Bay. Since this will be a time consuming task for Oscar here are a few ways you can help.

1. Only donate items that are in good shape and would be something you would buy on E-Bay if you were looking.
2. Write an exact description (brand name, model, size, color, specifications, etc) of the items including what might be wrong with it and an estimate to get it repaired.
3. Oscar sells any type of item not just RC things so look around and find that really neat thing you had to have but no longer need and let Oscar sell it for the club.
4. Take the items to Oscar's or Joe's home, a club meeting, or the AMA show on Sunday. You can also make arrangements to meet Oscar at the flying field.
5. Oscar Furlong 909-820-7078 or oscarfur@sbcglobal.net
6. If you have other fund raising ideas please let us know.

Editors Comments

If you experience stories that you would like to share with other club members then please submit some text and pictures to the editors

(newsletters@rcmarks.org) we are always looking for cool stuff or fun stories.



History Lesson 101 (dh)

As many of you know I am still new at RC flying as compared to many of the members. During my brief flying experience I have learned there are many ways to retire (crash) a plane. Although I didn't think that I invented the famous, fly inverted down the runway and inadvertently pull up on the stick instead of pushing down, I did think that the concept was kind of rare.



At the Board of Directors meeting December 19, 2007 Chuck Comstock gave me the above picture showing a crashed airplane in 1974 with the caption on the bottom portion. So to be historically correct RC pilots have been pulling this same bonehead stunt for at least 33 years and probably longer. This tells me I will have to be more creative in the future; maybe I can get some pointers from Roger Foor!

Greenspot: Walking the new flying field – Canceled (abl)

This coming Saturday, January 5th we had planned to show interested members where our new field in Greenspot will be located and what the current plans with the field are. – However, the weather forecast looks pretty bad (90% chance of rain) for that weekend and therefore we will have to postpone our walk.

We will announce the new date by e-mail and on the web.



P-51D: Jack Roush's P-51D "Old Crow" at American Aero Services, New Smyrna Beach, Florida, USA. Photo by Dave Mathis, Port Orange, Florida. (<http://www.warbirdalley.com>)



T-28 Trojan: North American T-28 Trojan, Photo by Max Haynes (<http://www.MaxAir2Air.com>)

Upcoming Events

DATES TO MARK DOWN AND REMEMBER

MARKS meeting: Wednesday, January 9th 2008, SBDO Airport Security Office (Election Meeting!)

AMA Show Setup: Thursday January 10th, 2008 Ontario Convention Center

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