

**December Meeting:**

Tuesday, December 13, 7:15 PM
at Methodist Church basement.

The church is on the Northwest corner of Willson Ave. and Olive St. Use the Alley side entrance.

Indoor Flying this Winter:

Alan Beard has arranged with Journey Church for the following dates for indoor flying, all beginning at 6:30 PM.

Monday, Dec. 5th
Tuesday, Jan. 10th
Tuesday, Feb. 7th

Journey Church is in The Commons, which is at the northwest corner of Baxter Lane and Love Lane.

R/C Combat:

Randy Shiosaki has set the dates for combat at Shelley, ID for next summer as:

June 3rd
August 19th.

Randy always puts on a great contest with 2610 Scale and Open B competition. I'm marking my calendar as I write this!

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Hello

Hard to believe it is almost December and the weather has been so nice. I hope you have been out enjoying some flying, I know I have, but never enough! We are creeping in to the end of another awesome year, so proud of what we have accomplished.

Our next meeting will be at the Methodist church. This month's meeting will be our election of club officers so please come and cast your vote. Any club officer, and our member of the year enjoys a free membership for the year. That is a good reminder club dues for 2017 are due asap for \$42.00 and don't forget to renew your AMA insurance, both required to fly at our second to none field, a small price to pay I'm sure you'd agree.

I have attached a couple photos of the clean lawnmower shed. A few of us worked on cleaning all the garbage out, took it to the dump and kept all the good stuff. As you can see there was lots of junk. Afterwards Tony Covert went in and put some shelves and hooks up for some organization, good job Tony.



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For those of you with smart phones I have set up an app for the club for communicating between us. The app is called Group me. The nice part is it's like a group text but it is always there and it only goes to the group quick and secure. That way if I was going out to go flying I could put it on there and everyone signed up would get it right away. It is a free app in the App Store. Check it out give me your thoughts.

See you at the election/meeting. Working on a project? Bring it in for show and tell. Have something to sell? Bring it in or bring a photo.

Destry



Middle School Demonstration

On Tuesday the 23rd, Bill Kluchko and I did a "dog and pony" show of our RC airplanes to five 6th grade science classes at CJ Middle School. We shared the basics of flight and how an airplane is controlled. We demonstrated the flight controls on an RC airplane and a look at the radio components inside the plane. I had my (Mike Hutchinson's) CAP 580 on a stand so all could see. Then we took each class outside for a flying demonstration. I flew the electric 3D Saber and Bill flew his Cub. The kids loved it. Great enthusiasm from the class. This is a second year I have been asked to do this and has been great fun to share my airplane addiction. We might get some young blood interested in our hobby. I left the science teacher with the club handout.

Larry Nelson

AMA Changes

It's time again to renew your memberships. We finished 2016 with an even 40 paid members. That's one of our highest totals since we moved to the current field.

AMA has changed the way they are handling memberships. They have always gone from January to December for everyone. If you joined in the middle of the year your membership still expired on the 31st of December of that year. It

made it easy for people like me to keep track since all memberships renewed on the same date. There were some complaints however that "I paid for a year and only got 6 months, etc." They have now implemented a new system to make memberships effective for one year from the date of the

Member of the Year

This years winner is Tony Covert. The award is presented every year at our Appreciation Dinner in November. Pictured is Tony receiving award from club president Destry Jacobs and Tony's girlfriend Kim seated next to him. Congrats Tony!

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application, with renewals due a year from that date. Late renewal does not change your anniversary date however, so if you joined on 1 June 2016 your renewal date would be 1 June 2017. If you waited until 1 August to renew your membership, it would still be from 1 June to 1 June and would not shift because you were late to renew. It has created a lot of extra checking for membership coordinators like me. AMA is trying to help by sending quarterly updates on membership renewal dates to me. Most of us will still be 1 Jan to 31 December, but as new members join there will be people with different renewal dates. AMA still plans to send renewal reminders to members. Welcome to change!

Our club has always handled the initial signup with a prorated membership plan to make it fair for those who join midyear or in the fall. Unless we vote to match AMA we will continue to use the existing system. New memberships are half price after 1 July and after 1 October new members get the remainder of that year plus the next year for a one year price. The membership renewal date for our club is still 1 Jan. A midyear renewal is not prorated. Remember if you are going to the New Years Fun Fly your AMA needs to be current.

I have started working on id cards for 2017. As mentioned at the last couple of meetings I have added a spot for an FAA number if you want it on your club id. That will preclude the need to carry an extra FAA card. Everybody needs an FAA number, but as a club we do not intend to check compliance for the FAA so we are not making it mandatory on the club card. If you want it included please let me know your number. Drop an email to cjbanta@msn.com. Thanks for paying your dues promptly.

Chuck Banta

Crash Curtis!

In Butte, 50 years ago, in 1966, I had just built my first R/C system, a 3-channel transmitter, receiver and 3 servos. I started flying with the Butte modelers out Harrison Ave. Not the field they have now, but quite a bit further out.. We didn't have a set runway, just an open space out in the sage brush. I had picked up my plane and started across the "runway" when Joe Forbes was bringing in a DeBolt biplane deadstick. He hit my plane, which I was holding in my right hand and drove the glow plug of my engine into my right jaw. At the emergency room, it took 7 stitches to fix it. I was unshaven and smelled like glow fuel. I looked like something the cat drug in.

I went back a few days later with white shirt, tie and jacket, shaved and smelling a bit better to have the stitches removed. The same doctor asked: "Who sewed this up." Which made me wonder how good a job he did. 50 years later, there is no scar.

We were not a chartered club, no safety officer, very few were AMA members. Who needed all that stuff? The next day, I sent in my AMA dues (\$6).

I told the guys at work about it and, a day later, I had a cartoon on my desk from someone in the drafting dept labeled "Crash Curtis."

Chuck