

OMAS

News Letter
December, 2007



Presidents Hangar

Fred Hostetler

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My regular article didn't make the November Newsletter, so here goes for December. I hope all of you had a fine Thanksgiving and are looking forward to getting that special gift during the holidays.

I really want to thank all OMAS members who attended our October 21st picnic meeting. The weather was a little on the cool side, but there were many flights. The meeting was filled with many topics, but mostly an update of the field and state of OMAS – financially and membership. Remember, we have reduced the meetings from every month which was sparsely attended, to once a quarter. My count had eleven at the October, fourth quarter meeting.

Our membership is holding at just over 60 paid members. However, we just don't seem to have many coming to the field to fly. Everyone is interested in planes so some ideas would be nice to see what might attract the members to the field. Maybe a demo of certain planes or flying – such as float planes, combat, aerobatic, or unusual airplanes. Maybe an electric fun fly with spot landing, timed sequence from take-off to landing, etc.

A few of the topics discussed at the meeting were:

- * the club needs a new (used) lawnmower and is actively seeking one. The old lawnmower (black one) will find a home through Leon (rather than the dump).

- * a call for volunteers to be OMAS Board members for 2008/2009 was discussed with a few expressing some interest.

- * the field is leased by OMAS from the Jim Lewis Farm. We are authorized to use the field for flying land or pond, club activities, and to improve the area as the club/Board sees the need. However, the Lewis family owns the property and has used the area for family get togethers, as well as allowing the local school(s) (Banks) to use the grounds for track meets. We have asked to be advised when the field is to be used, but sometimes the “heads up” has not been forwarded. In any event if you are at the field and anything happens that looks like the Lewis family has authorized something, but you didn't know about it, please be courteous but call a Board member. An e-mail via our OMAS server would let others know in case someone was planning on flying that day.

- * the propane BBQ is for use by OMAS members. The only request is, if the propane tank runs out of gas, replace it with the full one and either have the empty one filled (reimbursable by the club treasurer) or tell a Board member so we will always have a full tank for backup.

- * garbage at the field is a problem. We are currently thinking that only one trash can will be used and that will be for the club house. If you bring it in – you take it out. Examples are two piece airplane in (fuselage and wing) and many pieces out. Full gas can in, empty gas can out. You get the picture.

- * the water to the club house has been shut off for the winter.

- * snacks and beverages are provided in the club house at a very nominal fee. Please don't forget to feed the red, cash box so more snacks can be purchased as needed.

- * Leon Arnoldi has accepted the vacant position of “Field Marshal” for 2007. He will be contacting members to do a couple hours of mowing and helping with field maintenance coming up in 2008.

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The last item, and I've separated this one, is the OMAS club banquet will be held February 2nd, 2008 a Saturday. Unless we find a better place, the Golden Crown in Beaverton will be the location. We'll try to make this a special time for everyone. Not only will we have prizes, but do something entertaining to liven up the proceedings. We hope all members will put this on their calendars and bring their "significant other".

A meeting on January 1st has traditionally been the "Icy Carb Day". Some of us that have partied the night before may not attend until a little later in the day. It would be great to start 2008 off by being the first club to get several planes in the air, no matter what the weather turns out to be.

See you at the field and at the Banquet.

- An added note for the December Newsletter – Our Treasurer, Bob Flansburg will be sending out invoices for 2008 membership dues. All who have their money into the club a week or so ahead of the Banquet date will receive their card at the Banquet. Others will be mailed.

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Orders placed via this website are known and you should receive some sort of communication from us shortly.

Here are a few pictures of the devastation.



Other News

LONESTAR Balsa IS TEMPORARILY UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR ORDERS

A devastating fire Wednesday afternoon, November 21, burned the Lancaster building completely. If you have orders with Lone Star they will not be shipped. Everything is lost- all records- all computers. We don't even know who had orders in the works, and of course all our phones are out.

OMAS Board Meeting

Fred Hostetler

November 29, 2007

The current OMAS Board held a short meeting at 6 PM at the Cornelius Pass Roadhouse. The purpose of the meeting was to meet one last time before a new Board is elected at the club banquet on February 2, 2008 at the Golden Crown. We kicked around some ideas and wrapped up some business that needs to be finished prior to the new Board taking over. Members that will not be continuing on the OMAS Board next year are myself, Mike Rostal (VP), and Dave Davis (Safety).

Discussed in no particular order:

- boats on the pond are welcome as long as the “captains” are OMAS members with AMA insurance. Jay Fonville has indicated interest in running as a Board member and would be a good candidate to control this activity. The Board wanted everyone to know that we are primarily an RC flying club and as such the pond needs to give priority to airplanes on floats.
- Leon (our new Field Manager) asked if a new (used) lawn mower was still being pursued. The answer was “yes”.
- Bob Flansburg, our Treasurer noted that we failed to cut a check to the Lewis farm for 2007 lease payment. That will be done immediately.
- Chris Arnesen a new member was invited to attend this Board meeting but had a conflict and could not make it. He along with Kelvin Cubbison will be updating the web site. Kelvin is our new club Newsletter Editor.
- I indicated to the Board that I plan on having a speaker or film or ??? for the banquet. They agreed that would be a good idea. Bob Flansburg suggested a tentative list of raffle prizes and some door prizes to generate as much interest in attending as possible. We still have club jackets, polo’s, and hats that may be purchased. We’ll make a list and if we can put together a reasonable quantity, we’ll order another batch for interested club members.

This meeting was adjourned at about 7:30 PM. The next club meeting/get together will be the Icy Carb Day on January 1, 2008 at the field.

The OMAS Board wishes all members a Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season and New Year.

Members Page



This is a Combat Models F-16N kit. It is all foam, weighs in around 8lbs, and has a YS 0.45FR pumped engine with a tuned pipe exhaust. I have only flown it a couple of times and still do not have the landings down yet, but it looks a lot like the real thing. Watching it go vertical on the first takeoff for a couple hundred feet was too cool.



This is James Jula's F-16,
I would like to see this fly, very cool James.

We also have members that use the lake, you got to love it. This is a picture submitted by Jay Fonville.



This is Bill Ensley, long time member of OMAS and Bernie Boland, former member of OMAS and now Mesa, AZ. They are pictured with their 1st place Team Scale Trophies at the US Scale masters Championships in Hemet, CA. Bill is the builder of this scratch built (from Hostettler Plans) 1/4 scale Stinson SR 10. Bernie is the pilot. They have been very successful with this plane.

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Other News

Our website has been vandalize! It seems that at least two individuals had too much time on their hands and decided to spend their time spamming our picture album on the OMAS website. A new member of ours has offered to help with this problem and has found a newer version of the album software and is going to help update it. It sounds like when Chris is done you will be able to create an account and log into the album and post your own pictures. It also has spam features that will help in preventing vandals from spamming the site. This will be a great asset from an administrative point of view. Thanks Chris.



Pictured here is a model of a Polish airplane called a Wilga. It is powered by a DA-50 and will soon be fitted with floats. It is a German made kit that is all composite and is imported and sold by an outfit called Airworld-USA. It is a very unique looking airplane and some of you have already seen it fly. I hope it will be on floats for the annual fun fly.

Kelvin

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