

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of the MADISON AREA RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY
MADISON, WISCONSIN AMA charter #665

MARCS SPARKS

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COME FLY WITH US...

MARCS meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at:
MADISON LABOR TEMPLE
602-South Park St., Madison
At: 7:00 pm in room #201B

Visitors are always welcome.
We think we have a great 'HOBBY' and we invite you to come and see.... and CONSIDER JOINING US.

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The Marcs Web Site contains links to:
WAR BIRDS and ELECTRIC FLYERS
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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Minutes of the:

MARCS General Membership meeting February 1, 2007

Submitted by Don Weigt, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President **Brad Witt**. There were about 30 people in attendance.

Brad announced that the Board of Directors would meet after the General Membership meeting. This is a three month trial schedule.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January 4 meeting were approved as published in the February issue of MARCS SPARKS.

Treasurer's Report: Field rent has not yet been paid. Waiting on the final agreement with the City.

MARCS' current membership is 79.

The financial records are available for review at the front table.

OLD BUSINESS:

The proposed field agreement has passed review by the City's lawyer, and has been sent to the Parks Commission.

The lock combinations (gate, first aid, buddy box drawer) were changed January 10. The combination is on the back of the membership cards.

Dave Rush is taking money and reservations for the Banquet. Forms are available at the front table, fill one out during the break. Or print one out and mail it to Dave.

There will be Dome (Indoor electric RC) flying again Saturday (Feb 3) from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Fee is \$240/number of fliers. Highest so far was \$24 per flier. This will be the only February Dome flying session. Two are possible in March (3/3 and 3/17) before the Dome is taken down. At the last session, a visitor from Brodhead flew a tiny Plantranco Butterfly; it had to be flown far from the blowers. **Greg Sutter** had a semi-scale "Flutter Pogo VTOL" with a pair of delta wings at right

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angles that took off vertically and Dave managed to land vertically one time. There were Cox fliers and lots of Slow Sticks and similar planes. **Pete Aarsvold** will probably be there with a buddy box setup for people who want to try indoor flying. Spectators are free.

Brad has three copies of the Spectrum Radio DVD for anyone who wants to take them home and view them.

Waste Management in Chicago hasn't replied to Brad's call about the landfill near Oregon that might be available as a flying site. He will contact the local office.

Nobody had a glider report when one was asked for.

NEW BUSINESS:

The EAA Chapter at Morey Airport in Middleton has a Delta Dart program for youngsters. They have two building sessions followed by one flying session. The sessions are held in one of the privately owned hangars. The youngsters also get to sit in the pilot's airplane. This is a great promotion for aviation. The participants would probably enjoy being guests at some of our events, and may be a source of new modelers who could become MARCS members. They aren't looking for help from us at this time.

The Electric Fly (July 8) sanction has been received.

The Scale Rally (August 26) still needs a CD (Contest Director), a CD is needed before the sanction application can be completed.

Float Fly and Picnic: The park still is available any weekend in August. The 11th doesn't work for Wendell. The event probably will be August 4. AirVenture ends July 29, so it will miss that. Early flying by electrics, with "the loud stuff" starting at 9 A.M.

RAFFLE:

Tom Lazar: Plane
Harley Nelson: Tool set
Danny Sutter: Zona saw
Calvin Slota: Balsa stripper

SHOW AND TELL:

Dave Rush: Electri-Fly SE-5a ARF, Rimfire motor, 23 ounces, LiPo 1250 mAh 3S battery
Wendell Hottman: Foam electric de Havilland DH 2 WWI pusher fighter and foam building fixture.

PROGRAM:

Video about crop dusting in the '20s through the '50s with bi-planes and Cubs.

BOARD of DIRECTORS meeting

At the January 18th meeting, the decision was made to change the BOD meeting time and place, for a 3-month trial period. That meeting is now being held the same evening as the MARCS General Membership meeting (first Thursday of the month) after its adjournment.

General Membership meeting: 7:00 / 9:00 pm

Board of Directors meeting: 9:00 / 10:00pm

Both of these meeting being held in room: 201-B. Club members are welcome to stay and observe the Board meeting. A Club member may have the floor by being recognized by the Chair-person. Input or opinions must be brief and to the point as the overall meeting time is limited.

AGENDA: MARCH 1, 2007

City contract for Kettle Field

Banquet Awards decisions

Appraisal of field day jobs

Guest comments

Today's Safety Tip:

Drill a hole in the end of the handle of your hobby knife and install a key-ring. It won't roll off the bench anymore.

Notice:

Congratulations to: **Bob Stowell** who has accepted the position of: "Chairman of the Nomination Committee" for 2007. He will be assisted with his duties by: fellow senior Board member **Bill Disch**, and three 'yet to be named' club members.

"PROP' WASH"ITEMS

Item or items list...e-mailed, sent by mail, by phone, or handed to the **EDITOR** by the 24th of that month.
[<steensr@yahoo.com>](mailto:steensr@yahoo.com)

Non-MARCS member ad cost:

10% of the advertised selling price. Photo to accompany ad...add \$2.00. Ads must be pre-paid and received before the 24th of the month.

Remit fee to: John Steen Sr., 507- Falcon Circle, Monona, Wi. 53716. Personal checks OK, made out to: MARCS, Wi.

Note:

All ads are ran for 1-month. Must be resubmitted for each month. No carry-overs to next issue.

MARCS BANQUET

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th

TIME: Cocktails @ 5:30 Dinner @ 6:00

MEAL: BUFFET which includes: RIBS, CHICKEN, and POPCORN SHRIMP
POTATOES, CASSEROLES, and SALAD BAR
COFFEE, MILK, or SODA

COST: \$12.00 per person (tax and tip included)

PLACE: **MAPLE TREE RESTAURANT** McFARLAND / HWY-51



MARCS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Number of People _____ x \$12.00 = _____

Check should be made out to MARCS

Please return on or before April 5th to:

Dave Rush
5113 Ridge Rd
McFarland, WI 53558

NOTICE: Nominations for this years awards should be sent to **Brad Witt.**

Smoking Hole award(the best crash on the field with lots of witnesses)

Submarine Commander award(crash landing in the drainage creek)

Scooter award(nice guy)

Tree Chopper award(crash in a tree)

Dave Rush needs last year's award winners to return the trophies ASAP so they can be engraved with this years winners before the April-18th Banquet.

Thank You



You Don't stop Laughing because you grow old;
You grow old because you stop laughing.



MARCS membership dues...

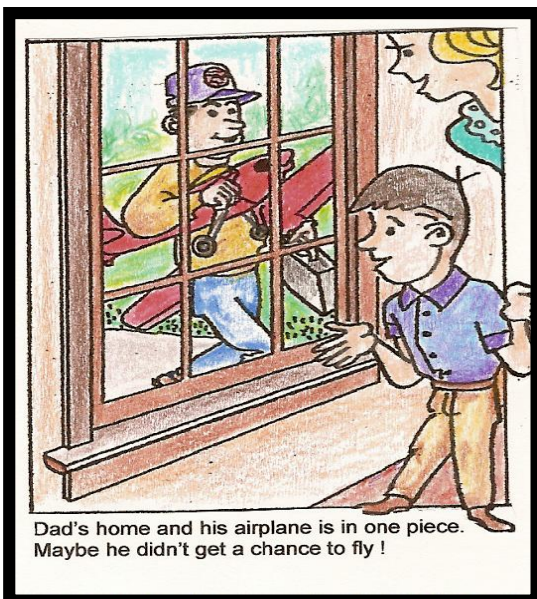
AMA notices for renewing membership have been mailed (I received mine October 14th). I encourage you to renew that membership as soon as possible. Remember, you must be a member of AMA to belong to MARCS.

You may renew your club membership in MARCS anytime. The rates are as follows:

Regular membership.....	\$50.00
Junior membership.....	\$20.00
Family membership.....	\$15.00
Associate membership.....	\$15.00

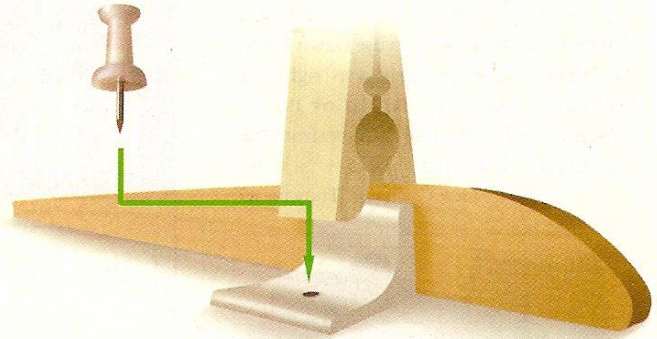
*If you want to receive the newsletter by regular U.S. first class mail, add \$5.00. You must have proof of AMA membership in order to receive your MARCS membership card.

You may pay your dues to Ed McDonald at any time. If you can't make a meeting, mail your check and proof of AMA membership to his home (1918 Gulseth St, Madison, WI 53704), or call (608 249 0734) for other arrangements.



Dad's home and his airplane is in one piece. Maybe he didn't get a chance to fly!

:BUILDER'S BENCH:



Inexpensive wing jigs

When building a wing, the pins used to hold the ribs in place can crack the balsa, and it can be difficult to keep the ribs at a 90-degree angle. Buy a 4-foot piece of 1/16-inch-thick aluminum with a 90-degree angle. Cut it into 1-inch pieces, and drill a 1/16-inch hole in one end of each piece. Now pin them to the building board at each rib location. Next, use a clothespin to attach all of the ribs to the aluminum angle. The ribs will be at 90 degrees to the building surface.

**LAST DOME FLY
OF THE SEASON
COMING UP!**

Our next/last dome flying date of this season will be on **Saturday, March 17th** from 7-10 p.m. Yes, 7 -10 p.m. it's not a typo. I ended up with enough surplus to cover the extra hour so flyers will only have to pay for two hours. Hopefully we will have 10 pilots so it will only be \$20.00 a piece or less if there are more flyers.

We will be holding some pylon racing this evening. We will have some light class racing, like our friends from Monroe brought up the last time. (The little AT6s, etc. I believe they had little e-flight 250 outrunners on them.) We will also have a Cox Micro Warbird Race. Stock motor please, no brushless. and an Open class heat. And other classes if necessary. (Slow stick??)

I hope many of you can make it! It's free to come and watch. Dave

FREE.. indoor flying @ BROADHEAD High School GYM

2007: All Wednesday nights until June Except: 2/14, 5/9 and 5/30. The Schedule can change if any school event would come up that required use of the Gym. Any Snow day or other unexpected early release for any reason would cancel out our flying. If there is a question, feel free to call me. CELL 608-214-0575. Home: 608-897-8244 There is a good possibility of expanded flying hours on some nights. I will send updates or changes from the above schedule. To receive regular e-mail update of times, and sources for airplanes. Send me your e-mail address to <thamel@dr.com> and I will place you on our list.

the **RULES:**

[1]. Strict 8-oz limit for fixed winged. For your safety and to protect the Gym from damage. If you are a new pilot, lighter is better/safer. We hold the right to restrict the use of any plane under 8 oz that we consider excessively powerful, fast or difficult to control. If you are not sure if your plane is safe to fly' indoors, ask one of the regulars first. Generally the largest planes flying are the GWS Pico stick and 7-8 oz shock flyer type planes. Please don't bring a 10 oz 3D plane and hope we will bend the rule for an expert flyer like you...

[2] 10-oz limit for Helicopters flown by experienced pilots. You must fly at the far end away from

the crowd and under good control at all times.

[3] stay behind and keep children behind the basket ball out of bounds line at all times except when carefully retrieving a plane.

[4] Use the Bathrooms in the Gym when possible.

[5] Children must be with parents at all times. No running out in the halls. Anyone who has a child in the wrong area will be asked to leave.

[6] No AMA insurance is required. Everyone young, old, pro and novice are welcome. You do not need a plane, we will show you how to get started. Coming to watch the fun is great too.

[7] There is **NO CHARGE**. However, if you are a regular flyer, figure on giving at least \$10 for the year for janitor and office gifts.

Finally, the smaller the plane you fly, the more fun you will find you have. The best way to make the gym seem bigger is to fly a tiny slow plane! With new tiny servos, receiver, a 2-3 oz plane is easy to build and buy.

From Tim Hamel, MD

Notice: There will be no flying allowed on; May-9, & May-30.

2007-MARCS Event Schedule

EVENT NAME	DATE	LOCATION
SWAP MEET	March-1	General Meeting
MARCS BANQUET	April-18	'Maple Tree' in McFarland
'FIELD WORK DAY'	April-21 (8:00am-bring gloves)	Kettle Field
SCREAMIN' EAGLES FLY	June-23	Kettle Field
ELECTRIC FUN FLY	July-8	Kettle Field
FLOAT FLY	August-4	Riley/Deppe Park *
Boy Scout Fun Fly	August-18	Kettle Field
Ken Kindschi SCALE RALLY	August-26	Kettle Field
WAR BIRDS over DANE	CANCELED this season	

[* east bound on Hwy-19, on the left as you enter Marshall. 6:00-9:00am, electric / 9:00-Noonish, glow]

The HISTORY CORNER

by: Ozzie Johnson, 1999
2007

edited by: John Steen,

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The five persons **Ozzie** was able to locate to help him piece together the life and times of early model airplane enthusiasts were; **Carl Mohs, Noels Warhead, Carl Vogt, Jim Potter, and Ray Lang.** There was one other person, **Joe Unger**, who now lives in Florida, we wanted to interview. He was the first president of **MARCS.** **Carl Mohs** is a friend of his and had agreed to talk to him and gather as much early history as possible.

Finally, on July-1st of 1999 **Ozzie** was able to miraculously get all of these people together in one place. **Carl Mohs** provided a meeting room at the 'Ivy Inn' where they started with lunch that blended into a good time with lots of laughs as they began their journey back into those early days of our hobby. **Ozzie** had brought his trusty tape recorder to capture everything that was said.

In the 1940's and 50's... where did they fly ?

Early flying was not done at any particular 'flying field'. There were none. **Carl** remembered flying on the Mendota State Hospital grounds..... but only with a very short motor run. Early flying was all *free-flight*, as *control-line* or *radio-control* had not come on the scene as of yet. Often they found a stretch of relatively deserted rural highway and flew off that.

As one might expect, all the models didn't

always circle as they were suppose to. Sometimes the hand built timers would fail and the motors would run until they ran out of fuel. This would launch the '*chase scene*'. One of the flyers would jump in his car and take off with a couple of the others hopping on the running boards to direct the driver in the chase. It's not hard at all to visualize these necessary actions.

The Madison Model Flyers often used **Truax Field** as their flying site. **Harold Evens** was the weather-man at Truax in those days. It was through his efforts that **Robert Skult**, the airport manager, agreed to let the modelers fly there. They would fly off to one side, but sometimes a model would land on the runway. They would then wave to **Mr. Evans** and he would come with the pickup truck with the "FOLLOW ME" sign on the back to retrieve the model.

The old '**Royal Airport**' on what was known as the 'Gisholt Property' became a regular flying site, later on...after 1956. The **Royal Airport** was Madison's early airport and was located on the high ground, which, in present time, is the junction of the Belt-Line highway and South-Town drive. This field didn't come without its problems. One being the take-over by thistles that were so large as to be dangerous! Circles were mowed for the Control-Line flyers and another area groomed for the Free-Flight and Radio-Control group. Work days at the field resulted in a \$2.00 fine for any member who didn't show up and couldn't come up with a legitimate excuse.

In next month's Chapter... we will take a look at what planes these hobbyists flew and where their meetings were held.

Your INPUT is needed...

There has been some indecision as to what to compliment the FLOAT FLY with, that will be held on August 4th in sunny Marshall, later this season.

Do we want to have just the flying event?

Do we want to have coffee and sinfully good sweet-rolls mid-morning?

Do we want to have a picnic lunch at the sound of the noon siren?

Please give it some thought and share your feelings with event coordinator: **Wendell Hottmann**...in person, by phone: 839-4776, or by e-mail: whottmann@isthmuseng.com. Thank You.

PROP' WASH CLASSIFIED ADS**"PROP' WASH" classified ads....**

Has been preempted this month due to our scheduled club

SWAP-MEET

I am sure everyone is already planning their first spring flight... after all... Spring is just around the corner...? As I *type these words, the weather is busy dumping a forecasted record setting 15-20 inch snowfall on Madison. Has this season been a little wacky or is It just my imagination? Of course this is our Wisconsin and anything can happen here... weather-wise.*

Out of the Past.....

A few years ago my *dear* Mother passed away and her photo collection of her 86 years were passed on to me. It consisted of several odd shaped boxes with well over 400 photos of Brown and white, black and white, faded color photos of the 50's, and many good quality pictures from our most recent 20th century. I would like to share just one of them with you. Her sister was married to Captain Rolland Thomason of the **USAF**. To our family members he was known as 'Uncle Tommy'. He was a self-styled man from Missouri...where everyone talks funny, if 'you-all' know what I mean. He was a natural story teller and had been to countless places that we could only read about. He was not a bragging man unless he was talking about his crew of their B-24. I have the memories of the many of the stories he told. I am in the process of searching out the ID of this airplane, shown in this photo, that I might build a scale model of it in his memory and Honor. I am most hopeful to find the nose-art as well as the rest of the squadron markings that it displayed, in that search. **John/editor**

'UNCLE TOMMY' & CREW:

[Consolidated B-24D Liberator]

(left to right back row)

Pilot: Rolland Thomason
Co-Pilot: F.W. Smith
Navigator: S.S. Woods
Bombardier: H.W. Wells

(left to right front row)

Engineer: H. Petska
Ball Gunner: R. Johnson
Tail Gunner: F. Sterling
Radio Man: C.C. Clavelli
Armor Gun: E. Neal
Upper Gun: B.w. Lockler



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