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# Balsa Dust

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\*\*\*\*\* **NEXT MEETING** \*\*\*\*\*  
**DATE:** Thursday April 8, 2010  
**LOCATION:** East Bloomfield Town Hall  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**The Fuel has arrived. You should have been contacted by Charlie or me.**

## Important Announcement

We are making a change with the distribution of the club Newsletter. This will be the last hard copy of the GVAM Newsletter. We will continue to have a Newsletter and you will be able to find it on the clubs web site at [gvam.org](http://gvam.org).

There are two reasons we are doing this. We have been looking at club expenses and mailing the Newsletter is costing the club over \$200 per year. With a possible postage increase on the horizon we decided to take this action rather than raise dues. The other reason is that the person who has arranged to have the Newsletter printed is retiring. Although we could continue to have the Newsletter printed we felt this would be a good time to make this change. We still plan to send out post cards for important events like the family picnic and Ladies Night Out.

The Newsletter is planned to be on the Web Site the Friday before club meetings. If you want to send me your email address I can send you an email letting you know the Newsletter is on the web. My email address is (See Glenn at the field or a meeting to obtain his e-mail address)

## **Prez Sez**

Are you ready for flying season? As I write this the weather has taken a turn for the worse but we have had a couple of glimpses of weather good enough to fly. I know a few of you have already been to the field and put in some flights. I have been busy preparing for flying season. I have been charging and checking batteries in transmitters and planes. I have been taking care of a few of the problems left over from last season. One thing that I have yet to do is to check on the age of my flight pack batteries. Typically I will put a date on the pack before I install it in the plane so that I can check to see how many seasons it has been used for. There is no hard and fast rule for how many seasons a battery pack is good for but if it has been used for more than 4 or 5 seasons I usually like to replace it. By having the date on the battery I don't have to rely on my memory to determine if I should be using it or not. I don't worry about transmitter battery packs as much. Transmitter packs have 8 cells instead of 4 in a typical flight pack. This means that there is more margin if you should lose a cell while you are flying. Also most modern transmitters have visual and audible indicators for low battery condition and will allow you to land before the radio quits working. Another thing that I am working on is the capability to field charge both flight packs and transmitter packs. I recently purchased a Triton2 charger and have programmed it for every type of battery that I own. This is a really great charger once you learn how to program it. Once I make up cables to connect to my radios and airplanes I will be good to go.

I am also preparing for my trip with Eric and Max to the Toledo show. Max and Eric went to this show last year instead of the WRAM's and they aren't looking back. I am looking forward to it. Maybe I will find some flight pack batteries there.

One more meeting before we adjourn for the flying season so be sure that you have your dues paid up. Also make sure that you sign up for mowing if you are able. I would encourage everyone that uses the mower to check it over well before using it. Hopefully we will have better luck with it than we did last year.

See you at the next meeting,

**Jim**

2010 MOWING SCHEDULE

**At The Field**

The weather this past week (mid March) was great. Charlie and I were at the field most every day during the week. We did the usual by doing a little flying and continuing to solve the world's problems. I did see Dick and Don .They took over the second shift so the landing strip would not be lonesome. We were surprised at how quickly the field dried out during the week. Don't plan on driving to the pit area any time soon or you will need a tow.

With the next shot of warm weather we plan to change the oil and filter in the mower and get the Farmall ready to go. We will probably put the canvas on the shelters the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April or as soon as we can drive into the pit area. We don't want to damage Charlie's or Tom's school girl comp lections. We will also have a couple of rollings done by that time as well. This year the leg is better so I plan to roll more often.

Speaking of Tom this will be your official Titusville Terror alert. He will be in the area around the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. So don't be surprised if the noise level increases and the "constructive" criticism increases. Tom has such a gentle way about him.

I will have a new lock for the for the frequency box this year. It will be a combination like the last one but with much larger numbers for the increasingly older eyes..

The ice will be off Canadice Lake shortly so we can start our Tuesday / Friday float flying again. We plan to warn Lee at the hotdog stand that the motley crew will be stragglng in before too long.

I would like to thank the people who volunteered to mow this year. The mowing schedule is in the newsletter and will be posted next to the frequency box. If you can't mow on your scheduled date, please let me know.

All in all this looks like a great year for flying and I look forward to seeing all of you again.

Be good. See you at the meeting.

Date	Volunteer	Date	Volunteer
4/28	Glenn Crocker	7/17	Tom Brown
		7/21	Glenn Crocker
5/1	Jim McBride	7/24	John Miller
5/5	Tex Mantell	7/28	Don Allen
5/8	John Miller	7/31	Max Wright
5/12	Don Allen		
5/15	Max Wright	8/4	Ken Haenisch
5/19	Ken Haenisch	8/7	Joe Faccaglia
5/22	Joe Faccaglia	8/11	Dick Spong
5/26	Dick Spong	8/14	Mark Woodruff
5/29	Jim McBride	8/18	Ned Holmes
		8/21	Jim McBride
6/2	Ned Holmes	8/25	Glenn Crocker
6/5	Tom Brown	8/28	Tom Brown
6/9	Glenn Crocker		
6/12	John Miller	9/1	Tex Mantell
6/16	Tex Mantell	9/4	John Miller
6/19	Max Wright	9/8	Don Allen
6/23	Don Allen	9/11	Max Wright
6/26	Joe Faccaglia	9/15	Ken Haenisch
6/30	Ken Haenisch	9/18	Joe Faccaglia
		9/22	Dick Spong
7/3	Mark Woodruff	9/25	Mark Woodruff
7/7	Dick Spong	9/29	Ned Holmes
7/10	Jim McBride		
7/14	Ned Holmes	10/2	Jim McBride

**Indoor Flying**

By the time you receive this there will be one more indoor flying session left.

Members. **The location is at Peiters Family Life Center which is on the corner of Rt. 15A and Castle Road in Henrietta.**

4/17 3-5 pm

There is a small fee for flying.

**Calendar of Events**

- 6/26, 27** Ray Edmunds Air Show & Fun Fly. North Hampton Park.
- 8/14, 15** Great Electric Fun Fly. North Hampton Park

Oldies but Goodies



A couple of oldies! Tom and Charlie. The grusom twosome..



The pizza king caught with his hand in the cookie jar.



The motley crew on a Thursday Evening.



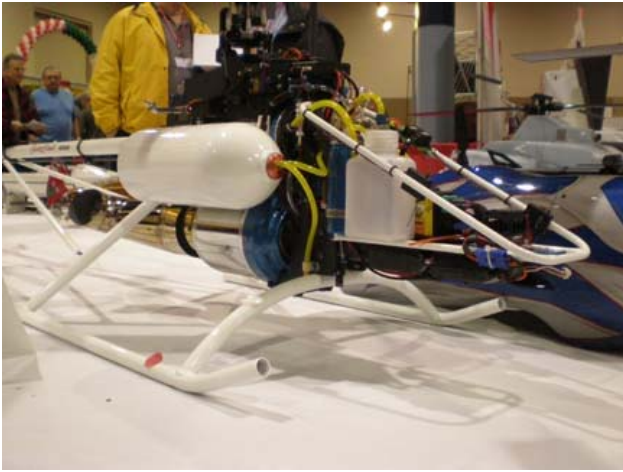
A cameo appearance by Andrew..



Jim on a warm summer day???



Jim and Dick on another warm evening??.



A helicopter with a Turbine for Mark and Tom..



A new color scheme for Max's Hurricane.



How about that for a radial. You can't tell if it is the real thing or not..



Looks like the Toledo auction is in progress.



Now this is really class !!.



Great shot of an RC boat engine installation.



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