



HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

CLUB PRESIDENT-JACK DUNKLE

From the President ...

Hi all, the hot season is winding down and the flying has been very busy. The runway repair has started but more material was needed so will let you know when more material arrives and we can finish in a few weeks. Please read the club meeting minutes (attached) as there's a few things going on that could require your attention. I am working on some possible by-laws changes to try and keep up with the times. When we have the changes, they will be sent out to all members for your review before the adoption of the new changes. Keep in mind all our club info and communication on changes are done at our club meetings or our Google Groups page. We only have two more meetings this year as we don't have meetings in Nov-Dec so it is possible some of these issues will be taken care of through the Google Groups page.

Please make sure you have that site up and running on your device so you don't miss any important club information.

As always if you have any questions please let me know by email. Please note when you send an email please put MAS in the subject line or it will possibly go to trash.

Happy flying, Be Safe.

Jack Dunkle

COMING EVENTS:

**MONTHLY MEETING SEP 27TH
AT THE FIELD**

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CLUB VICE PRESIDENT-SEAN SUTTON

From the Vice President...

Fellas, the skies are looking good this week! Bring out your best flying repair jobs and see what stays in the air until gravity inevitably wins again. Remember, spare props are cheaper than therapy ;) And of course, a whole lot of Hanger Talk.

Club Update: Literally.

The Clubhouse has flown many seasons with us, and it's due for a touch-up of fresh paint before winter taxi's in. I would like to rally together a few steady hands to help paint the clubhouse in the coming weeks. I have a pressure washer that I will bring to clean it up before we decide on a day that works for myself and a ground crew to assemble and tackle this much needed maintenance task. Please text or e-mail me if you would like to lend a hand.

And remember...Stay nose Heavy

Sean Sutton

CLUB TREASURER-DAN BRANDENBURGER

From the Treasurer -

A friendly reminder to check your AMA membership renewal date. We have a few folks coming due in the next couple of months. Club is solvent and in good standing with state and AMA.

Dan



Here is Lee, one of our pilots, hard at it, very focused having his coffee and flying his glider. Lee needs to learn to relax!

SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS



Are RC Planes Safe?

Free flying RC planes hurtling around the skies, sometimes at over 100 mph, can be an awesome sight, but are they really safe? RC model can go fast...very fast. Generally, the faster they go, the more dangerous they can be.

But even at slow speeds, the combination of a fast-spinning prop with a model which can weigh up to 50 lbs can speed disaster in an accident. Accident statistics are difficult to come by, there is the occasional major accident reported over time, and probably many more minor, unreported ones.

Generally, flying accidents occur due to one or more of the following:

- Interruptions in signal transmission
- Failure of the model construction in flight
- Pilot error

You can mitigate most of these potential failures by staying focus and following a few safety tips:

- ALWAYS do pre-flight checks- control surfaces move freely and in the direction intended. Any loose parts? Propeller(s) have any nicks? Receiver and radio batteries fully charged? If there's any doubts, DO NOT FLY!
- Don't fly beyond your capabilities. Don't be afraid to ask for help, we're a club of friends!
- All pilots should use the same take off and landing pattern. Talk to one another..."Taking off" or "landing". Don't walk out onto an active runway without getting clearance first.
- Always make the initial turn after take-off away from spectators and parking areas.
Diving maneuvers should always be point away from spectators and parking areas.
- Take extra care when flying in adverse weather conditions. Strong winds and turbulence can be a challenge as they seem to come out unexpectedly.

Here's a short video of 2 crashes involving spectators (no one was hurt)

<https://youtu.be/fQvfEpKODvk>

Fly Safe, Be Safe

Ken

Miniature Aero Sportsters
Meeting Minutes / August 2025

Meeting was held August 30, 2025 at the field and called to order at 9:00am.

Attendees: 11

Club Officers Present:

- Jack Dunkle (President)
- Sean Sutton (Vice President)
- Dan Brandenburger (Secretary/Treasurer)

Board of Directors Present:

- Bob Salmon
- Mark Nicastle

Board of Directors Absent:

- Mike Feitinger

Safety Officer Ken Roberts (Absent)

Treasurer's Report given by Dan: 62 members. All bills paid to date, all accounts in good standing. Next major bill coming due in September is Field Lease, we have sufficient funds to cover.

Old Business:

- Runway crack sealing project– first round completed! Awaiting restock of sealing material. New crack seal machine worked well. Thanks Jack, Dan, and Mark.
- Back-up web-site administrator access still being worked by Mike Feitinger (pending)
- Club training program needs continued discussion/planning (pending)
- Planting of 3 additional trees behind the fence (pending)
- Jake Martinez suggested some form of covering be attached to the Connex storage unit to keep tractors covered to reduce damage and wear and tear. Requires further research and best way to do that and cost (pending)
- **Follow-up to Turbine restrictions** – Jack presented plan to meet with Board members to discuss either not allowing Turbine aircraft altogether due to fire danger and loss of field if a grass fire occurs or other options could include restriction on red flag days etc Coordination/notification of rolling restrictions would be an issue. Meeting would include review of charter and lease requirements. Jack also plans to gather club member input on the subject via survey in Google Groups before any final decision/plan.

New Business: None

Safety:

- Jack relayed safety message from Ken.

Motion to adjourn at 10:15am.

*The club financials are not published in the minutes. Members in good standing may request specific information from the club treasurer directly.