



# HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

## CLUB PRESIDENT- JACK DUNKLE

### *From the President ...*

Hello to all MAS members and your families. We have had a great flying season despite the hot and dry weather this year. We are working on some great new events for 2026, starting with our traditional Snowbird Fun-fly on Jan. 1 (flyer attached).

I want to wish all our MAS family a great holiday season and a Happy New Year! Remember that the field stays open during the Holidays, and in fact on snowy days, we can try out our skis. Yay! I look forward to seeing what new models Santa brings to our members 🧑🏻‍🎅 ✈️!

Happy flying, Be Safe.

Jack Dunkle



### COMING EVENTS:

**NO MEETINGS UNTIL JANUARY 2026**

**SNOWBIRD FLY-IN - JAN 1, 2026**

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**CLUB VICE PRESIDENT-SEAN SUTTON**

*From the Vice President...*

As we close out another year at the field, I want to take an honest to goodness moment to wish every single one of you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New year.

Now, I know that life isn't always smooth air and straight flight paths. Sometimes the winds shift, your trims slide away, and your go-to flyer suddenly reminds you that you don't have 100 percent control like you thought you did, thus no longer having a go-to-flyer. That's life. That's the hobby. That said; remember that each of us has absolute, 100 percent control over HOW we respond to the unexpected changes, and nothing else.

You've already made it through every hard day you've ever had.  
You've already flown again after every crash.  
You're still here. Still building. Still learning. Still Flying.

That my friends, is resilience. Philosophy in Balsa and EPO form...not foam.  
That is damn well something to be proud of.

And as a club--this fellowship with chargers beeping, and nitro wafting into noses, dead sticks, laughter, and at least 6 guys who swear they "weren't even touching the sticks" -- We get better together because we show up for each other.

So this Christmas, may your hearts be light, your workshops warm, your fuel tanks and batteries full, and your landings actually be lined up with the runway for once.

From my hangar to yours:

Merry Christmas pilots! Be humble, and fly with purpose. And let the coming year bring calm skies and even calmer minds.

Vice President- Sean Sutton

**CLUB TREASURER-DAN BRANDENBURGER**

*From the Treasurer -*

We have a new Junior member, Wyatt Townsend! Current membership total now at 62 - eight have paid 2026 dues. Three members AMA memberships will expire at the end of December. Club accounts in good shape.

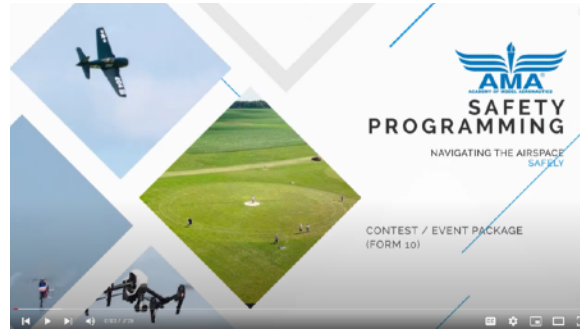
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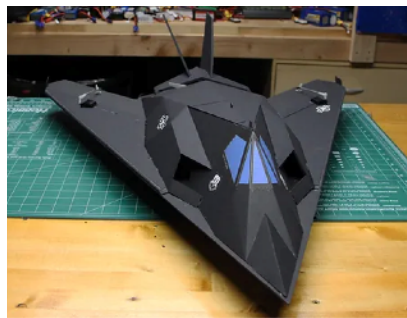
## SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS

### Aeromodeling Safety Tips

Forwarded by Ken Roberts



Hope everyone has had a chance to fly last month. The weather has been mild for this time of year, well up to this point anyway. For me, I've been busy with trying to get settled in after a move and new home projects on the weekends. In between projects, I've been working on foam pusher-type planes with the latest being an F-117.



In the January 2024 edition of the AMA Model Aviation magazine on pg. 7, there's a link to "Aeromodelling Safety Tips". <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYA5FHbSdqotNnhW0K33sfWzQOAKtiRxq&si=2ag-Yfgu0a21Z76c>

There are 22 videos of various safety related topics to RC flying. The play list is from drone safety, battery basics, general flying safety, to FAA regulations. One of the videos (Jim Rice- Fly Safely) really piqued my interest. We talk a lot about flightline and flying safety at the field but not a lot about building aircraft projects at home. Some of the chemicals we use in building our aircraft can be harmful if we don't protect ourselves. I for one catch myself sometimes hovering over on top of my work. CA fumes, soldering fumes are sometimes in my breathing zone. This is not good practice! In Jim's video, he talks about his dad building models with CA glue for hours during the day. One day he collapsed at home and when they examined him, he had symptoms of having COPD. When they went in to scrape his lungs,

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they found crusted layers of cyanoacrylate. The vapors and fumes of the CA glue had collected in his lungs overtime. Always read the labels on the chemical containers. It should show what the hazards are and what protections (gloves, safety glasses, and adequate ventilation) are recommended. This is really important if working indoors with little to no ventilation around your workstation. Remember safety first and take care of yourself and others around you.

*Live Safe, Fly Safe!*



# ANNUAL SNOWBIRD

Contest  
for Coveted  
Snowbird  
Trophy for  
First Flyer of  
the Year!



# FUN FLY

**JANUARY / 1 / 2026 – 10:00 AM AT KEFFER FIELD**



BRING YOUR SKIS  
\*\*\* WE FLY SNOW  
OR SHINE.  
LUNCH WILL BE  
SERVED.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

