



AUG 2026

HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

CLUB PRESIDENT- JACK DUNKLE

From the President ...

Hello all MAS members, meeting minutes are attached, so if you haven't been able to come out to the field, you can check out what's going on with MAS. Also attached is our annual family day Open House Fun Fly event flyer.

I hate to always talk about the weather, but it has been brutal (heat), so again, be careful and have fun. As always, if you have any comments or concerns, let me know via email or text

Best regards,
Jack Dunkle

COMING EVENTS:

**MONTHLY MEETING AUG 22ND 2026 -
9:30AM - AT THE FIELD**

FAMILY FUN FLY SEPT 19TH

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CLUB VICE PRESIDENT-SEAN SUTTON

From the Vice President...

No article submitted.



"Isn't that cute!... My kids really like 'yer airplane!"

CLUB TREASURER-DAN BRANDENBURGER

From the Treasurer -

Membership at 57. Thanks for keeping AMA memberships up to date!
-Dan

Miniature Aero Sportsters
Meeting Minutes / July 2026

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. July 25, 2026, at the field.

Attendees: 13 members present

Club Officers' Present:

- Jack Dunkle (President)
- Dan Brandenburg (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Ken Roberts (Safety Officer)

Board of Directors Present:

- Mark Nicastle

Club Officers' Absent: Sean Sutton (Vice President)

Board of Directors' Absent: Bob Salmon/Larry Ott/Lee Overholt

Treasurer's Report given by Dan: Current membership at 57. Bills are paid.

Safety briefing provided by Ken: cautioned members to be aware of snakes on the property and surrounding area. Keep an eye-out especially when searching for downed planes.

Old Business:

- Jack installed fire extinguishers behind each table, working on cabinets. **Extinguishers will not put out a Lipo battery fire, use to extinguish surrounding fire caused by the battery fault.**
- **AMA sanctioned fun-fly scheduled for Sep 19th. AMA membership will be confirmed on day of the event. Need volunteers, George Kerr point of contact. Watch for further information soon.**
- Runway crack sealing awaiting cooler weather. Notice of date and field closure will be sent via Google Groups in advance.

New Business:

- Porta-potty cleaned out in August.
- Jack ordered new lighter weight windsocks for the field.
- At the request of club membership, Jack is working on a plan to install helicopter and drone pad up in the swing set area. Plan will be presented to the board for approval and additional input.
Update - Pad design complete, Geotech material will be used in lieu of concrete.

Motion to adjourn 10:00 a.m.*The club financials are not published in the minutes. Members in good standing may request specific information from the club treasurer directly.



MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

RC FAMILY FUN FLY

★ SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 ★



REGISTRATION BEGINS
AT 8:00 AM



PILOT MEETING
AT 8:45 AM



FLYING STARTS
AT 9:00 AM

FOOD

WILL BE PROVIDED
TO PILOTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES!



**NO TURBINE
AIRCRAFT ARE
ALLOWED TO FLY.**



**OPEN TO ALL
OTHER TYPES OF
AIRCRAFT.**



**PROOF OF AMA
MEMBERSHIP IS
REQUIRED.**



All Are Welcome!

**BRING YOUR FAMILY • BRING A FRIEND
COME FLY AND HAVE FUN!**

FAMILY ★ FRIENDS ★ FUN ★ GREAT PEOPLE ★ GREAT AIRFIELD

MAS does not allow turbine aircraft

SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS

While RC flying delivers tremendous enjoyment, operating remote-controlled aircraft presents unique safety challenges similar to those faced by full-scale aviation.

Flying fields often sit far from emergency services, and numerous hazards await the unprepared pilot. From equipment failures to environmental dangers, threats can emerge when you least expect them. Smart preparation and awareness help you avoid problems that could turn a perfect flying day into a crisis.

Here are ***seven critical safety guidelines*** to remember, especially when visiting unfamiliar club fields or attending events:

1. **Know Your Environment**- When arriving at a new location, spend time learning the layout before unpacking your aircraft. Locate fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and emergency equipment. Note their condition and accessibility—you don't want to discover an empty extinguisher or depleted first aid kit during an emergency. Make fire safety and first aid standard equipment in your vehicle or trailer. You'll never regret carrying these items unused, but you'll definitely regret not having them when needed.
2. **Establish Your Location**- This sounds basic but consider what happens during a serious injury. Most people instinctively grab their cell phone and dial 911, but many emergency dispatch systems struggle with accurate cell phone location tracking. We've posted our physical address prominently on the inside of the club house door so you can provide precise location information under stress. You may need to send someone to the field entrance to guide first responders. When calling emergency services, always let the dispatcher hang up first—this ensures they have complete information to send appropriate help.
3. **Prevent Propeller Injuries**- Propeller cuts rank as the most common RC aviation injuries, ranging from minor wounds requiring basic first aid to severe lacerations needing emergency room treatment. Proper electric motor safety practices and secure restraint of gas and glow aircraft significantly reduce injury risk. A well-stocked first aid kit proves essential for treating bleeding wounds. Include antiseptic, sterile gauze, medical tape, and elastic bandages. Know how to apply direct pressure and when to seek professional medical attention.
4. **Handle LiPo Battery Fires**- LiPo battery fires present unique challenges. These batteries generate their own oxygen when burning, creating an intense flare that consumes all available fuel. The most effective response involves covering the fire with sand or dirt. If nothing else risks ignition, simply let the battery burn while avoiding toxic smoke. Class ABC dry chemical extinguishers can help contain the fire but will coat everything nearby with corrosive powder. Position extinguishers strategically but understand their limitations with LiPo fires.

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5. **Combat Heat-Related Illness**- Heat stroke represents a serious medical emergency requiring immediate attention. The primary defense is proper hydration—if you feel thirsty, you’re already behind. Recognize early symptoms of heat exhaustion: excessive sweating, weakness, nausea, and confusion. We have adequate water supplies inside the club house and shade around the picnic tables. During hot weather, take frequent breaks, wear appropriate clothing, and monitor fellow pilots for heat stress symptoms.

6. **Recognize Wildlife Hazards**- Environmental factors vary by location, but wildlife encounters present real risks when retrieving crashed aircraft. Most animals are territorial and will defend their space. Approach crash sites cautiously and consider the risks before venturing into dense vegetation.

7. **Know Your Flying Partners**- Develop awareness of your fellow pilots’ medical conditions and medications. Is anyone diabetic who might need glucose tablets or insulin? Does someone with severe allergies (i.e.- bees) carry an EpiPen? This knowledge proves invaluable during medical emergencies when every second counts. Brief conversations about health concerns can prepare everyone to respond appropriately when help is needed.

Conclusion- Safety preparation requires minimal time but delivers maximum peace of mind. Inspecting your aircraft, learning field layouts. Know where everything is located, ensure equipment accessibility, and have emergency procedures clearly established. Also, by assessing your fitness to fly are basic responsibilities that protect everyone at the field. When conditions aren’t ideal—whether equipment, environment, or personal readiness—choose not to fly. Make these safety practices as routine as your pre-flight control checks. Develop these habits early in your RC career and maintain them throughout your flying journey. Following these guidelines helps ensure many years of safe, enjoyable RC aviation for you and your fellow pilots.

FLY SAFE, LIVE SAFE!