



OCT 2026

HANGAR TALK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MINIATURE AERO SPORTSTERS

CLUB PRESIDENT- JACK DUNKLE

Hello to all MAS members (*Jack's reporting from Greece!-ed*),

The 2026 season is winding down; our next and last meeting of the year is 10/31 at the field. This is an important meeting as we are holding our election of 2027 officers. Nominations are open until then, so if you have someone you would like to nominate, please email me and I will add that person to the current list. I will post the current nomination list on our Google Groups. The Family Day event went very well. I want to thank all members who made this a successful day. The next scheduled event is our snowbird event on Jan 1st. Until next time, please enjoy the nice flying weather.

Best regards,
Jack Dunkle



COMING EVENTS:

**MONTHLY MEETING OCT 31ST 2026 -
9:30AM - AT THE FIELD**

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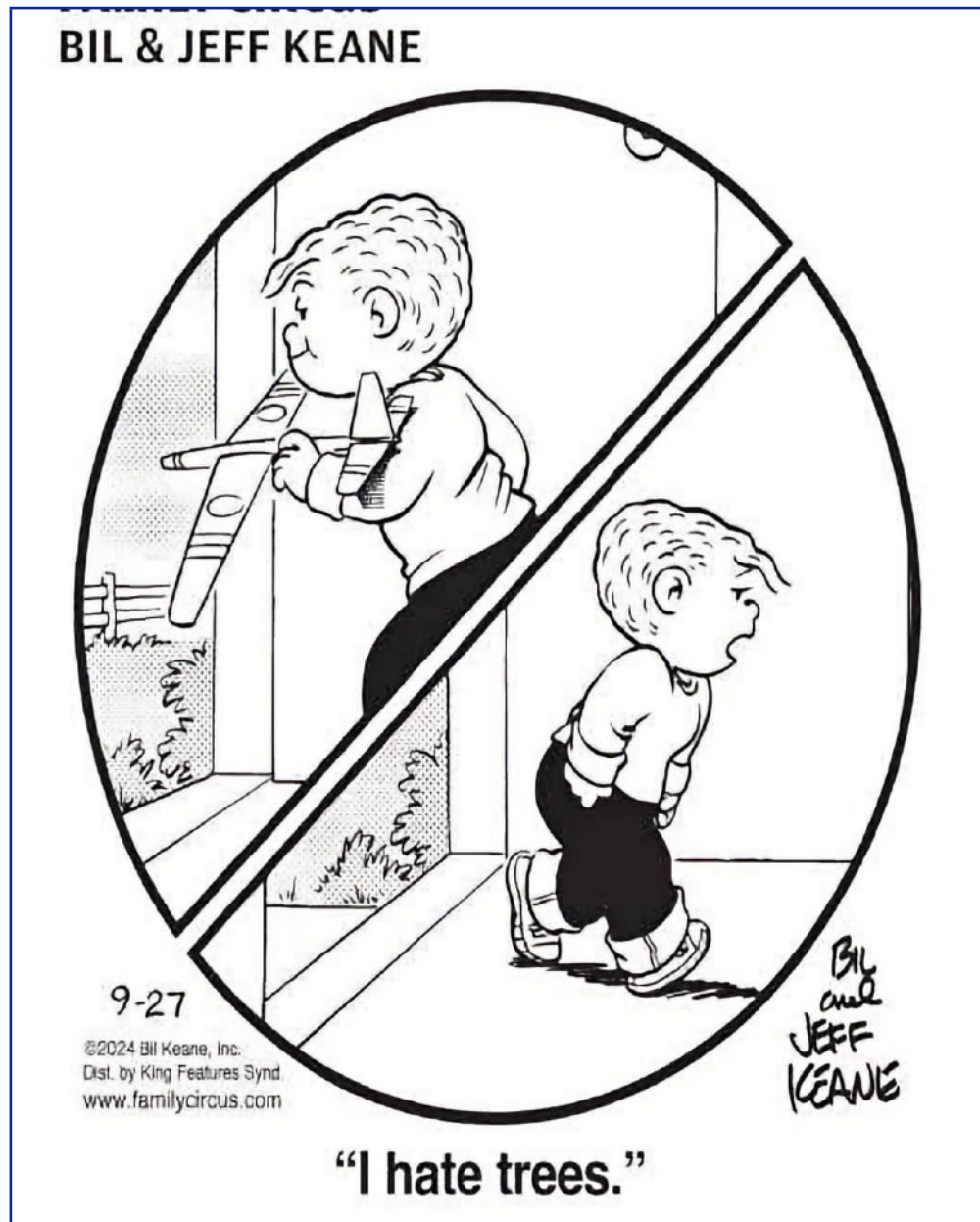


Ken Roberts

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CLUB VICE PRESIDENT-SEAN SUTTON

No article submitted.



CLUB TREASURER-DAN BRANDENBURGER

Membership is at 60. Club accounts healthy-Dan

Meeting Minutes / September 2026

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 26, 2026, at the field.

Attendees: 10 members present

Club Officers' Present:

- Jack Dunkle (President)
- Dan Brandenburg (Secretary/Treasurer)

Board of Directors Present:

- Larry Ott
- Lee Overholt

Board of Directors' Absent: Mark Nicastle, Bob Salmon

Club Officers' Absent: Sean Sutton (Vice President), Ken Roberts (Safety Officer)

Treasurer's Report given by Dan*: Current membership at 60 – 2027 Lease paid.

Old Business:

- Heli/Drone Geotech pad – still being worked by Jack
- AMA sanctioned event was a complete success! George Kerr will provide a write-up and some pictures. Special thanks to George, Mark, and Gill for their extra efforts preparing this event!

New Business:

- Looking for input for show-and-tell input to the newsletter. Write up/photos can be sent directly to Mike Feitinger or Jack. You can coordinate with Gil Chavez to take pictures of your project at the field.
- Discussed club officer selection and voting process. Voting will occur at the Oct 31 meeting. Jack and Dan volunteered to continue in current President and Treasurer positions for another year. Gil Chavez has been nominated and volunteered to fill the Vice President position. Thomas Perry has been nominated and volunteered to fill the Safety Officer position. Send nominations to Jack.
- Entry road repair was discussed and will hopefully get done before the snow fly's.

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.

FAMILY DAY FLY-IN 2026

On September 19, 2026 Miniature Aero Sportsters (MAS) held its annual Family Day Fly-In. at the clubs Earl Keffer Field near Brighton Colorado. We had 23 registered pilots for the day including a few from other area clubs. Food was provided by the club, and there was PLENTY to eat. The event started with the Pledge of allegiance and ended with the threat of an early afternoon thunderstorm rolling In, accompanied by high winds. There were plenty of flying opportunities and there were airplanes in the air most of the time. It was a great event and I look forward to the next one.

George Kerr
Contest Director



SAFETY OFFICER-KEN ROBERTS**RC Flying Safety Things to Do and Things to Not Do**

One of the first things you want to do is to make sure you fly a plane that matches your skill level. If you are just starting out you don't want to try flying an acrobatic-type plane or even a war bird, they may look cool but take a higher skill level to fly. Try to stick with trainers until you feel ready to move up. Don't be afraid to ask for help or have a spotter. We want you to enjoy the hobby and to fly another day (not having a mishap). I've always asked for help when I first got started in this hobby and even had to pass the controls over when I felt uncomfortable landing.

Things you want to try to stay away from when flying an RC airplane are, don't fly where flying is not permitted, this gives all RC pilots a bad name. If you plan to fly in parks don't fly over people or animals, stay clear of trees, power lines, buildings, roads and playgrounds. If you lose control, someone could get hurt. Don't fly over your head or behind you, this could disorient you and cause you to lose control of the plane. Never fly your RC airplane too far away to where you lose connection or lose line of sight; this would more than likely cause the plane to crash and possibly hit someone or something.

One of the last things you don't want to do is to forget to do your pre-flight. Make sure you know your equipment: radio, batteries, plane condition to make sure all equipment is in good working order and connecting and working correctly.

RC airplane flying is an amazing and fun sport as long as it's done in a safe and respectful manner. Having fun is the main goal, but as a pilot you always want to make sure you or anyone else never get hurt. - Remember everyone is a safety officer! - Keep your head on a swivel! - Eyes in the back of your head! Have a safe flying day! Always remember when in doubt, don't! - Ken

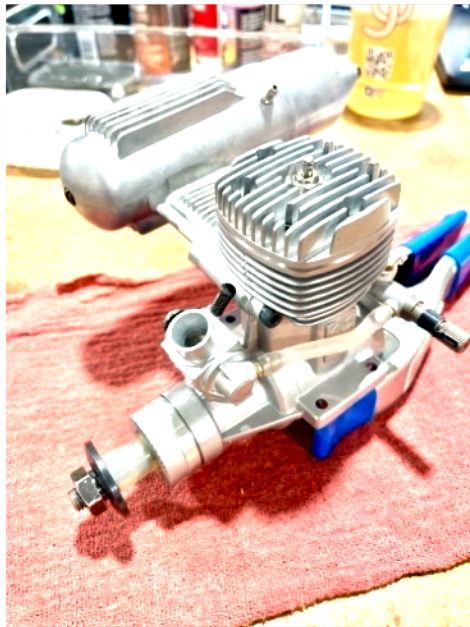


PLANES n' PROJECTS

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Making it Like New!

Restoring a Glow/Gas engine



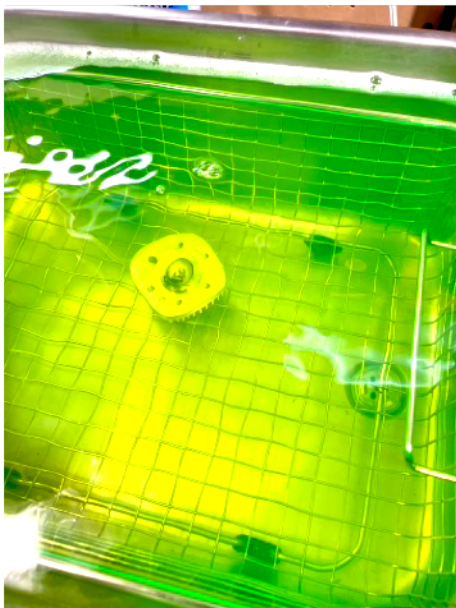
Looking like new after a thorough cleaning!

I thought I'd share a side of R/C flying that has somewhat been a new, fun, side gig for me. I'm a bit of a nostalgic R/C enthusiast, it reminds me of back in the 80's when I got started in R/C flying, and back then glow engines were the king of propulsion! There are a lot of glow engines for sale online and at swap meets that are great deals, sometimes they just need a little work!



I start by completely disassembling the engine, bearings and all, being very careful not to destroy o-rings or gaskets if possible (you can replace them). I rebuild 4-cycles as well!

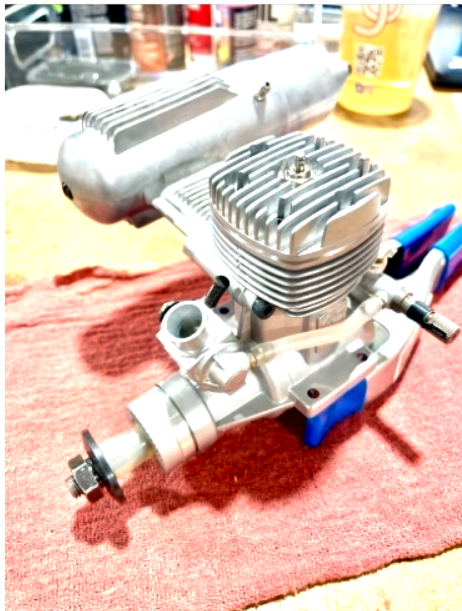
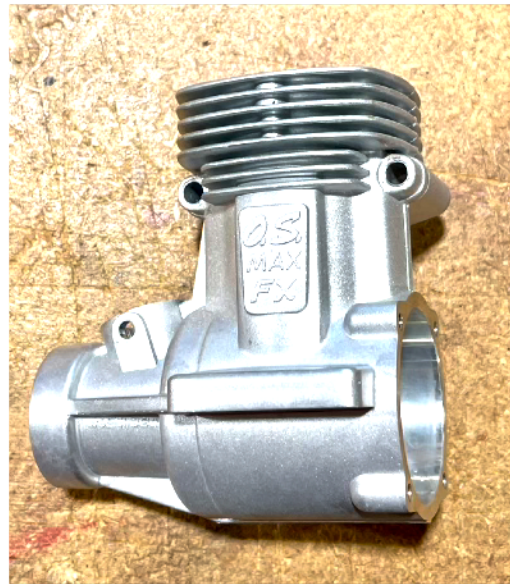
Next, all the parts go into the Ultrasonic cleaner. This is where the magic happens! This thing has heat, and I use a special solution that does not discolor aluminum.



Parts cooking away in there... I even put the bearings in there. (That's NOT antifreeze, it's a specialized cleaning solution that does not hard the aluminum finish).



Fresh out of the cleaner, they look like new! I rinse with water and then carefully dry all the parts with compressed air. Any steel parts get oiled right away, where I live they will rust quickly.



After all the cleaning, everything gets re-oiled and assembled. To put the bearings in I heat the case with a heat gun and press them in carefully. I then test run the engine on a stand and tune it. They run like a new engine!

Last step is to lube it all up and put into storage until it is installed on a new plane!

-Mike Feitinger

REMEMBER, SEND ME YOUR PROJECTS!