

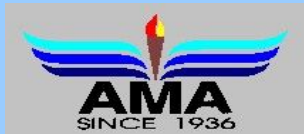


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Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 10th – Club Fly-In at Whispering Pines – No. Anson
Sunday, July 25th – Club Fly-In at Pease Field – N. New Portland
 Saturday, August 7th – Float Fly at Lily Pond – Concord Township

Safety Issue at Whispering Pines Airport

At a club meeting called by Frank at the Lily Pond event, the club decided to clearly state that no flying is to take place during field mowing or any other field maintenance, regardless of whether it is being performed by club members or airport owner Roy Jackson.

The club will erect a sign in the near future clearly stating the policy. This is simply a safety issue and must be observed by all members. We also want to remind members that safety is everyone’s concern, not just that of the Safety Officer.

Club T-Shirts

An order for T-shirts with club logo has been placed with a local Farmington graphics shop. Cost will be \$10.00 each in a variety of sizes. Available at next club meeting or contact Rick Matson at rnmaine@gmail.com..

***** Next Meeting *****

Sunday, July 25
at
Pease Field

FCAM 2010**Event Schedule**

Feb 26 Indoor Flying & Meeting - Anson

March 26 Indoor Flying & Meeting - Anson

April 16 Indoor Flying & Meeting - Anson

May 1 Club Fly-in - Whispering Pines

May 15 Club Fly-in - Pease Field

May 29 Float Fly & Meeting - Lily Pond

June 5 Club Fly-in - Whispering Pines

June 13 SUNDAY Club Fly-in & Meeting - Pease Field

June 26 Float Fly - Lily Pond

July 10 Club Fly-in - Whispering Pines

July 25 SUNDAY Club Fly-in & Meeting - Pease Field

Aug 7 Float Fly - Lily Pond

Aug 14 RC Display & Demo at Sugarloaf Regional Airport

Aug 28 Club Fly-in, Meeting & Picnic - Whispering Pines - Vern Duckworth Day - Rain Date is Aug 29

Sept 4 Float Fly - Lily Pond

Sept 19 SUNDAY Club Fly-in - Pease

Sept 25 Club Fly-in & Meeting - Whispering Pines

Oct 2 Float Fly - Lily Pond

Oct 9 Club Fly-in - Pease Field

Oct 23 Club Fly-in & Meeting - Whispering Pines

Nov 19 Meeting & Election - Anson

Event Cancellation

Should an event be canceled due to weather, it will be held the following day, Sunday.

Lily Pond

The weather forecast wasn't too inspiring but it turned out to be excellent for float flying. The turnout was good but not many were flyers. Eleven FCAM/KVMA members showed up and these were Joe G. Mark Hodges and his two sons Holden and Jackman, Bob C, Paul F, Rollie W, Frank B, Rick Matson and Larry Caldwell. also Art A was there too. Of these only Joe, Bob, Frank and Art flew. There were twelve aircraft plus Bob's helicopter. Nine put in flights.

Also watching us fly were Roger Edelhardt and grandson Ken, Bob Nichols from Farmington and Rick's friend Bill Clark.

Joe provided his granddaughter's kayak for retrieval purposes. Only Frank got to use it, twice in fact, to retrieve his Seamaster which experienced a couple flame-outs.

Paul didn't get to fly. While starting his Seamaster's engine his fingers came in contact with the whirling APC prop which cut into three fingers. First aid was administered and the fingers bandaged temporarily. He made it to the hospital in Skowhegan where stiches were put in. He made it home.



Art cooked some hot dogs on his grill. They were eaten in rolls only, as no one brought any condiments. I thought they tasted quite good. We sorely missed Wayne's cooking expertise and fine onions. And Wayne, who, unlike the rest of us, must work for a living and again missed a great float flying day. The last flyer departed at 12:15pm.

Monsieur A

A Lipo Tale

An interesting incident involving a Lithium Polymer battery was related to me this past week. It involves two new Lipos purchased to power a ducted fan model. Both batteries were balance charged and all appeared OK. When the first battery was installed and the takeoff was attempted, there was not enough power to lift off. This battery was then put on a balance charger where it was noted one cell was 0.4 volts lower than the others. It did balance out and charge.

In the meantime, the second new battery was installed in the jet and it flew as expected. After the flight, it was noted the battery was not excessively hot nor swelled.

At this time, the first battery was reinstalled into the aircraft for a “static” test with a Wattmeter inserted between the battery and plane to check the results. When throttled up, you can see the results in the photo! Quite disastrous! It was immediately disconnected placed in a location where it couldn't damage anyone or anything!

The moral? Well, I think most of us by now take proper precautions when charging Lipos. However, how many times have you performed static tests with new batteries or systems indoors where this could have turned into a disaster? I will admit to many such tests!



From this date forward, when performing static tests, I will place my Lipos in a “Lipo Guard” bag wherever possible or test in a safer area than I presently do! I hope all of you will take this story to heart and take the necessary precautions. As we can all see, not all Lipo failures occur when charging them!

Joe

Safety Officer's Corner by Roland Woodworth, Safety Officer, FCAM

Hi everybody!! Well the flying season is here!! FINALLY! So far everybody seems to be flying safe so far! I have yet to hear of any problems yet.

On June 13th we had a club fly-in at Pease Field at the New Portland site. Nothing bad happen, everybody seemed to have fun that day!! Even though we had the pesky flying bugs!! I think Art A. raises them!!

The only thing that I notice that in the beginning of the day we weren't communicating! By this I mean when you are coming out to fly you should let the pilot that is already flying know that you are coming out onto the runway to take off. And also if you have a flame out it would be a good idea to yell it out that you are a “DEAD STICK” and about to land. Also when you are flying if you are doing “touch and goes” just let everybody that is flying that you are doing this, that way everybody that is flying will know what you are doing. I would like to point out that doing the course of the day the communicating and the pilots talking to each other was better!!

Other than what I mention it was a very good day to fly and I think everybody had fun!! Fly Safe!!

Pease Field – June 13 by Joe Gilbert

We lucked out and had a nice warm day with little wind for the fly-in. All the members in attendance brought at least one plane to fly and I believe most had at least one flight.

There were no serious incidents while I was present. A few dead stick landings and bent nose gear!

Dean flew one of Vern's planes that had, I believe, one of the original OS 60 4-stroke engines with the exposed rocker arms and pushrods.

Several instructors were helping members and several guests with plane checkout and first flights.



Lewis was presented his “Solo Pilot” certificate certified by Bob H. He was very pleased that he has completed this first phase of his training.

Another milestone was also noted today. Art Aubé was observed by a number of members flying an “electric” powered LT-25! Is this another step in his conversion to electric power? We all note how he enjoys flying the Vapors during our indoor sessions.

Secretary's Report – June 13 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Frank at 11:45 am with 10 members and 2 guests present.

The Secretary's report of the may meeting was approved as printed in the June newsletter.

The Treasurer read his report and it was approved by the members. The Treasurer reported we have 24 paid up members.

Old Business:

It was reported that Pease Field was “limed” and the tractors at Pease and Whispering Pines both have covers in place.

New member Jay Webb was introduced at the meeting.

Dean Cates was nominated to become an “Instructor Pilot” by Lewis and it was approved. Lewis mentioned how much Dean had helped him.

The Secretary mentioned he still has club patches for sale for \$5.00 each.

New Business:

The club is going to check into the availability of T-Shirts and hats.

Also mentioned was “AMA Pilot” patches and Roland is going to check into the availability.

Meeting adjourned, Minutes submitted by Joe Gilbert

For sale!

A JR 9303 2.4ghz with charger and receiver! Asking \$400.00 or best offer, sorry no trades. I have had this radio since December 2009. You can contact me at 453-9319 or email me roland_1954@msn.com

Roland W.