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# September 2010

The next MRCF Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, 14 September 2010

**Location: American Legion Hall 7815 Armour St.**

**Corner of Armour and Convoy St.**

Board Meeting at 6:30 PM – Gen. Meeting at 7:00 PM

**NEW LOCATION: American Legion Hall at 7815 Armour Street.**

**Hwy 163 TO BALBOA AVENUE, WEST TO CONVOY STREET, LEFT ON CONVOY TO ARMOUR ST., TURN LEFT ONTO ARMOUR AND RIGHT INTO AMERICAN LEGION.**

**ADDITIONAL PARKING IS ACROSS THE STREET AT CARQUEST.**

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## CLUB OFFICERS

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## CLUB FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

Any club member who wishes to have some assistance should call one of our designated instructors. There is no duty instructor at the field, so you must prearrange a time with someone on this list.

Name	Number
Richard Barndt	(858) 213-5740
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MRCF members, this Sat, Sept 4, is the last of the open cockpit events at the Flying Leathernecks for 2010. As always, please bring a model, table, and chairs so we can display the fruits of our hobby. Please meet at the parking lot at 9:00AM and we plan to be there until about 1:00PM.

## **From the Left Seat:**

The pattern contest has come and gone and was a huge success. Once again your club did an outstanding job of hosting this event where our club members all had a good time enjoying something we don't normally get to see at the field. All our guests and participants seemed to enjoy flying their contest at the premier flying field in San Diego, and we made \$700. Thanks to all who came out to help, Mark did an exceptional job being the Air Boss for this event, his baptism by fire, and I know he wants to thank all who came out. Special thanks to Robin for running the "kitchen" again, those half pound hot dogs are great! The Pattern guys were very easy, they were pretty much self supporting with minimal drain on our members. They did their own scoring and scribing and running, so pretty much all we had to do was man the gate, have a flight line boss and cook lunch.

Our biggest manpower drain for these events we host is gate duty and even with the increasing membership it's still always a challenge to get "gate guards" to stand the gate duty. We tried locking the gate and telling the contestants that if they needed out they would need an escort and that just resulted in a member making several trips an hour to the gate to let people in and out, more work than just manning the gate. If anyone has thoughts on making the gate duty easier, please let me know.

Elections are coming! AMA District X will have a special election to fill the AMA Vice President seat vacated when Jim Giffin passed away last January. Ballots will be included with your AMA renewal and I would encourage everyone to vote. Ballot is pre-paid and does not get mailed back with your AMA renewal. If anyone has questions about the voting process or either of the candidates, please ask me. It's also not too early to consider running for office in MRCF. If you're considering running for club office, it would be a refreshing change to have a ballot with more than one choice, so just let someone, anyone know you'd like to run for office and I'm sure you'll get nominated.

See you at the field

Jerry

## **From the Right Seat:**

I would like to thank the members that stepped up to help Jerry and Mark with the Pattern Event, you all made their job much easier. The next event at the club is the CLUB DAY it is October 9th, this is the day to come out to the club for a day of fun, fly your model, have some lunch and take part in some simple fun fly rounds. Can you believe this weather, there has not been a bad day this year! I would like to think everyone is taking full advantage, if not get that model ready and make use of your club!

See you at the club meeting

As always Thank You for all of your help!

Curtis

## **Safety Coordinators:**

No comments for this month.

## Field Marshal:

Thanks a bunch for taking time out of your last weekend to make the AMA Pattern event a huge success for the participants and for the club. Many thanks to all of the people who helped out; many of whom spent well over 8 hours working this past weekend. We had a lot of new and familiar faces show up at the event.

**The real HEROES are the ones that showed up AND contributed by helping out at the gate, on the flight line, in the kitchen, selling merchandise, and with setup and tear down every day!**

It really makes it easy to run the event when people come up and ask what they can do to help out. That proactive participation ensures that no one has to spend too much time at any particular job and then everyone can enjoy the weekend even while working. We raised about \$600 (unofficial audit), we got great visibility for the club, and we made about 25 contestants' weekend an enjoyable and memorable experience!

Special thanks to all those that showed up and worked hard to make it a success:

Richard Brant	Darren Hauptman	Ed Hess
Bruce Kuller	Jim Luleff	Don Madison
Chris Madsen	Jerry Neuberger	Larry Noble
Ron Peterka	Tom Pham	Eric Sacco
George Sager	Robin Solomon	Dennis Teason

Please accept my apologies if I left any of the workers off the list – it was quite busy at times and I may have missed one or two.  
Thanks again,

Mark Lukens  
Field Marshall

## Helicopter Chairman:

No comments for this month.

## Membership Chairman:

It is almost that time again for the annual renewals for club membership. Please make sure that when the applications come out that you fill them out completely with address, phone, and email information. Every email blast we do still comes back with bad email addresses due to changes. Another item would be to make sure if you are a student and have since moved to a solo pilot or if you have moved to a trainer position that you let me know so I can update the master list and make sure your 2011 cards have the right color dot. If you want to update your email info now, please send me an email: [membership@miramarrcflyers.com](mailto:membership@miramarrcflyers.com)

As we go into our fall events, we will have several opportunities to recruit new military members. Every year we lose a few military members to relocation and we want to make sure we can keep the military membership at its current level. So at these events take the time to talk to and encourage any active military members to join our club.

Tom

**August 10 2010**

**Miramar Radio Control Flyers  
Minutes of the Meeting**

**Held at the American  
Legion Hall**

**President called the meeting to order at 1908 hrs.**

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the membership.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted by the membership. The membership made a motion to accept the report. Motion was made and seconded. The report was accepted by the membership.

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Guest at the meeting – Daniel Garrow, Charley (Chuck) Brown and Bruce Brown

Safety – Don Robinson – On vacation.

Field Report – Mark Lukens – No comments during this session.

Membership – Tom Mulder – The club is now at 130 members

**OLD BUSINESS**

Curtis reported the recent "Flight of Fancy" event at the field was a great success. Nine young people were present with their parents and the various planned events were well received. Thanks to all the members who volunteered for this event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

All members are reminded to always roll over all four numbers on the field gate and the pinbox locks when locking them. This will prevent unauthorized entry which is possible only with the last number changed.

A new club barbeque was authorized for purchase for club events.

Our club needs several additional flight instructors for new members at the field. It was suggested that a meeting be held for possible new instructors be held to insure they understand the instructor's responsibilities and their individual qualifications.

Our club operating procedures are currently in the process of review by Marine Military Authorities and Jerry will follow up for any questions or revisions.

Any member who brings a guest to fly at the field are responsible for the guest fee of \$5.00 for the day. All members should be aware of any guests at the field and follow up on our guest fee procedure (policy).

Members are reminded that the field cell phone will not be used for personal telephone calls.

Darren reported that the field table tops are in poor condition and would organize a group to re-surface many of them. An estimated cost of the materials will be prepared and presented.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

Frank Gagliardi demonstrated a small electric plane for consideration of pylon racing events. It has flaps and good control and can survive problems. The model for this racing is a Mini Ultra Stik. Frank presented the ARF in it's completed form, but also had drawn up 3 view plans for repairs to be done on the ARF. Also presented were 3 electric motor options that would be considered and cost between \$47 up to \$55. The battery would also be 1800 to 2500 Mah battery. The plane's weight ready to fly would be a minimum of 2.2 to 2.3 pounds. A meeting will be held with interested members to work up rules and regulations for these racing events.

It was observed that some of the club trainers need adequate field boxes equipped with fuel pumps, starters and flight items.

Ron Peterka demonstrated his process for molding scale airplane engine blades for static scale models. They are fiberglass reinforced for strength. He is contributing this procedure for display on the club website and the process involved.

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

TO ALL MEMBERS: Darren has set up a calendar on the website to schedule the events. Please go to [www.miramarreflyers.com](http://www.miramarreflyers.com) and click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page. If you have any suggestions, please contact Darren at [Darren@miramarreflyers.com](mailto:Darren@miramarreflyers.com).

September 4 – Flying Leatherneck Museum Display

October 9th - Club Day

November 13th - Veterans Day Flyin

December 4th - Toy for Tots flyin

December 14th - Christmas Dinner

**Meeting adjourned at 2015 hrs.**

The following campaign statements for District 10 Vice President candidates have been provided for your convenience. Miramar Radio Control Flyers does not endorse any candidate for any office.

The only thing we encourage regarding this issue is that everyone votes!

I have also included the flyer and entry form for the “Build A Big Bird” IMAA contest coming up.

Campaign statements are hard for me to write. I think, "What is the right thing to say?" What does the membership want to know? Do I tell you how many times I have been a club officer or how many years I have been one, or that I have held several club offices at the same time? Do I tell you how many years I have been a Contest Director or how many events I have put on, or what type of events? Do I tell you about my volunteering for the IMAA as the National Safety officer or as one of District X's IMAA Associate Directors? Maybe I should tell you I have been modeling since I was a very young boy, building and flying gliders and rubber powered airplanes, or how about my years flying control line airplanes. I know. How about, I have kit built, scratch built, designed or owned and flown just about every kind of model out there. Fun fly, combat, sport, aerobatic, military. From slow foamies to ripping fast USRA class airplanes, single engine to multi engine. Twins, three, four and even 6 engine airplanes, such as my scratch built B-36.

Although these things are important experience, maybe for a campaign statement I should tell you what I am doing right now. Good fresh current information. Let's try that.

Ok, first I belong to three clubs. I am currently the safety officer for the club, NCR/CUF, it is AMA chartered club 3233. I am also an Intro pilot and a flight instructor in the club as well as a Contest Director. I am still an IMAA associate Director for District X (I just signed up 46 new or renewal members at different IMAA events I attended). I am on the AMA's Safety Council and along with its regular duties of going over documents and safety programs, I voted for many new Experimental Class Inspectors. I am your current District X Vice President. The title is actually *interim District X Vice President*, that is, until you vote me to continue. But right now I have every responsibility, duty and yes privilege of the position, just as if I had been voted in by the membership. I am currently working with clubs building new flying fields or starting new Park Pilot fields. The information I am gathering to help clubs keep and attain new flying sites is working, and has already helped 1 club to get a flying field. I also approved funds to 4 different clubs for TAG events in 2010 and approved several new Contest Directors so more AMA Chartered clubs can hold sanctioned events. I also created and publish District X the Newsletter. I designed it so we, the district's members and clubs, can communicate together; share our events, our likes and dislikes. Also, so the members and clubs could be informed of the many benefits and programs offered by your AMA. I knew if we all contributed with pictures and stories of all our clubs, it would make it interesting to read and several thousand of you have proven it works and your support shows you like it. I am planning District X Fly-ins for 2011. FREE events sponsored by the district and put together by your district officers.

There is more I have done and more I am doing, but I think what is just as important as all of the information above in writing a campaign statement is making sure all the members of District X know how much I love this hobby. That I am a modeler just like all of you. I build and fly all kinds of airplanes. I have supported the AMA, its members and its clubs for years. The hobby is a part of me and my volunteer efforts are a way I can share all the joy it has brought me. If you, as a voting member of District X, want a person with a lot of real, past and current experience, then I am the right choice for you. If you want somebody to work passionately for you back at Muncie during the Executive Council meetings, then again, I am the one for you. But you have to vote. You can like everything I have written or done, or currently do, or just the newsletter itself, but it won't matter if, when your ballot comes in the mail, with your AMA renewal notice, you don't vote.... so take a moment, and vote your opinion. Vote for the person you feel comfortable with, a person who you know has the experience to run District X.

So, this is a campaign statement and with it I am letting you know, I want your vote to continue as your District X Vice President.

If you have any questions please call or email me any time.

I thank you for your time.

Michael Brown

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# Campaign Statement from Lawrence Tougas

Greetings,

I want to thank your Club Officers for providing me with the opportunity to present myself to you, so that you can make an informed decision when you cast your vote for AMA District X Vice-President this September.

I was a candidate in last year's District X election. I ran against our interim Vice-President Jim Giffin, who had been appointed by outgoing District Vice-President Rich Hanson. A lot of people told me I was crazy to run against the establishment; that there was no chance of breaking into the AMA Leadership as an outsider. Well I guess they were right because Jim won the election, but it turned out to be the closest election not only in the history of the District but in the entire history of the AMA which is something I am proud of. When the votes were tallied in a District with 28,000 members there was a 34 vote difference between Jim and I. It was a virtual tie but as I've told everyone those 34 votes did count and Jim was our new VP and I wished him all the best.

Normally Jim would be serving his three year term, but sadly one month into his term Jim passed away. We are now conducting a special election to determine who will lead District X.

I feel I am the best qualified candidate to serve as your Vice-President and I would like to give you some information on my background, goals, and the critical issues affecting the AMA as well as how to keep in touch with me so that you can decide for yourself who is best suited to be the next District X Vice-President.

## **Background**

I've been modeling since I was a child. I've built and flew free flight, control line, and radio control models. I've spent my whole life enthralled by all aspects of aviation. It was this love of aviation that prompted me to secure a Bachelor's of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of California. I also have a Commercial Multi-Engine Pilot's License with Instrument Privileges.

I have been a Design/Project Engineer for 23 years in the Aerospace Industry. I have worked in the Defense Industry, and am currently working at a major domestic airline. In Defense I designed parts for two missiles used in the "Star Wars" program, and produced parts for the Space Shuttle as well. In the airline industry on the maintenance side I have been the Primary Engineer, on flight control systems, aircraft interiors, and aircraft structure. On the Operations side I was the Operational Engineer on a wide-bodied aircraft, and as such worked with our Chief Pilots to maintain and modify the

aircraft flight manual used by all of our pilots. During my career I have worked a number of long-term projects that required supervising multiple participants to ensure project goals and time lines were met. I believe that translates directly in to skills that an effective District Vice-President would need.

In addition I have owned and operated my own Video Production Company and understand the skills need to be a successful entrepreneur. I know how to market my products, which I think are the skills that our local clubs need to employ to market themselves to their communities to win and retain flying sites.

## **Goals**

There are three primary goals that I will pursue as your District X Vice-President. First is to help clubs keep and obtain new fields. Next is to leverage the power of the Internet to cover District events and issues of interest to the membership. Last and certainly not least I would like to develop an AMA owned field in District X for the benefit of our membership.

### **Flying Fields**

Modeling begins and ends with a place to fly. That is why my top goal will be to help keep and find new fields. Modelers are a self-reliant group who typically handle all of their needs amongst themselves without asking for others to help. We need to not be hesitant to ask for support. We need to build ties with our community

My ideas about helping clubs in this area revolve around being proactive. I believe the most important Officer in a club is not the President or Treasurer, but the Community Relations Officer. If your club doesn't have one you should seriously consider electing one. This position would be responsible for your clubs dealings with your neighbors and if you're on public land the entity that controls it or on private land, your landlord. This person should be a real schmoozer, someone who has the ability to charm our neighbors and the decision makers who control our field's futures.

Having a Community Relations Officer puts one name and number in place for your neighbors to contact if they have concerns. This person could organize your Community Appreciation day. One club in District X the Livermore Flying Electrons goes around the surrounding neighborhood knocking on doors and leaving fliers inviting their neighbors to join them at their field. While there they serve a free lunch and provide demonstrations as well as opportunities to try flying on a buddy box and simulators. The LFE's have reported to me the great success they've had because they got out, knocked on doors and made the first move to introduce themselves.

The Community Relations Officer would issue press releases to alert your news outlets of the positive actions your club has accomplished and events the public can attend. Recently the Trabuco RC Flyers in Orange County California had a community day and it was covered both before the event and after the event by the Orange County Register. This is a Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper that is one of the most significant in Southern California. The reason they were covered was because they made it a priority and they kept in constant contact with a reporter at the paper, their hard work paid off.

Perhaps the most important thing your Community Relations Officer would do is maintain the club's relationship with your public officials that control your land or a landlord on private land. This is an election year. In many parts of our District the Decision makers that control your field are up for election. Clubs can do several things to take advantage of the opportunities that this presents. Many times we feel that the only thing that we can offer a candidate is money, while it is true that money talks we also have a valuable resource, manpower. Running a local campaign takes a lot of volunteer manpower and we should be aligning ourselves with candidates that are friendly to our cause and help elect them. They need people to put up signs, go door to door asking for votes and leaving literature and manning phone banks calling voters asking them to vote for the candidate. If your club can deliver that kind of help the Official will remember it and take your call when you need to talk to them and be sympathetic to you when others raise issues about your field.

Many clubs run fund raisers, why not choose a charity that is important to your public officials or landlord and involve them in the pictures and press releases detailing the money raised or help provided. If we are going to help our community we should double up by selecting a beneficiary that our field's decision makers support.

Find out the Birthdays of these decision makers and acknowledge them with a card from the club. Another way to keep in touch is to take them out to lunch on an on-going basis as a friendly informal meeting, not necessarily to bring up issues each time but to just keep an open line of communication. If you have a Christmas banquet you should invite the decision makers and their significant others to be guests of the club.

I have a lot of ideas in this area and it is one of the reasons I want to move coverage of events from our District X column in the magazine to the Internet and use the magazine space to discuss the techniques that clubs have found successful to protect their fields.

### **The Internet**

We can do a better job of covering District events than we currently do in the magazine column. Last year while I was campaigning I pointed out the opportunities that we were missing by having such a static website for District X, and how we could better cover events on the Internet. I discussed how the Internet gives us unlimited space. We can publish color photos, and even video of the events. Imagine a District wide mailing list that alerts members when new information is published. A club could have a weekend event, write it up Sunday night and it could be on-line Monday morning for members to read with their morning coffee.

The District X establishment did nothing of mention regarding the Internet until they came within 34 votes of losing their control over the District. Suddenly we have a newsletter. I think it's well produced and a good read but you have to ask yourself, if it didn't exist until the closest election in AMA history happened; what is their long-term commitment to it? I believe its primary purpose is to campaign for the election and when the election is over it will die out.

I have demonstrated I am firmly committed to use of the Internet. For over a year I've been publishing my own site;

**<http://ama-district-x-election.blogspot.com/>**

As your District Vice-President I will publish a similar website covering past District events, alerting members to upcoming events, create a District Hall of Fame to give the many deserving members of our District who go above and beyond the recognition they deserve. We can publish building and flying articles and use it as a call to arms when one of our clubs is threatened. Members will be able to subscribe to email alerts that will tell them when new articles have been published so they can read about them as soon as they are on-line. The possibilities are literally endless, and I look forward to doing much more than has been done in the past and in a more timely manner than what we are currently doing.

### **West Coast AMA Flying Site**

I believe that the majority of our members should have access to an AMA owned and operated field like the one we have in Muncie Indiana. Past District X Vice-Presidents have championed a West Coast Flying Site, I believe it is time to take up the task and work until we have a site District X members can enjoy.

If we set a criteria that, say 75% of a District's membership should be within a 2 day drive of an AMA owned facility, and we define a 2 day drive as 10 hours each day, certainly long but doable let's take a look at what we have now.

Using Google maps with Muncie as our destination here are the drive times between various cities in Districts I-IX. Starting with Denver and moving around the map clockwise we have Denver at 18:46, Rapid City SD. 18:12, Bismarck ND.17:55, Minneapolis, MN. 11:19, Milwaukee, WI. 5:48, Detroit, MI. 4:09, Buffalo, NY. 7:38, Boston, MA. 14:44, Bangor, ME. 18:21, Philadelphia, PA. 10:29, Greenville, NC. 11:20, Charleston, SC. 11:57, Miami, FL.20:09, New Orleans, LA. 13:47, and Houston, TX. 18:13

Now let's look at Districts X and XI. Starting at Tucson, AZ. driving times are 29:00, Phoenix, AZ. 29:00, San Diego, CA. 34:00, Los Angeles, CA. 34:00, Las Vegas, NV. 31:00, San Francisco, CA. 37:00, Eugene, OR. 38:00, Seattle, WA. 36:00, Billings, MT. 23:40, and Salt Lake City, UT. 25:00.

I have not decided where our AMA West flying site should be, in fact I've said before that a group of modelers working on the question taking into account geographic center of the district, population center of the district, a welcoming city, accommodations for visitors and more should be considered. That being said let's compare the District X, and XI cities to the city chose last time this effort was pursued, Visalia, CA. The driving time from those same DX and XI cities to Visalia are, Tucson, AZ. 11:01, Phoenix, AZ. 9:04, San Diego, CA. 5:11, Los Angeles, CA. 3:13, Las Vegas, NV. 6:03, San Francisco, CA. 3:57, Eugene, OR. 11:02, Seattle, WA. 15:49, Billings, MT. 21:14, and Salt Lake City, UT. 12:34.

So you can see most of the Midwest, Eastern Seaboard, and South is within our definition of a 2 day drive to Muncie, while none of the cities in Districts X and XI are. With the addition of only one additional site we can serve all AMA members in a more equitable fashion.

We would have a site available to host major competitions, a portion of the Nats could

rotate out to the west coast as has been done in the past, and large fun flies like the Joe Nall event would be possible. We would have a site that will be a capital asset for the AMA and since land is at a 10 plus year low we should see long term appreciation of this asset. As I meet members on my visits around the District easily 9 out of 10 people find the idea of an AMA West site exciting, and something that they would support.

My opponent has stated that he will not push for a West Coast flying site. He even went as far as to call it a, "BAD idea." To be honest with you I just don't understand that way of thinking. This is something that the majority of members I meet feel is a good idea.

They look at how they are limited by distance from using the Muncie property and see a west coast flying site as something to point to as a tangible benefit from the AMA, for the dues they pay. As your District Vice President I think it is a worthy goal and one I will pursue. Speaking of goals, Wayne Gretzky the famous hockey player once said, "You miss 100% of the shots you never take." As your District Vice-President this is one shot I will take for you.

## **Critical Issues**

### **Small Unmanned Aircraft System NPRM**

I want to touch on the Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) FAA rule making that has the potential to affect our sport. This is the most critical issue modelers have faced in over a decade; we need to marshal all of our assets to respond to the upcoming FAA Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). As an Aeronautical Engineer a significant part of my job is responding to NPRM's, we need to be prepared to demonstrate to the FAA that any alternate rules we proposed will provide the same or higher level of safety than the wording in the NPRM. I do not believe the FAA has any desire to harm modeling, in fact I'm sure a higher than average percentage of FAA staff have been or are modelers themselves, but we need to be ready to respond. As your District Vice-President I will bring my experience to bear on protecting your right to enjoy modeling and pass it on to the next generation.

### **Meeting the Members**

I have made it a priority to get out and meet with members all over our District. One of the advantages I have that helps me to travel the District is that I work for a major airline and enjoy employee pass travel privileges. This has allowed me to travel up and down California, as well as out to Arizona, and Utah. I've covered a lot of miles, including my upcoming trip to an event on Ford Island on Oahu, I'll have clocked over 12,000 miles on the road meeting members. I will be at events in Nevada too before the election is over. Everywhere I go I hear the same thing, members simply are not meeting our District Vice-President and Associate Vice-Presidents as often as they would like. I am committing to continuing to travel the District as your Vice-President and I will meet with my Associate Vice-Presidents as soon as I am elected so that we can map out the major events in the District and build a plan so that myself or one of my Associate Vice-Presidents will be at these events to show the flag, meet the members and let you know that you do matter.

## **How to Stay In Touch**

There are several ways for you to stay in touch with me. First you can visit my website it is at;

<http://ama-district-x-election.blogspot.com/>

I send out an email discussing events I have attended or am planning to attend and items of note. It comes out about once a week to a growing number of District X members. If you would like to be added to the list please send an email to;

**AMADistrictXElection@gmail.com**

Finally I can't do this all by myself, I need members who support me to represent me at their club. All you really need to do is bring up the subject of the election and let people know where they can find out more about me. You can share this letter with them and discuss the issues raised in it and let them know why you support me. The most important thing you can do is remind them to vote. Last year we had 15% of eligible voters return their ballots, that is high for an AMA election but we can and will do better this year. If you would like to represent me at your club send me an email and I will add you to a special email list that will allow you to receive election bulletins.

Ultimately the members of District X will choose the candidate that they feel is best qualified to be elected. If the Members choose me I would consider it an honor to serve District X as their Vice-President.

I wish you all the best, and may you have many safe, and happy landings.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence Tougas  
AMA 232

P.S. You will receive your ballot with your AMA renewal in September. The ballot is a post card that you simply detach, mark your choice and drop in the mail, it even has the postage on it for your convenience. Do not, I repeat do not send your ballot with your dues renewal they go to two different places and if you send your ballot with your dues your vote will be invalidated.

**Please cast your  
vote for Lawrence  
Tougas today.**



# "BUILD A BIG BIRD" RULES



## A Postal and E-Mail Photo Event

### Introduction

Welcome ! IMAA is all about having fun so above all, we want you to have fun in joining us with the Build a Big Bird promotion. This is not an FAI big bunch of 'nitpicky rules' so please be patient with us and apply common sense in entering.

### Eligibility

If you are already an IMAA member or you are just joining now, this is for you. Only one entry in any of the categories is allowed per member. Just to be fair, the Officers and Board of Directors and their immediate families are not eligible to enter this promotion.

### Model Requirements

The model must adhere to the IMAA Safety Code rules for fixed wing. Basically, monoplanes must have a wingspan over 80" and Biplanes 60". Also a true 1/4 scale model is acceptable. You can download the Safety Code from our website (see below)

### Model Cost

Your model must be "affordable". The challenge is to make it cost under \$500.00. This cost does not include the cost of motor, radio and servos. The accepted cost of the kit, ARF or whatever will be the published "street price" so do tell us where you got it. Special deals from your uncle Bob's basement don't count here.

### Categories

The following categories will be used with a first prize of \$1,000.00 (US) for each category:

**Kit or Scratch Built:** This is for you builders. One of your photos should show the model under construction.

**ARF:** We wanted to include the growing ARF community here. You can 'kit bash' or just do a super custom finishing job on your ARF. One of your photos should show the ARF as it came from the box. (We've checked and there's a lot of ARFs out there under \$500.)

**Junior:** This category is aimed at those younger modelers aged 19 or under as of 1 July 2011. They can enter either an ARF, Scratch Built or a Kit built entry. (Please tell us if your Dad interfered too much in 'helping' you with the model.

### Photos

You can send up to 5 photos of your entry project. We prefer that you send these electronically (jpg) and in a reduced format so that we don't clog up the bandwidth. If you send more than 5 we will only take the first five we open. If you can't send them via email then send them on a CD by mail. Of course, we will also accept standard mail and hardcopy photos.

### Judging

We have selected a panel of judges who will score all the entries in each category. They will not be given the identity of the entrant. So only the photos and your description text will be used. The models, based on the photos, will be judged for:

- **Workmanship & Creativity**
- **'Fidelity' in the case of a scale model, or**
- **Originality in a sport or non-scale model**

### Deadlines

This promotion opens May 15th 2010. The deadline for entry is midnight 1st March 2011. Winners will be announced at the 2011 Joe Nall event May 14th 2011.

Winners will also be posted on the IMAA website and in High Flight Magazine.

### Prizes

The winner in each of the three categories listed above will receive \$1,000.00. There will be additional awards in each category, pending sponsorship, to be announced throughout the promotion.

Entries sent to:

**Email entries to:** [gogiantkms@comcast.net](mailto:gogiantkms@comcast.net)

**Postal entries send to:** Chief Judge  
IMAA Build a Big Bird  
1346 San Pablo Ave  
Berkeley, CA 94702



### Contacts:

For additional information and current information on this event please visit the IMAA website regularly [www.fly-ima.org](http://www.fly-ima.org)

# Build a Big Bird Entry Form

This Form is Also Available on the IMAA Website at [www.fly-ima.org](http://www.fly-ima.org)

Please Print Legibly

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State / Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## IMAA Information:

I'm already an IMAA Member# \_\_\_\_\_  
Or

I've just joined IMAA via (circle correct one) website/post mail on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

I am entering the following category:

- Kit or Scratch Built  
 ARF  
 Junior (My birthdate is \_\_\_\_\_)

My model Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the ARF/kit/materials were purchased at: \_\_\_\_\_

**Model Description:** (Tell us about your model and how you built it. Less than 100 words please and note there will be no deductions for grammar or spelling)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Photos:** Send max 5 photos (email jpg or CD preferred) One photo to show model under construction or if an ARF as it came from the box.

Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight 1 March 2011

Send Email entries to: [gogiantkms@comcast.net](mailto:gogiantkms@comcast.net)

Send Postal entries send to: Chief Judge  
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The Undersigned Agrees: To allow IMAA the use of all Photographs and information Submitted with this Entry for IMAA promotional purposes.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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