



OFFICIAL NEWS FROM THE DIXIE AEROMASTERS

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AN AMA GOLD LEADER CLUB

*******NEXT MEETING:*******

SEPTEMBER 17th “PICADILLY CAFETERIA,” 7PM, IN THE MACON MALL. Enter the parking spaces East of PENNEYS and come back West to the Picadilly Entrance. If you want to eat and fellowship be there early (6PM ish) This is the only chance to get first hand info on Your Dixie Aeromasters Club Functions. YOUR PRESENCE COUNTS, So MAKE it COUNT!!! BE THERE!!!

“NOTICE”

I have the new (properly embroidered) Shirts, and I will give those that purchased the old (improperly embroidered) shirts until after the meeting to make arrangements to swap them out or at that time, what is left will be sold to first come first served. I cannot hold them any longer than that.

DIRECTIONS TO THE FIELD:

Going North toward Gray, or South from Gray, on the Gray Highway, (GA St 129) watch for the new Traffic Light at LITE-N-TIE road. There is an Exchange Bank on the Southeast corner. Turn East onto LITE-N-TIE Road. Go about 1.5 miles to OVERLAND WAY and turn left. The field will be on the right. (0.9 mile)

UP AND COMING EVENTS:

- Hodges Hobbies All Electric Fly-In Sep 29
Hodges, Andersonville, GA
- Wings & Wheels, Aviation Museum Oct. 13
Robins AFB, GA
- Warbirds over Florida Oct. 12 & 13
Jacksonville, FL

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY Y’ALL”

My apology, to Billy Huff, for leaving him off the list last month. Hope you had a good one Billy.

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“EDITORIAL”

As each Meeting Night progresses it really impresses me to walk away, most of the time, with a chest full of pride just to be a member of this fine organization.

Those of you that were there know our club was presented with a “Ten Year” Gold Leader Club Award by The Academy of

Model Aeronautics, our Parent, and Governing Organization. Those of you that were not there, for whatever reason, missed getting a patch to be put on your flying shirt to commemorate the occasion. You can call me and make arrangements to pick up one or two. Better yet come to the meeting and get them. I have what is needed for every member or I have the means to get more if necessary.

The “Gold Leader Award” is at the top of the prestige list of awards the Academy gives those Clubs that display an abundance of community goodwill. They do not hand this award out like Hot Dogs at an Atlanta Braves baseball game neither. There are 5 goals that must be met on an annual basis, and 9 electives. We, the Dixie Aeromasters, can take pride in this award, as it has been a hard work endeavor to accomplish all 14 goals and electives. We have met, and in some areas exceeded, the requirements. We have put on several charity events each year. The “Make A Wish” and “Toys For Tots” Fun-Fly’s, and don’t forget the “Wings and Wheels” Display at the Base. Just to name a few) We are diligent to expose our hobby to the public. (Be at the field on a weekend and look around) We have gained the respect, and support of the community as we have done repeatedly year after year. Case in point; Look at the facilities the Jones County Commissioners have provided, and what about the crowds we have at our Fun-Fly’s. Our Field is set up according to AMA specifications and regulations. That Did not materialize overnight or just happen either.

I am especially humbled to have been given the responsibility, and trust, to keep and care for the beautiful Plaques the Academy has sent us to be presented to the club.

For those of you that missed the meeting, if you are ever close to Archer Court, please feel free to drop by and lay an eyeball on it. I’ve made a place of distinctive honor for it in my Computer and Work Room, right beside the “Five Year” Award Plaque. Y’all are welcome to drop by anytime if you can

catch me at home. Just please, don’t all come at the same time.

Up date on Mac’s brother Billy:

Billy is still in Med Center ICU in Macon. He is improving but very slowly. His jaw is unwired and he can stick out his tongue at you. His recovery is going as well as we can expect, but He still needs your prayers.

From the Sacramento Valley Soaring Society,
Novato, California

You're Addicted to RC, When...

1. You read nothing but transmitter and model manuals in the bathroom.
2. You have converted a mobile home to have room for all your airplanes with just space enough to sleep.
3. Your RC insurance costs more then your car’s.
4. You have something RC within a radius of 5 feet from you at all times.
5. You’ve heard, “Hey that looks just like the airplane I tossed in the bin after crashing last week,” more than once at your flight field.
6. A full-scale airplane passes overhead and you move your thumbs to match its movements.
7. If you plan to go outside for any reason and it’s windy, you go back inside again and find out when it’s due to be calm next.
8. When the power steering goes, you tell the people at the garage to change the servo.
9. If you worked feverishly in all your free time, it would take three years to clear up your backlog of kits.
10. You host a fun-fly when it’s so cold that one of the events is starting your engine.
11. You accept a crash as an opportunity to start a great new kit.
12. Every time you pass a garage sale, you look for wings.
13. If you spend more money at the local hobby shop in one hour than you make in a month.

14. You keep your old van just to transport airplanes in.
15. When you go to Home Depot and the PVC pipe and fittings section gives you ideas for new wing racks instead of plumbing projects.
16. The smooth tarmac bike trail at your local park has funny airport markings sprayed on it.
17. Your car has a ski box on its roof, yet you never go skiing.
18. You have a "special room" for your airplanes.
19. You have a gallon drum of adhesive in your shed.
20. You have at least three different heating irons.
21. Your neck shows a white strip, that is the same width as your transmitter strap. Q

Tips & Tricks

1. Removing Covering from Balsa Sheeting

Removing covering from balsa sheeting can be tricky. If you cut too deeply, you can compromise the wood's integrity. By placing the blade in the knife handle as shown in the photo, you can easily adjust and control the depth of the cut. To set the blade's depth, use it on a scrap piece of sheeting and make test cuts before you make the actual cuts on the model.

2. Rubber Band Storage

Here is a good way to store your rubber bands. Just put them in a Ziploc bag and cover them with Talcum Powder or Corn Starch. This will soak up the exhaust oils and condition the rubber and help them last longer!

Cheaper Small-Parts Storage

Here is a suggestion for easy storage of small screws and bits. All you need is an ice cube tray. The advantage of this idea is that ice cube trays can be bought at low prices unlike professional parts organizers.

3. Efficient, Glow-plug Igniter Cleaner

Oil residue can prevent glow igniters from working properly. If you carry yours in your

pocket, even the lint in there can cause your igniter to malfunction. A good way to clean igniters is with alcohol and an old electric toothbrush. A clean tip on the igniter will allow more current to reach the glow-plug element for more reliable starting.

4. Clear Canopy Polish

Here is a good canopy polish tip, use toothpaste on the canopy. Smear a liberal amount of toothpaste on the canopy and use toilet tissue to buff the canopy to a glossy finish that will not scratch at all. Then use alcohol cleaner to remove any residue left by the toothpaste. It works very well!

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