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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 14, 2007**

### **Work Day & Club Meeting Combination**

This will be our first work day of the year. Work will commence at 9:00 a.m. and the monthly club meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m.

**April 21, 2007**

Dinner at the Runway Restaurant (at the Butler Airport) starting at 3:30 p.m. Come out and have fun with us.

**Don't Forget!** We have hats, shirts and jackets available with the new club logo. Order yours today.

### **CLUB OFFICERS:**

#### **President:**

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#### **Vice President:**

Jeff Bon  
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#### **Secretary:**

Mike Gumkowski  
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#### **Treasurer:**

Doug Snyder  
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#### **Director:**

Vance Van Patten  
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## **First Official Meeting of 2007**

For those of you who missed our first official general membership meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, here's a brief run down on what happened.

First, on behalf of the BAMS, we would like to express our gratitude to Tom and Sue Mekis for allowing us to, once again, invade their home in order to have our meeting.

According to our Treasurer, Doug Snyder, we actually have a few bucks in the kitty. Doug reports that after expenses, we have nearly \$1,500 in the bank.

We have received AMA Sanction for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fun Fly scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, due to Palms Sunday and Easter falling on the same day as our previously scheduled meeting day, we will be combining the work day with the meeting. This is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. IF you check out calendar, you will find these changes.

## **Roster & Mowing Schedule Ready**

A preliminary roster, as well as a mowing schedule has been put together. These will be posted to the website within the next few days. Members in good standing with the club will be able to access the roster through the password-protected Members Only area as soon as all of it has been set up. Members will be receiving an email with details once this is completed.

## **The Field & Mowing It**

Due to some problems with the mower, club President, Roy Scott, announced that he would do the first mowing of the new season in order to re-establish the mowing boundaries of the field. Because of potential problems in mowing beyond these boundaries, members mowing beyond the established boundaries will be penalized in some fashion. Perhaps we will make them club President for a year as a penalty.

## **Annual Membership Dues**

For any member renewing their annual club membership, there is now a \$10.00 late fee added since renewal was due by the end of 2006. So, if you haven't renewed yet, it is going to cost you \$50.00 now. Remember that dues must be paid by December 31 of the current year.



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## What's New!

We have lots of goodies being raffled off this upcoming season. We got a new Transmitter, the newest Stryker electric and now we are raffling off a very nice jacket with the club's logo embroidered on the back. Catch Roy Scott at the field to get your tickets.

## Don't Forget To Visit The New Discussion Forum!

Look for the Members Only area of the website to be completed shortly.

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## New Discussion Forum

Over the past few months' some members have asked for a means by which they could stay up-to-date as well as be able to share things like build projects or a joke here and there. The means is now available.

A new Discussion Forum feature has been added to the club's website. Our club members, as well as visitors to our website, have access to this new feature. Anyone visiting the forum is able to view all the messages, but only those who elect to become a registered member of our little on-line community will have full access – which includes being able to create new messages and/or reply to existing ones.

This feature has been added to the website in an effort to make it more "user friendly". The forum addition may be a temporary addition. Whether it becomes a permanent part of our website depends on how well club members accept and support the efforts of those attempting to make our club, and its website, a better place to belong.

## Low-Cost Web Site

If you are interested in a low-cost alternative to being able to have your own personal website, the BAMS are making space available to our members at the unbelievable price of just \$10.00 per year.

With this space, you can post up whatever you want (keeping it all in good taste). Some are taking advantage of this offer to have a place to display the planes in their hangers. This would be a good way to display your current build project or to show the remains of a crash victim. The choice is yours. And your \$10.00 goes directly to the club. For more information, contact one of the Board Members.

## Members Only Area

Now that a preliminary roster and the mowing schedule for the 2007 flying season is now available, the Members Only area of our website will get the finishing touches. This area will be password protected and only our club members will be able to access this section of the website. In the Members Only area, you can expect to find the Treasurer's report, Meeting minutes and the current roster.

In order to keep the Members Only area secure, all members are encouraged to keep your user name and password confidential. Please do not share this information.