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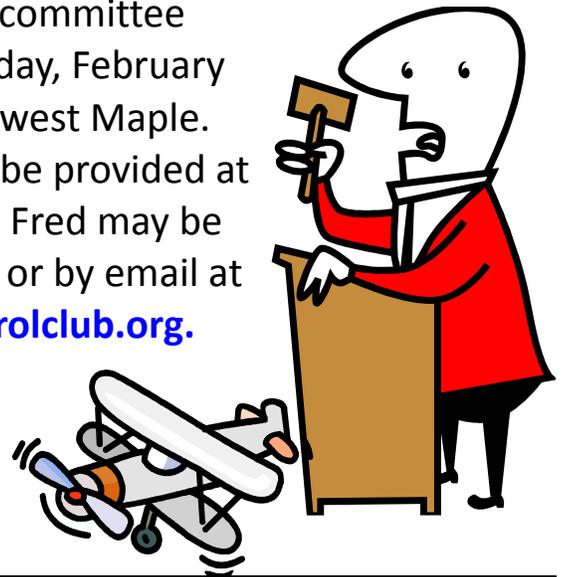
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online at  
[www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org](http://www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org)

## The WRCC 50th Annual Auction

The auction is right around the corner, and there is still much to do! Contact Fred Harvey to let him know how you can help. The next auction committee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 23rd, 7:00pm at Spear's on west Maple. An auction update will also be provided at the February club meeting. Fred may be contacted at 316.788.4493, or by email at [auktion@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org](mailto:auktion@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org).

Information on how to register as a buyer and/or seller, and other details are available on the web site.



## February Meeting

The February meeting is on Thursday, Feb 24th at the Kansas Aviation Museum, 7:00. Come join the meeting to find out what's going on with the club. Agenda items will include:

- Auction updates
- Field reports
- Membership renewals
- Upcoming events
- Monthly Raffle



We look forward to seeing you there!



### Newsletter Submissions:

Submit your stories and pictures to the WRCC News! Deadline is the 2nd Friday of each month. Include your contact information and send e-mail to [newsletter@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org](mailto:newsletter@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org)

## Update on pending legislation...

Many of our fellow hobbyists have been watching the news intently regarding pending FAA restrictions on model aircraft flying. Information on the original article can be found at this link:

<http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?contentBlockId=80760875-a5a3-451e-b415-7c5248645401>

Following is updated information about a pending bill that would help to maintain the hobby closer to our current state. Please consider reaching out to your representatives to encourage support of this bill!

### AMA Works to Amend Reauthorization Bill Providing Relief for Model Aviation from sUAS Rules

20 February 2011

By [gary](#)

M U N C I E, I N – Sen. James Inhofe, OK, successfully sponsored S.223 in the Senate yesterday with an amendment specifying a “Special Rule For Model Aircraft” that **provides an exemption from regulation for model aircraft** operating within the following parameters:

Flown specifically for recreational, sport, competition, or academic purposes;

Operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines within the programming of a nation-wide community-based organization;

Limited to 55 pounds or less unless certified through a design, construction, inspection, flight test, and operational safety program currently administered by a community-based organization.

“On behalf of our 140,000 members I want to thank Senator Inhofe, Chairman Jay Rockefeller and Ranking Republican Kay Bailey Hutchinson for their leadership in shepherding the FAA reauthorization bill through the U.S. Senate,” said Academy of Model Aeronautics President Dave Mathewson. “Aeromodeling is an exceptional family recreational and education activity that has traditionally been a stepping stone for our children to careers in aviation and aerospace. With the Senators’ help we hope model aviation will continue to help provide that impetus for future generations of engineers, pilots and astronauts.”

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives, which is expected to rule on the matter in the very near future.

AMA has contended that the purpose and operation of model aircraft flown for recreational purposes is uniquely different from the operation of the growing number of commercial small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) for which the FAA is drafting regulation. Aeromodelers operating under

AMA’s guidelines have earned a reputation of being one of the safest, if not the safest users of the National Airspace System. This exemplary safety record spans more than 75 years.

The Academy of Aeronautics, founded in 1936, charters 2,400 clubs across the country, sanctioning more than 2,000 events and competitions as a member of the National Aeronautic Association. It is dedicated to promoting aeromodeling as a recreational, competitive and academic pursuit.

Article found at

<http://www.suasnews.com/2011/02/3841/ama-works-to-amend-reauthorization-bill-providing-relief-for-model-aviation-from-suas-rules/>

## Kansas Aviation Museum to Host Aviation Camp for Youth

The Kansas Aviation Museum formally announces the introduction of its first annual summer aviation camp. The camp, entitled Taking Wing, will be exclusively for fifth grade students and will include multiple, half-day sessions lead by a host of aviation professionals representing several hundred years of collective knowledge regarding aviation history and manufacturing.

Participants will learn the basics of flying, create a flight plan and follow that course on the museum's flight simulator, learn about the beginnings of aviation in Wichita, have a dogfight in the museum's Simulation Adventure Center, build and fly their own model aircraft, sit in the cockpit and learn about the functions of a KC-135 refueling tanker and/or Boeing 727 airliner and on the final day of the camp, go on an actual flight with Captain Doug Moler - a retired 747 pilot - in his Beechcraft Bonanza.

The camp is offered beginning June 20th through the 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. Cost for the camp is \$125 dollars per person. For additional information about the camp,

Contact the KAM by phone at:

316-683-9242  
877-683-9242 toll free

or by email at:  
lonsmith@kansasaviationmuseum.org



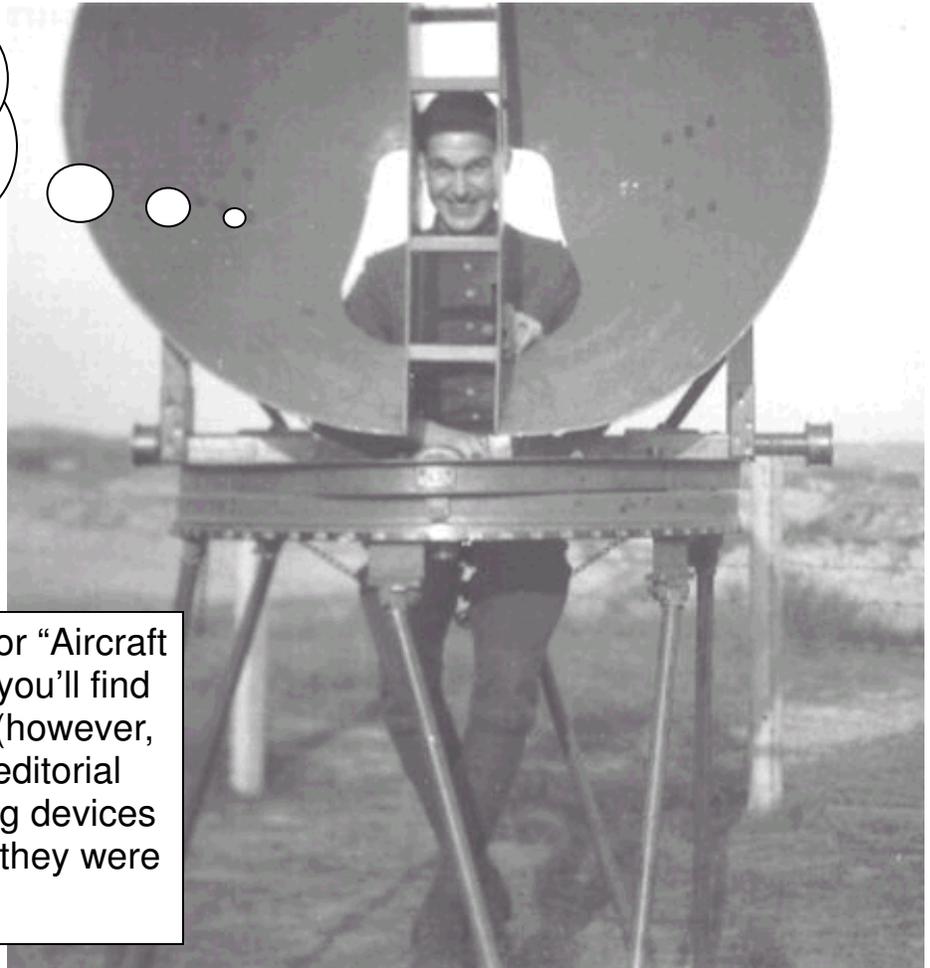
Be sure to check the website for other upcoming events and opportunities!

[www.kansasaviationmuseum.org](http://www.kansasaviationmuseum.org)

## 2011 WRCC Membership Renewals

It is time to renew your WRCC Membership. Please submit a new membership application with your annual membership dues so that we have current information on each member. The application is available to print on our website at [www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org](http://www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org).

You must also have a current AMA membership to fly at the WRCC sponsored fields. Visit [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org) for membership information and to renew or join.



Try doing a Google search for "Aircraft detection before radar" and you'll find lots of pictures like this one (however, the thought balloon was an editorial add...). Lots of crazy-looking devices to help 'hear' aircraft before they were visible.

## Formula Bob

Submitted by Bob Maltby

As you're cleaning up your planes for the spring thaw, you might give this tried and true recipe a shot!

- 5 cups water
- 1/2 cup ammonia
- 1 cup rubbing alcohol
- 1 ounce Dawn dish soap

Mix all ingredients in a clean milk jug. Pour enough in a spray bottle for field use. This solution will cut through the oil buildup on the underside of your plane and leave it squeaky clean. The recipe may be cut in half if you don't need a whole gallon. Dawn liquid dish soap seems to be the only dish detergent that cuts all the oils without leaving a residue on the plane.



Marvin Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the November meeting were presented.

Visitors: Bill Fonger with son Chris

**Reports:**

**Treasurer** – Terry Powell gave report.

**Calendar** – Loren has submitted sanctioning request for Jumbo event at El Dorado June 25-26. Don Pemberton has submitted dates for pylon racing at Lake Afton.

**Safety** – No report

**Website** – no report

**Chapin** – Loren Tregallis reported that the windsock is gone. Terry Grimes has sock, said post needs some repair

**Beech** – Still flying there month-to-month according to Loren Tregellas. Jerry Salter has hauled off storage building. Mower is not working – will need some repair.

**Afton** – Don reported dates of pylon racing.

**Annual Awards** – Marvin asked members to pick up awards if they weren't at the Christmas Party.

**Auction** – Fred Harvey reported that he has been in contact with the AMA regarding event promotion. Hopes to have a big event since this is the 50<sup>th</sup> annual. Has had a couple meetings with low attendance. Still needs some volunteers for key positions like security, raffle, etc. Has checked with the Jefco auction (largest auction in the world) and talked about how some of their rules are different. Announced some pricing structure changes for our event. Have 19 sellers so far, and hasn't heard from some of the regular sellers.

Information is available on the website including registration and rules. Please see Fred to volunteer.

**New Business:**

Loren needs pylon equipment in August. Will work with Mike Tallman

**Elections:**

**Vice President**

Mark Kilby nominated, approved

**Treasurer**

Terry Powell nominated, approved

**Secretary**

Dawn Morse, approved

**The group took a break.**

Marvin asked for any volunteers for Safety Officer. No volunteers.

**Open Discussion:**

Loren encouraged everyone to read the article in the AMA Model Aviation magazine from Don's Hobby Shop about charging batteries.

**Show and Tell:**

Matt Thompson showed his electric Showtime 90.

**Attendance Drawing:**

Terry Grimes won \$10. Next month will be \$10 to start again.

**Raffle:**

Nick Kilby (4)	Rich Thompson (2)	Loren Tregellas
Jim Sheils (2)	Gene Morse	Terry Powell

Meeting adjourned



*Mark  
your  
Calendar*

*SAVE  
THIS  
DATE...*

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The

50th Annual  
WRCC Auction

will be Saturday

March 5, 2011

Save the date, and plan to help!  
Contact Fred Harvey for details.

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