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From the President's Hangar

By Dave Agee

The FAA and Full Scale Aircraft!

On Saturday July 21, 2007 a full scale aircraft flying over TORKS Field of Dreams passed close enough to a model aircraft that he filled a complaint with the FAA!

I received a call from the FSDO office in Columbus concerning this incident. According to the FAA a large scale, red in color, aerobatic airplane passed in close proximity to a full-scale aircraft. The FAA has asked that I remind the membership to "SEE AND AVOID" full-scale aircraft in the future.

The 2007 AMA Model Safety Code States the following:

- I will not fly my model aircraft higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level, when within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will yield right of way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft, utilizing a spotter when appropriate.

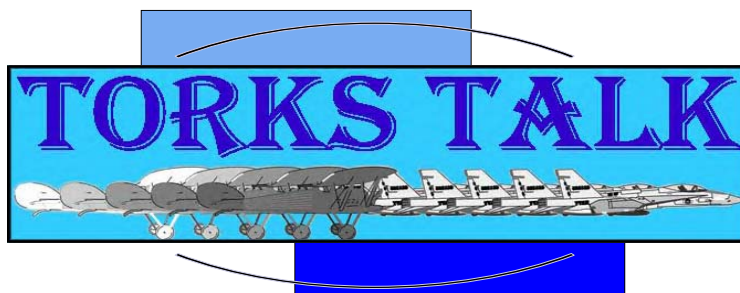
A midair collision between a model aircraft and a full-scale aircraft could easily result in disaster for the pilots of the full-scale aircraft. In addition, an incident like this could also result in loss of flying privileges for not only our club, but for the AMA as well. It not only makes common sense to avoid full-scale aircraft but we must be more vigilant of full-scale aircraft in our area and take every measure possible to give them a wide margin.

AMA safety rules sets a ceiling of 400 feet within 3 miles, but Field of Dreams is only 4 1/2 miles from Bolton Field. Aircraft routinely fly close to us at 500 feet or so above ground level so it is easy to understand how full-scale and model aircraft could get in close proximity to each other.

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Presidents Hanger cont...

Full-Scale aircraft have right of way—Always! Any ruling of incidents between full-scale and model aircraft will most likely be ruled in favor of the full-scale aircraft.

As is many of our members, I am a pilot full-scale as well as model aircraft. Model aircraft are much more maneuverable and can much more easily and quickly give a wide berth to full-scale aircraft. As pilots of model aircraft we also have the advantage of being outside our aircraft and have a much better view of the airspace than the pilots in passing aircraft.

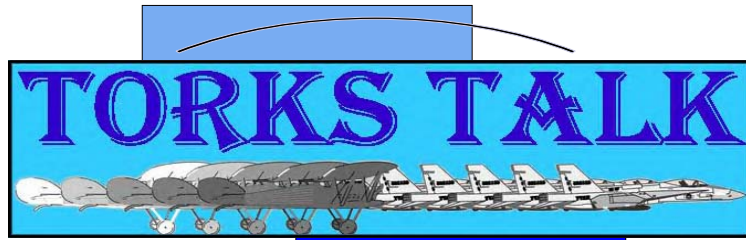
It is the responsibility of each one of you to “SEE AND AVOID”!

I urge all members either while flying or spectating to become more aware of full-scale aircraft and take immediate action to avoid any possibility of future incidents.

Jet Scramble

Our next meeting will be at the field on Wednesday August 22nd at 7:00pm to start setting up for the 2007 edition of the Jet Scramble which will occur August 24, 25 and 26. Your Jet Scramble committee has been working hard over the past 6 months or so planning and preparing for what is sure to be our best event yet! **Now it is up to the rest of us to “GIT ER DONE!!!!** “ If you haven’t yet volunteered, please sign up or contact one of the Officers or Jet Scramble Committee members as to your availability. If everyone works a little, no one will have to work a lot!

See you Wednesday August 22 at the field!!



Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday July 29, 2007

Location: Club Field

- Meeting called to order by Matt Finley @ 1:57 PM

- **Roll call:**

- Taken by Dave S, consisting of:
 - Regular Members-28
 - Life Members-0
 - Family Members-02
 - Probationary Members-0
 - Affiliate members-02
 - Junior Members-0
 - Associate Members-0

- **Treasurer's report:**

- Given by Dave S. all in good shape.
- Good news!! The concrete runway was budgeted for \$16,500 and it looks like the bottom line was \$13,600 complete. That is \$3000.00 under budget!! Dave reported on the cash flow report and details to be given to any members upon request.

- **Probationary Members voted to Regular Status**

- The following Probationary member was present and had met conditions to be voted to full membership.
 - Bart Brinkman was voted on an approved to full member status. Nominated by Greg Poppel seconded by Chuck Elkins

- **New Applications for Membership**

- The following person(s) were present and had met conditions to be voted to Probationary Member.
 - Ronald L. Britton sponsored by Randy Thomas and was unanimously approved for probationary status.
 - Mike Huffman sponsored by Randy Thomas was approved for probationary status with one objection.

- **Executive Committee**

- NO meeting this period

Meeting Minutes cont...

- **Committee Reports**

- Safety Committee – Joe Harless/John Lucko/Bob Lewis
 - Walking across runway while other people flying...
 - As a safety rules have been stated no one make cross the runway, unless recovering and aircraft, and then only when clearly announced. Common courtesy and common sense is to be applied to this safety rule. If there is an airplane in the air, you may not cross the runway to launch an electric or stand on the other side of the runway for any reason.

Bob Lewis has noted that we have an emergency allergic reaction pin in the clubhouse. And that this is a very serious medicine and should be used with caution, as it may save a life for those who need it!!!!!!

The safety committee reports that we have a charge station outside of the clubhouse (all batteries are to be charged outside of the clubhouse)

- Field Marshall – Chuck Elkins
 - There is to be an emergency rock picking up session at the end of the new runways immediately after the meeting.
- Site Retention Committee – Greg Poppel
 - Loud airplanes?? Per Terry, someone in the club has a giant scale aerobatic airplane that is extremely loud. We do have a db rule! If this plane is truly as loud as Terry says, we really don't need a db meter to know it needs to be silenced.
 - Status of neighbor that complained about breakage of gazing ball?

- **Old Business**

- Runway extension – Terry Nitsch
 - Pick up rocks, if everyone just gets a handful or bagful, it will go a long ways towards cleanup. Maybe bring sacks or bags to meeting?
- Jet Scramble 2007 – Terry Nitsch
 - Status
 - Sign ups
 - Note Wed Aug 22 set up
- Front Sign Replacement – Mike Redenshek
 - Etched Sign?
 - Mike may have estimate for us, may need to vote for approval.
- New Frequency Pin Box – Dave May
 - Provisions for Spread Spectrum

Meeting Minutes cont...

- New Business

- Ideas for the Jet scramble were brought up for amusement rides for the children at the Jet scramble. The cost would be \$1500. The discussion, was made that it was a late to implement this for this years Jet scramble. And would be looked into by the Jet scramble committee as a new idea for the future.
- Jerry Klemm, brought up the question of why we're having a roll call, since we do not have to have a percentage of the membership present.
- Answer, we need to know how many members and what type of members were present at each meeting for the records.

- From the Floor

Comments were made that Channel 10 was looking for covering information on the Jet Scramble. Communications will be made with Channel 10 for the appropriate timing of our event.

- Upcoming Events

Aug 22	Club Meeting/Jet Scramble Set up	Club Field	7:00 PM
Aug 23	Jet Scramble - Set Up	Club Field	All Day
Aug 24-26	Jet Scramble – Event	Club Field	All Day
Aug 26	Jet Scramble - Tear down	Club Field	3:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 PM

JET SCRAMBLE NEWS!!

Greetings,

Well, the majority of the planning is complete, and it's show time! We are about 70% filled as far as the help schedules go, so if you can make it, please volunteer. Please review the attached work schedule and let us know if there needs to be any changes. Team Leaders are as follows: Dave Agee will be flight line coordinator and manage merchandise sales, Matt Findley will be head of security, Neal Smalley will handle sight set up, Dave May and Sheila Nitsch will head up Registration, and Joe Harless will manage the raffle. If you are listed in the general category, you will be placed in the above assignments as required. If you have a special need (can't be in the sun or whatever), please let your team leader know. Set up and covering last minute details will take place at the club meeting on Wednesday evening, August 22nd, so please attend.

This meeting is VERY important. We are assembling a crew to pick up the bleachers before the meeting, so if you can help with this endeavor, we will meet at St. Brendan's church at 5:30 PM. New Jet Scramble apparel items for sale to members at a discounted price will be available at the meeting. Don't forget that for all workers pilots, and crews, there will be another Pig Roast at the field Friday evening at 6:00 PM. If you are working the event, please come and enjoy the feast. We are asking that TORKS members once again, donate some of those great desserts for this dinner. We have a reasonable amount of sponsors and a community that is really behind us. With some hard work and attention to details, the Jet Scramble will once again be a great success!

Terry

JET SCRAMBLE WORK SCHEDULE

Member Name	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Flightline	Security	Impound
	Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Aug. 26		General	
*Gary Adair			X AM			C. P. C.	
*Beckman, Dick			X			S	
*Bart Brinkman			X			G	
*Byram, Mark	X	X	X	X		G	
*Katie Byram,			X AM			SALES	
*Tori Byram,			X AM			SALES	
*Finley, Matt	XPM		X	X		S	
*Gould, Dowayne	X PM	X PM F	X PM CPC	X PM F	F	C. P. C.	
*Craig Grunkemeyer		X			F		
*Tim Haller	X PM	X PM	X	X		G	
Jama (Terry's Daughter)			X	X			Sales
*Lambert, Andrew			X	X	F		
*Lewis. Bob Dr.				X		G	
*Dave May	X PM	X	X	X		G	
*Terry May			X			SALES	
*Montgomery, Jim		X	X	X			I
*Neville, Bob	X	X	X	X		SALES	
*Neville, Linda	X	X	X	X		SALES	
*Sheila Nitsch		X	X	X		REG	
*Parrish Robert			X AM	X AM		P	
*Bob Queen							
*Mike Redenshek			X		F		
*Seagraves, Jeff	XPM		X	X	F		
*Jeff Shapiro			X			G	
*Sharenburg, Bill		X	X	X			I
*Sharenburg, Susan		X	X	X			I
*Neal Smalley	X AM	X AM	X AM	X AM			
*Bill Stuntz			X	X	F		
*Tony Tai				X	F		
*Thomas, Randy	X	X	X	X		FRONT GATE	
*Uhlig, Tom	X	X	X	X	F		
*Walsh, Chris	X PM	X	X	X PM	F		

JET SCRAMBLE INFO SHEET for TORKS MEMBERS

The Jet Scramble is Friday, Saturday and Sunday **August 24, 25, & 26, 2007**. The Jet Scramble is at the TORKS "Field of Dreams" Model Airport. Arrive at the field by 7:30 AM each morning so that preparations can be made and cleanup from the previous day can be completed. Bring your own water and pop or plan to buy at the concessions. The club will provide coffee and donuts each morning for the workers — FREE!!!!

All workers (as well as pilots, crew, sponsors, etc.) will be issued a BADGE to wear. Please wear it while at the field. Pick it up either at the **August 22** club meeting or at the registration table when you arrive at the field. If you need anything go to the registration table. They can get it for you or tell you where to find it.

Your team leader will give you your assignments. When not assigned to work you can wander around and also go out to the flight line. Please do not interfere with the pilots and crew. If you leave unexpectedly, please tell your team leader.

Everyone is encouraged to come to the Hangar Party which will start about **6 PM Friday** evening. This year's hangar party will be a hog roast. We are asking that you bring a dessert for the Hangar Party. You are invited to attend the Saturday night dinner, which will be at a local restaurant (to be determined). We will not be selling dinner tickets this year – each person will be responsible for paying their own check.

WEDNESDAY MEETING and THURSDAY SET UP

The club meeting will be Wednesday evening, 7:00PM at the field. We will be selling HOOJS merchandise at "member prices." We will go over the event plan, and will begin setting up the field. On **Thursday we will continue set-up at the TORKS field. Plan to arrive about 9 AM.** The biggest job is setting up the orange fences, and the canopies. PLEASE PLAN TO HELP. The more people we have, the easier that job will be.

MAIN GATE

Again this year, we will be staffing the parking operations. Parking is \$5.00 per car and each person gets one **JET GAZETTE** Newspaper. There is no admission charge. Some attendees will already have parking passes. These, of course, do not have to pay to enter. There will be some new vendors coming in this year. All vendors can get parking passes at the registration desk.

TORKS members who do not have a EVENT STAFF PARKING PASS or the TORKS STAFF BADGE and who are going to work any day should report to the registration desk and check for assignments. Present your TORKS member card for free entry.

There is a WEEKEND PARKING PASS which costs \$10.00 when sold on Friday and \$7.00 if sold on Saturday. This pass will be sold at the front gate and at the registration desk.

RAFFLES

There is an **incredible Hangar 9 P-51 Mustang airplane raffle** -- ready to fly. The raffles are two of our money making events. Remember, someone has to win – it may as well be **YOU!**

CLEANUP AFTER THE EVENT ENDS

When the event is over we have to clean up the field and put everything away. If everyone who works on Sunday stays to help do this chore it will not take long, and it will make it easier on all of us. If you are not working the event on Sunday, please come to the field to help clean up and put things away. Bring gloves and plan to be there by 3:00 PM.

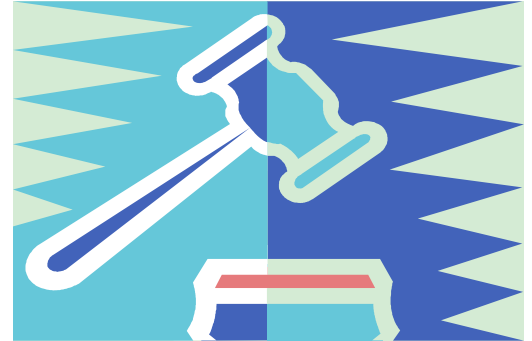
Thank you for helping !

The Heart of Ohio Jet Scramble Organizing Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday August 22nd

Club Meeting 7:00 PM
at
The Field of Dreams
HOOJS set up!



August 24-26th

17th Annual
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Jet Scramble

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Volunteers are needed, so sign up now!



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TORKS MAIL BAG

The **AMA NATS** RC Scale event was held at the AMA National Headquarters in Muncie, In. Aug. 3-5th. Three of your TORKS members, Terry Nitsch, Mike Barbee and Mike Redenshek (your shameless editor!) had competed.

Terry finished in **1st** place in Fun Scale with his Hanger 9 P-51 Electric Mustang and Mike Barbee was a close **2nd** Place with his Yak powered by a 250cc Radial! You have to hear it to believe it! Mike also flew his Waco to a **2nd** Place finish in Expert Scale.

I entered my *first* contest in Team Scale with the YAT-28E flown by Greg Thomas of Las Vegas and we hung in to finish in **4th** Place. Greg also flew his Top Flite P-51 with a DA 50 and captured **3rd** place in Fun Scale and John Boyko of the Westerville Club finished in **6th** Place with his Pitts S1-A!

Congratulations to our local TORKS Members!

