



BARNSTORMERS NEWS

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Barnstormers News is a publication of the Vermont Modelers Club Inc. providing ideas, information and news about models, model building and Club activities.
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MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

The March meeting of the VMC was held on Sunday the 7th in the gymnasium at Central Vermont Academy. President Bob Doyon called the meeting to order at approximately 1PM with 12 members and 1 guest in attendance. Reading of reports was waived. Bob informed the members that the AMA rechartering papers have been completed and will be submitted in the immediate future. The AMA has provided the Club an AMA rules poster and the members agreed it should be posted on the shed wall or door at the Flying Field on Airport road. Bob advised the members that he has started a new guest register and would like to have every member sign in at every activity the Club runs, for informational purposes. It is especially significant for collecting and tracking info about guests. The members agreed that keeping records of member attendance at events and all guest visits is important. Secretary Dennis Benjamin advised the members that our current bylaws contain language that has resulted in technical violations of membership rules. A proposal to address the situation was discussed and an amendment will be submitted for approval at the next club meeting. An extensive discussion of the AMA Intro-Pilot training program followed. The members agreed that the VMC should take advantage of the program and should pay the fees for several VMC Trainers to be registered with the AMA under the program. Dennis advised the members that the April Newsletter will contain a copy of the 2010 summer schedule if activities as approved at the March meeting. Gregg Banse was present and provided an update on the progress of the new website. The website URL will be www.vermontbarnstormers.org. Bob advised the members that a website committee has been formed and they will assist Gregg in developing the site. Bob reminded the members that the Annual Banquet is scheduled for April 24th. The members agreed that every person who attends the banquet will be expected to bring an item for the Yankee Swap activity, wrapped in a plain package so as to conceal the contents. Reservation forms will be published in the April Newsletter. There being no further business

offered for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at about 2PM and the Fun Fly continued.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment of the VMC Bylaws addresses conflicts that result from the 6 month difference in membership renewal dates between the VMC and the AMA. Proposal: 1) Under "Article I - Name and Purpose"

add a new paragraph to read as follows: "3. The Vermont Modelers Club is also a chartered chapter of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, here-in-after referred to as the AMA."

2) Change the title of Article II to read: "Membership, the AMA and Dues".

3) Under Article II: delete existing Paragraph 1 and renumber paragraphs as follows: P2 becomes P1; P3 becomes P2; P4 becomes P3; P5 becomes P4; and P7 becomes P5; add a new P6 to read as follows: "Because the VMC is a chartered chapter of the AMA, each and every member of the VMC who intends to fly or operate a model in any dynamic manner at any VMC site or activity, must provide and exhibit proof of current membership in the AMA prior to and during every such model operation. A valid AMA membership card or equivalent certification issued by the AMA shall constitute acceptable proof of AMA membership."; renumber existing P8 to P7; renumber existing P6 to P8 and revise text to read "Members of the AMA may fly at VMC flying sites, on invitation and under the supervision of a VMC member, on three single day sessions without requirement to join the VMC. Proof of AMA membership must be provided and exhibited, as described above, prior to and during each flight. The VMC member hosting such AMA guest will record the visit in an official Guest Register. Any VMC event or activity that is specifically designated as 'open to AMA members' shall not be counted toward the three day threshold."

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

The **April Club Meeting** will be held on **Sunday the 11th** at **1PM** in the **Bryant & Dailey gymnasium** at **Central Vermont Academy** on **Vine St.** in **Berlin**. In addition to the club meeting the gym will be open for **Indoor Flying** from **Noon to 4PM**.

An **Indoor Fun Fly** will be held on **Wednesday April 21st** from **6 to 9PM** in the Drill Hall at the **National Guard Armory** on **General Cramm Drive** adjacent to **Norwich University** in **Northfield**.

The **VMC Annual Banquet** will be held on **Saturday April 24th** commencing at **6 PM** at the **Hilltop Restaurant** on **Quarry Hill Road** in **Barre Town**.

The **Spring Field Setup** is scheduled to commence at **10AM** at the **Flying Field** on **Airport Road** in **Barre Town** Fun Flying to follow.