

AVIATION NEWS

AMA Charter #4653

since 2002

The official newsletter of the Hawks R/C Junior Aviators

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Coming up!

WORKSHOPS at RedneckRC

Feb 7, Saturday, 1pm to 4 pm
Feb 21, Saturday, 1pm to 4 pm
Mar 7, Saturday, 1pm to 4 pm
Mar 28, Saturday, 1pm to 4 pm (LAST ONE)

INDOOR FLYING at the Oswego Armory

Feb 10, Tuesday, 7pm to 9:30pm
Feb 14, Saturday afternoon, 1pm to 6pm
Feb 17, Tuesday, 7pm to 9:30pm
Feb 24, Tuesday, 7pm to 9:30pm
Mar 3, Tuesday, 7pm to 9:30pm
Mar 10, Tuesday, 7pm to 9:30pm
Mar 14, Saturday Evening, 6pm to 9pm
Mar 17, Tuesday, 7pm to 9:30pm
Mar 24, Tuesday, 7pm to 9:30pm
Mar 31, Tuesday, 7pm to 9:30pm (LAST ONE)

LOCAL STUFF

Mar 21, Saturday, Canandaigua CHIEFS Auction/Swap Meet
9am-3pm @ Canandaigua Middle School
215 Granger St., Canandaigua, NY 14424.
Swap Meet starts at 9-12, Auction starts at noon.

Hawks Meeting

The next meeting of the Hawks will be
March 11, 2009, 7pm at Redneck's.
We may have other meeting throughout
the year but the March meeting is the
only official Hawk's meeting of the year.

NEWSLETTER.

All postings are by Tim unless stated otherwise. Input from Hawks members would be appreciated. I'll continue to use "Aviator News" until something better comes along. Got a better name? Let me know.



Summer flying starts June 2nd 2009 (That's like forever away !)



Ben with Instructor Tom Vandegrift



Ground school

HAS YOUR EMAIL CHANGED?

let Tim Pease know. Send Tim an email update to
tpease1@twcny.rr.com
(don't forget the number 1 after tpease)

the STARS/ARCS Model Forum

Tim, Dennis, and Ross went to the STARS/ARCS Model Forum this past Saturday and we really had a good time. This was our first trip to the new location. There were tables for swap sales, for vendors like the Tufflight guys, and Phil from Aerographics graphics was there. Phil is doing the graphics for our Hawks planes. Several local R/C clubs also had tables of their own with club related info to hand out. Their indoor gym was a little smaller than the Armory but much brighter overall. We also had time to talk with Dave Mathewson, AMA Pres and Gary Fitch, AMA District 2 VP. We talked about a variety of issues but mostly about the Hawk's program, what else. I also talked with Herb Ziglar, President of the ARCS and indicated that the Hawks would like to participate next year by setting up a table. Herb thought that was a good idea. I think we would make a nice addition and add some variety to the forum.

AMA MEMBERSHIP

If you are planning on flying with us either indoors at the Oswego Armory or outdoors at the field this year you will need to renew your AMA membership. After all it's only a dollar or for \$15 you also get 12 issues Model Aviation magazine. Tim Pease has the AMA membership forms with him on Tuesdays at the Armory or you can renew at Redneck's. **YOU WILL NEED THIS TO FLY!**



Ross explaining the finer points of indoor flying to a group of children from a birthday party elsewhere in the Armory

INDOOR FLYING (at the Oswego YMCA Armory)

We continue to fly indoors this winter on Tuesday nights at the Oswego YMCA in the Armory building. We'll be there every Tuesday until the last Tuesday in March. There are usually a dozen or more pilots there every Tuesday night. Nightly fees and donations help the Hawks pay the rental fee for the use of the Armory. Flying indoors is a lot of fun and is so easy to do. Everyone who flew as a Hawks student last year should be flying indoors. You guys could do this with your eyes closed. The Hawks has a "Vapor" and an "Ember II" for students to use until they build or get their own and did I mention flying was free for Hawks members. So what's keeping you home?



Makaylee flying indoors

Indoor flying ends March 31 2009

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HAWKS TRIVIA

The following are random snippets about the the Hawks program, the OVM club, and/or those who have been involved in the Program.

- The Hawks started in 2002 as a youth group of the OVM club. In 2005 the Hawks separated from the OVM and independently chartered with the Academy of Model Aeronautics as AMA club #4653
- We have been numbering students from the very beginning and we have just signed up Makaylee who is the 91st student ever in the Hawks program. This number shows up on your Hawk's badge and membership card (the one we use at the field) and it also shows up on any certificate you earn. Trivia: the first student to join the Hawks program started as number 2. There is no number 1. Why is that? I'll explain why next month.
- The three flight Instructors, Tim, Dennis, and Tom have all at some point totally trashed at least one Hawk's plane.



We are part of
AMA district 2



WHOS DOING WHAT
IN THE WORKSHOP



Flyin King under construction

Elliott, Billy, and Ross are all working on 40 size models that require glow fuel engines; Elliott has been working on his high winger along with doing maintenance on his Centurian indoor flyer. Billy is putting together a J3 CUB kit. Ross is working on a Balsa USA stick 40. Ross is also putting together a YAK 54 3D foamie. This foamie is primarily an indoor 3D plane but can be a lot of fun outside in a mild breeze.

Hawks Instructors Dennis Redhead and Tim Pease, along with other experienced modelers, provide direct one on one assistance to student projects as necessary. However if that support is not required work continues on the two group projects. Dennis along with Lance Mills are focussing on finishing the frame up of the BTE Flyin King and Tim has begun to assemble the Hanger-9 Funtana X-50 ARF. The Hawk's workshops are held in the big back room at RedneckRC hobbies. Parents are encouraged to help with their child's building project.

The Hawks is still looking for a pilot
or two to help with flight instruction
this season.



The "Wings Across America" Squirt

The Little Squirt was here!

The Little Squirt flew by here in November
What's a Squirt and why do I care?
I'll tell you all about it next month. In the mean
time you can check into it yourself by going to
www.waa-08.org

IMPORTANT LINKS

Hawks - www.junioraviators.org

Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) - www.modelaircraft.org

Academy of Model Aeronautics District 2 (D2) - www.amadistrictii.org



OVM logo



Hanger-9 "Funtana X-50"

NAME THE PLANE CONTEST:

Don't forget we're having a contest to put a name on the King and also pick a name for the Hawks new Funtana X-50 electric 3D aircraft. Sorry there's no money involved but you will get bragging rights.

The winning plane name will get placed on the nose of the plane and the winning person's name will go on the plane as the pilot. Your name will live forever or until either plane crashes. The two runner up names (3rd and 4th place finishers) will get placed on the 2 Hawks LT trainer that right now don't have a name. You can give me your suggestions in person, by email, just slip me a piece of paper, or go to Marty's (RedneckRC Hobby Shop) and next to the Hawks display case that's on the wall is a coffee can. In that can are forms you can fill out to submit what you think the name should be. Just fill it out and leave it in the can. I'll pick them up.

Note: writing down "Ground Fault" 100 times will not get that name selected. This is not a raffle. Write it down a lot of different names but only once. We'll put the names on a list and we'll narrow them down and vote on the 4 winning names at the Hawks March 11th meeting.

DONATIONS

The Hawks program runs on donations from businesses and people like you. If you think like we do that the Hawks is a good program for kids and young adults then give some thought to supporting us financially. The Hawks is a NY state registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational program. Donations of even a buck can be given directly to Tim, Dennis, or Marty. The easiest way is to give it directly to Marty at Redneck and tell him it's for the Hawks and I'll get a receipt to you if you request one. To those who have and continue to support us financially we thank you so much. We do this because we enjoy it but we couldn't do it without your continued support.