

AVIATION NEWS

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The official newsletter of the Hawks R/C Junior Aviators

March 2009

The "Hawks R/C Junior Aviators" are a NY registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational program.

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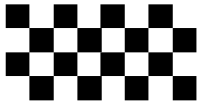
All postings are by Tim unless stated otherwise. Input from Hawks members would be appreciated. Thanks to Jeff St. Onge, our resident Webmaster, we now have the Hawk's newsletters on the Hawk's website.

www.junioraviators.org



Volunteers

Webpage: Jeff St. Onge



Hawks Meeting

The next meeting of the Hawks will be March 11, 2009, 7pm at Redneck's.

DONATIONS

The Hawks program runs on donations from businesses and people like you. 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 at Redneck. I'll get a receipt to you if you request one. Thank you for your support.



Coming up!

WORKSHOPS at RedneckRC

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

INDOOR FLYING at the Oswego Army

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 4, Wed, OVM meeting at RedneckRC at 7pm
Mar 11, Wed, Hawks meeting at RedneckRC at 7pm
Mar 21, Saturday, Canandaigua CHIEFS Auction Meet 9am-3pm @ Canandaigua Middle School 215 Granger St., Canandaigua, NY 14424. Swap Meet starts at 9-12, Auction starts at noon.

Students! This is your last chance to enter the "Name the Plane" contest. (See page 2)

MINI UPDATE

We're having a good time!

The month of March signals the final month of indoor flying at the Oswego YMCA Armory. This completes our first 6 month indoor season. It was a little slow going October, November, and December but attendance picked up in January and February. We've picked up a few bucks in donations but nothing big (except for yours Bob, thank you very much) so we managed to squeak by with the money we pulled in nightly. However, just to throw it out there, if not for the support of the Oswego Youth Bureau and the assistance of Mike Perkins of the Oswego Y we would not be able to do this, so thank you also.

March also brings to an end the construction workshops at RedneckRC for now. We never seem to get done what we want to get done but we do get done what needs to be done. I'll put something together in the April newsletter about the final goings on in the workshops and the indoor flying. April is a quiet month for us Instructors. We get the month off basically. Actually the next events we'll be planning are the Fulton Memorial Day parade Saturday May 23rd and Junior Aviators day at Fort Ontario is Oswego on Sunday May 24 from 10am to 4pm.

Summer flying starts June 2nd 2009



Nicole with Sr. Instructor Dennis Red head



The Ashby's R/C Parasail getting fire d up

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)



UFO at the Armory?

INDOOR FLYING (at the Oswego Y 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.. Flying indoors is easy to do. You 2008 Hawks students 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?

Indoor flying ends Tuesday, March 31 2009



Indoor flying can sometimes make you act... weird (Anthony and Ross)

SWAP SHOP:

Look for a swap shop section in future issues of the Hawks newsletter, probably starting in April. We have quite a number of items for sale. All proceeds will go back into the program.

Hawks Supporters:

Major supporters of the Hawks program can be found on the Hawks webpage www.junioraviators.org



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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 program was just called the "Hawks" for the first few years. In 2005 it was officially changed to the "Hawks R/C Junior Aviators" after a motion by student Patrick Meagher (pronounced Mar) at our final meeting as the "hawks" prior to our chartering with the AMA.
- The OVM club started in 1964, was AMA chartered in 1972
- **Here's the answer to last month's trivia question**
- **QUESTION:** 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?

ANSWER: A young fella named Jeff came to the new OVM field one day in late 2001 asking about learning to fly. One of us gave him a flight on our plane and he was very interested but didn't seem to have what was needed to get himself started. So between me and my buddy we came up with a small plane and an engine he could have but we couldn't come up with the rest. However, we thought if other kids show up wanting to fly we wouldn't have anything left to help them get started. So we thought if we got a trainer plane and brought it to the field then we would just use it to teach them to fly. Over the winter we put together a basic youth program, called it the Hawks and officially started training in June of 2002. Sadly though Jeff didn't come back that year, or the next year, or the year after but we left the Hawk's number one student slot open for him. It's still open today.



Billy, Elliott, Ross, Marty, Cal, Dennis, Tim, and Anthony

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The February 7th workshop marked another first for the Hawks. We have created a "Certificate of Appreciation" to be presented to businesses and individuals who have donated to the Hawks in a big way. This certificate will be our way to publicly express our thanks to you for your generous donation whether it be in money, equipment, space or time. We have two types of certificates, one uses a gold background with a more personal look and feel to it and is for individuals. The other one has a blue/silver background and is for businesses. We have three certificates to present and two of them were presented at the workshop. The first went to Marty Chipkin for his many years as a hawk's officer, fundraiser, organizer, and supporter. The second certificate presented went to RedneckRC Hobby shop. Presented to both Marty and Calvin for their support of the Hawk's program through discounts, providing a room for the Hawk's workshops, storage, and meetings and for being the Hobby shop of the Hawks.



RedneckRC Hobby Shop
AMA Membership and all your R/C needs. Call 532-6826 and ask for Marty.
A proud supporter of the Hawks program

IMPORTANT LINKS

- Hawks R/C Junior Aviators - www.junioraviators.org
- Oswego Valley Modelaires - www.amadistrictii.org/ovm
- Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) - www.modelaircraft.org
- Academy of Model Aeronautics District 2 (D2) - www.amadistrictii.org

Hawk's Plane #12



BTE "Flyin King"

Hawk's Plane #13



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.

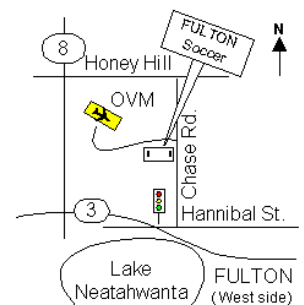
Note: writing down "Ground Fault" 100 times will not get that name selected. This is not a raffle. Write it down a lot of different names but only once. We'll put the names on a list and we'll narrow them down and vote on the 4 winning names at the Hawks March 11th meeting.

Graphics for the two planes is being made by Phil from Aerographics - NYFlyer56@aol.com

WANTED

INSTRUCTORS

The Hawks is still looking for a pilot or two who would like to be a flight instructor with the Hawks this season.



Spectators welcome when field is open

Map to OVM field

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!

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Flyin King under construction

HAWKS WORKSHOPS

Elliott, Billy, and Ross continue to work on their individual projects. Anthony has been working on his flying skills on the hawk's flight simulator.

Hawks Instructors Dennis and Tim, along with Lance Mills are focusing on finishing the frame up of the BTE Flyin King and 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.

Workshops are over at the end of March. There's still a lot to do so I'm not sure if we'll get the Flyin king done before this season starts but we'll give it our best shot.

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Jessica #8, Kaleb # 15, Josh #5, Tyler #10



Marty Chipkin of RedneckRC Hobbies with the Squirt's travel box



THE LITTLE SQUIRT WAS HERE



Billy, Elliott, Cassie, and Nicole
(I like this pic a lot. I think this is the best WAA-08 picture we took.

I'll get it put up with the others on the Hawk's Website)

The little Squirt passed through here in late November. The Squirt is a product of Stevensaero. The plane is a small 3 channel electric R/C plane that is on a mission to fly at least once in all 48 states of the continental US. It is ho used in a beautiful hand made wooden box. The event is called WAA-08 for "Wings Across America" 2008 and the rules are simple. The plane must make an actual in the air flight and then the plane is put back in the box and is then hand delivered to the next pilot in line. The box cannot be shipped in any way. The journey started in Virginia on Memorial Day 2008 with a flight by WAA-08 founder Frank Geisler and reached the Fulton area at the end of November. The weather was bad when the Squirt first arrived so we put the plane on display at the RedneckRC Hobby store (aka Marty's place) until the weather got good enough to fly the little guy.

On Saturday November 22nd, 2008 after a morning of emails and frantic phone calls about 15 of us went over to the Fulton community center's ball field to fly. Windy it was and snowing a little but everyone managed to get some stick time with the Squirt. After the flights Tim was able to deliver the plane to Andreas in Rochester thereby completing our portion of the Squirt's mission. There is no time limit for the completion of this mission. Projections are that it will be at least two years to hit all 48.

The participants in the WAA-08 adventure were Dennis Redhead WAA Pilot #62, John Hansen # 61, Tim Pease #64, Shane Pease #63, Marty Chipkin, Rob White, Duane and Jeff St. Onge, Fred Ashby Sr., Lance Mills, along with Hawks students Tyler St. Onge, Nicole and Raiden Hansen, Fred Ashby jr., Cassie Ashby, Billy Burlingham, and Elliott Mills.

If you wish to follow this event online go to www.waa-08.org. There are two places you should look. One, click the "Event stories & photos can be found here" link, then click the "Pilot numbers 42 to 83 Photos page" link then look about halfway down the page for our group's photo's. Two, back on the main page click on the RCGroups link down on the lower right. This will take you to the RCGroups forum where up to the minute discussions take place. Once on the RCGroups page you'll see a small tab that says "Page 1 of XXX" XXX being the last and current page number being used in the forum. Click the word "Last" and you will see what is happening now with the WAA-08 adventure. Here's a quick way to get to the web page where our stuff is. If you look at the address bar on your web browser you will see the address of the page you are viewing. Delete the last three numbers in the address bar, after the equals sign, and add either 257, 258, 259, 260, or 261 and click GO or hit ENTER. This will take you to those pages where our stuff shows up. Page 257 starts with the plane on display at RedneckRC and 261 ends with the transfer of the plane to Andreas in Rochester.