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Gerald Cushing
TREASURER

Maynard Kuebler
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Wally Aannerud
DIRECTOR 2006

Phil Kling
DIRECTOR 2007

Russ Gohl
DIRECTOR 2008



Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, December 5th

Where: Minot Public Library

Time: 6:00 Executive Board
7:00 General Meeting
Election of Officers


Special Guest: Troy Aannerud, son of MAM member Wally Aannerud will visit with members at our December meeting. Troy has just returned from Iraq and will be sharing his experiences there and answer questions members may have.




Treats provided by
Bev Cushing

Nominations For 2007 Officers

 **Co-Presidents**
Roger Lee and Maynard Kuebler

 **Vice President**
Chosen by the Co-Presidents

 **Secretary - Open**

 **Treasurer: Jerry Cushing**

 **2009 Board Member**
Wally Aannerud

Two Board members will continue: Phil Kling through 2007 and Russ Gohl through 2008.

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DUTIES OF OFFICERS

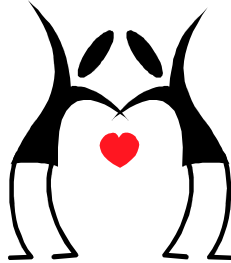
1. **President** The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and shall have general supervision of its affairs and shall be subject to the control of the Board. He shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors and shall carry out the policies established by the Board of Directors. He shall act as the official Club spokesman; appoint committees and may sit on any and all committees so appointed.
2. **Vice President** The Vice President shall perform and discharge the duties of the President in case of his absence or inability to act. He shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or President shall prescribe.
3. **Secretary** The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings, cause same to be done, where notice may be required. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of all such meetings; conduct Club correspondence and shall perform the duties incidental to the office of Secretary and such other duties as the Board of Directors or President shall prescribe.
4. **Treasurer** Shall maintain a record of Club membership, member applications and members' AMA status. He will also be the principal financial officer of the Club and should render an accurate account of the financial condition of the Club at the regular meetings of the membership. He shall collect all dues, assessments and amounts owing to the Club and deposit same to a bank account in the Club's name. He shall discharge all financial obligations of the Club as approved by the Board of Directors or Club membership. He shall provide an annual report to all members of the Club (may be included in the Newsletter) following the close of the fiscal year.
5. **Board Member at Large** Board Member at Large shall participate as a voting member in all Board meetings and assist in the overall management of Club operations. Board Members at Large shall be elected by the Club membership to 3 year terms, one member being elected at each annual meeting (December).

Mark Your Calendar Now....

Join MAM members for the Annual Winter Social

February 10, 2007
Riverside Holiday Inn

Social Hour 6:00 to 6:30
Dinner 6:30



Dessert Auction

Bring a sweet treat that will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. It's one of our annual fund raisers....and lots of fun!

It's a great time to get together with MAM members you haven't seen in a while....have some fun, check on building projects and take home some tasty desserts.



Tips & Tricks

Winter Wear

By Rob Coniglio
The R.J. Hhog Roslyn Heights, New York

Here we are at the close of another flying season—for most of us anyway. We do have a few members who fly year round. But don't give up on the weather just yet. The past several weekends have seen good flying weather and we should have several more before the cold really sets in. When the cold does come our way, you don't have to go into hibernation until spring; just be prepared for it.

First, protect your body from the cold. I got myself a full cold-weather jump suit—you know the kind you see guys wearing at gas stations. In fact, my car mechanic got it for me.

Next thing is to protect your hands. Some fliers use transmitter gloves that cover both hands and the transmitter. Personally, I prefer gloves but I found that I couldn't feel the sticks and that bothered me, so I found a solution. I got a pair of hunting mittens.

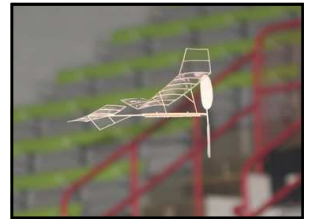
They look like regular mittens, but the part that covers the fingers actually can fold back, presumably so you can fire a weapon. I just stick out one finger and my thumb to fly. Between flights, they join the other warm digits inside.

Also, remember to keep batteries fully charged because they lose their charge faster in the cold.



2007 COMING EVENTS

Indoor Fun Fly
February
2 Dates Planned
Roger Lee, Chair



Winter Social
February 10th
Co-Chairs - Jean Gohl
& Audrey Benno



Mall Show
Russ Gohl
and Bill
Kickert
Co-Chairs

June 23
Open
House



July 20-22
Club Picnic
Christmas In
July

• **August 17 - 19**
Gimli Model Fest 2007



August 25 & 26
The International Fun Fly
Dick Winje and Co-Chair

T'was The Night Before Christmas-Aviation Style

Anonymous

T'was the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp,
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.
The aircraft were fastened to tie downs with care,
In hopes that come morning, they all would be there.
The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,
With gusts from two-forty at 39 knots.

I slumped at the fuel desk, now finally caught up,
And settled down comfortably, resting my butt.
When the radio lit up with noise and with chatter,
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,
Called for clearance to land at the airport below.
He barked his transmission so lively and quick,
I'd have sworn that the call sign he used was "St. Nick".
I ran to the panel to turn up the lights,
The better to welcome this magical flight.
He called his position, no room for denial,
"St. Nicholas One, turnin' left onto final."

And what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a Rutan-built sleigh, with eight Rotax Reindeer!
With vectors to final, down the glideslope he came,
As he passed all fixes, he called them by name:
"Now Ringo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun!
On Comet! On Cupid!" What pills was he takin'?
While controllers were sittin', and scratchin' their head,
They phoned to my office, and I heard it with dread,
The message they left was both urgent and dour:
"When Santa pulls in, have him please call the tower."
He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,
Then I heard "Left at Charlie," and "Taxi to parking."
He slowed to a taxi, turned off of three-oh
And stopped on the ramp with a "Ho, ho-ho-ho..."
He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,
I ran out to meet him with my best set of chocks.
His red helmet and goggles were covered with frost
And his beard was all blackened from Reindeer exhaust.
His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale,
And he puffed on a pipe, but he didn't inhale.
His cheeks were all rosy and jiggled like jelly,
His boots were as black as a crop duster's belly.
He was chubby and plump, in his suit of bright red,
And he asked me to "fill it, with hundred low-lead."
He came dashing in from the snow-covered pump,
I knew he was anxious for drainin' the sump.
I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.
He came out of the restroom, and sighed in relief,
Then he picked up a phone for a Flight Service brief.
And I thought as he silently scribed in his log,
These reindeer could land in an eighth-mile fog.
He completed his pre-flight, from the front to the rear,
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, "Clear!"
And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,
He called up the tower for clearance and squawk.
"Take taxiway Charlie, the southbound direction,
Turn right three-two-zero at pilot's discretion"
He sped down the runway, the best of the best,
"Your traffic's a Grumman, inbound from the west."
Then I heard him proclaim, as he climbed thru the night,
"Merry Christmas to all! I have traffic in sight."

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Holiday Greetings to All

Bill and I need your help! We are looking for someone to help with the monthly SHOP TALK articles. We have a list of questions and you are welcome to use our digital camera to visit MAM members and snap a picture or two.

If you would be willing to help, please give us a call at 858-7942.





Generations apart....but they have one thing in common....They all love flying! Pictures are from our annual Open House.



AMA District IX VP.....Mark Smith joined MAM members at our 26th Annual Fun Fly. He presented MAM with the AMA Award of Merit.



2006.....Was A Very Good Year!

Pictured here are a few memories of a great year for MAM.

Thanks to all who worked on projects, committees, mowed the grass and provided whatever support they could to MAM.

Many thanks to our Officers for their leadership in 2006!



Swapping flying stories at the Fun Fly on a beautiful North Dakota day.



Christmas in July is scheduled again for 2007....it was festive and fun. Great food and lots of flying!



Members above enjoying chili during our first "Chili Fly". It looks like this will become an annual event.



We extended our patio in front of the Concession Stand....a great improvement!

2006 was a year for major improvements at the flying field.

Many people worked hard and helped make our flying field the best field in North Dakota!

Thanks.
YOU made 2006
a great year for MAM!



Concrete parking markers replaced the deteriorating rail road ties....

The Frequency Control Center was refurbished.... it looks great!



Thanks to a Bremer Bank grant, we added a sound system to the field.



Welcome New Members....

- Wade Scott
- Dan Delzer
- Bruce Way
- Alex Goulet
- Dan Sanderson



Restroom facilities complete with shower were added just in time for the Fun Fly!



Sewer dumps were added to the Flying Field.....it's a great addition for campers!

