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Photo's in this newsletter were from Joe Gilbert, and the Editor.
My thanks to all that sent me items!

Upcoming Events at the Field & Float Flying

Snow Fly-In 3/11/2018
at Club Field

>> Indoor Flying Schedules <<

Indoor Flying at **Calvary Pentecostal Church** in Madison
Every Thursday 9am to 12pm
(\$\$Donations Appreciated\$\$)

Indoor flying at **Calvary Pentecostal Chuch** in Madison
Tuesdays – 6pm to 9pm.
March 13 and 27
(\$\$Donations Appreciated\$\$)

Indoor Flying at **Kennebec Valley Community College**
Monday nights 5:30pm to 8:30pm
February 26
(\$Donations Appreciated\$)

**If you have items for the newsletter, please have them submitted
as soon as possible! Thank you!... Ed**

Should an event schedule change or be canceled, we will do our best to send out an email notification.

If you have a classified listed on the website and you have sold the item please take it off the classified.

**Next Meeting – March 7th .
7:00pm
Waterville Airport, Waterville, ME.**

KVMA 2018**Event Schedule**

Jan 3 Waterville Airport Meeting - 7:00 pm

Jan 20 Snow Fly-in – 10:00 am
(Really BAD Weather Date – Jan 28)

Feb 7 Waterville Airport Meeting - 7:00 pm

Feb 11 Snow Fly-in – 10:00 am
(Really BAD Weather Date – Feb 18)

Mar 7 Waterville Airport Meeting - 7:00 pm

Mar 11 Snow Fly-in – 10:00 am
(Really BAD Weather Date – Mar 18)

?? Swap Meet at KVCC
?? 8am to 2pm

Apr 4 Waterville Airport Meeting – 7:00 pm

?? & ?? OHTM Midcoast Model Festival

May 2 Waterville Airport Meeting - 7:00 pm

June 6 Meeting at Field - 7:00 pm

June 17 Fun Fly Contest – 10:00

July 11 Meeting at Field - 7:00 pm

July 22 Art Aubé Glider Fly-In 10:00 am

Aug 1 Meeting at Field - 7:00 pm

Aug 19 Club Picnic 10:00 am

Sept 5 Meeting at Field - 7:00 pm

Oct 7 End of Season Fly-In 10:00 am

Oct 3 Waterville Airport Meeting- 7:00 pm

Nov 7 Waterville Airport Meeting- 7:00 pm

Dec 5 Waterville Airport Meeting- 7:00 pm



The late Art Aube with his Gyro Copter!

K V M A Meeting Minutes for 2-7-2018

Meeting for February 7 was canceled because of the snow storm on that day. Hopefully the March meeting will be held!



The late Aute Aube's “Lakemaster” at a float fly on Lily Pond in Solon.

Snow Fly-In for Feb. 18, 2018

The February Fly-In took place just after a snow storm dropped 4 or more inches of fresh soft snow. Snow had stopped at my house by 7:30 and I arrived at the field just after Chris about 8:40, I think. Road hadn't been plowed yet. No sun at first but cleared later with the sun out and nice blue sky. It was in the mid-20s when I arrived and was about 36 when I left. Lou and Roland came a bit later.

No breeze at first but slowly picked up. Chris got several flights with his 150 and I flew my Flying W, Valiant with floats, and Mentor. Total of 5 flights. Really nice flying at first. Always fun to fly from fresh snow.

You can make some really nice touch 'n goes! About 10:30 the winds really picked up so the flying stopped.

We left about 11:20. Didn't bother with lunch as there were only four of us.

Yesterday, Chris, Ruslan and Lou were at the field and flew most of all day. Ruslan called and told me conditions had been really great! Guess we missed the ball on this one.

Joe



The following is from AMA District 5 VP. This is the driving force for the FAA to have total control over our hobby.

February 12, 2018

Dear Member of Congress:

The Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) is the largest airline pilot union in the world and represents over 59,000 pilots at 33 U.S. and Canadian airlines. The National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) represents nearly 20,000 aviation safety professionals, including nearly 14,000 air traffic controllers. Additionally, NATCA represents engineers, architects, traffic management coordinators, and other aviation safety-related professionals. Airlines for America (A4A) advocates for passenger and cargo carriers to shape crucial policies and measures that promote safety, security and a healthy U.S. airline industry. For the second time in just a few months, a recently reported incident between an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or drone, and an aircraft has put the spotlight on the need for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fully regulate UAS operations to ensure the safety of the National Airspace System (NAS). The most recent concerning event has been widely shared as a video on the internet, where the drone captures video of an airline aircraft (flown by ALPA members and controlled by NATCA air traffic controllers) flying just a few feet under the hovering drone as the airliner approaches an airport for landing. The airline aircraft does not appear to take any evasive actions, likely because the flight crew was not aware of the drone's proximate location. Small drones are very difficult to visually acquire by pilots in-flight or by air traffic controllers in the tower, and small drones do not currently have electronic anti-collision technologies that are compatible with airline collision avoidance systems. Had the small drone been equipped with anti-collision technology the flight crews would likely have been made aware of the drone's proximate location soon enough to take evasive action that would ensure that there was no threat of collision with the drone. The FAA may never find the drone operator because drones are not required to be equipped with electronic identification and tracking technologies that would give the FAA or other law enforcement officials the information needed to contact the drone operator. Unfortunately, the FAA has not required aircraft identification and tracking technologies to be installed on unmanned aircraft. Even if the FAA had established collision avoidance, or identification and tracking regulations, the FAA would not be able to promulgate rules for model or hobby drone operators due to limitations that have been put in place by congress through legislation. Section 336 of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act prohibits the FAA from "promulgate[ing] any rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft, or an aircraft being developed as a model aircraft." The restriction by Congress has limited the FAA's ability to fully regulate model and hobby UAS to the point that safety of the National Airspace is at risk. We strongly urge you to remove legislative restrictions that have been placed on the FAA that limit its safety oversight of UAS. The likelihood that a drone will collide with an airline aircraft is increasing. By providing the FAA with the full authority to regulate all UAS operations, the safety of passenger and cargo flights will be protected. Only after Congress has given the FAA the authority that is required by modifying Section 336 can the agency begin to create the comprehensive safety framework for integration of all UAS into the National Airspace System. We would also ask that Congress work to ensure that FAA pursues technology that can counter UAS that pose a safety risk.

Respectfully,

Tim Canoll, Nicholas Calio, Paul Rinaldi

President Chief Executive Officer President

Air Line Pilots Association Airlines for America National Air Traffic
Controllers Association

**It looks like there will be some new planes soloing at the field this year!
Just a sample of what they are!**



Bob Brown's Pitts!



Larry Leather's Cessna 310!

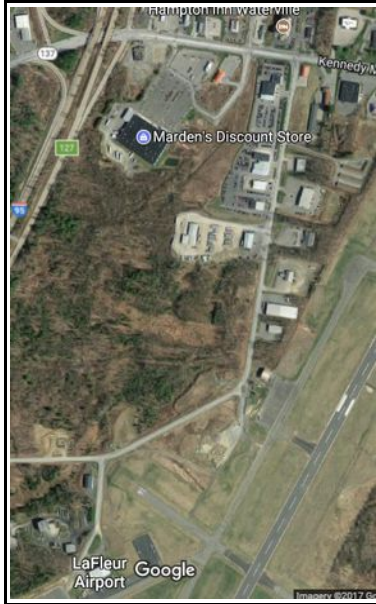


Joe Gilbert's Beechcraft Bonanza!



The metal ammo boxes at the left were bought by Bob Chapman from Tractor Supply. They make a good place to store lipo batteries! The price at the time was \$7.00 each.

Directions to the new meeting site.



North bound or South bound off the I-95 you'll want to take exit 127.

From the south you'll want to take a right on to Kennedy Memorial Drive (KMD). If you are coming from the north, you'll want to take left on KMD.

Turn between the car dealership and the bread store, directly across from Dunkin Donuts on to Airport Rd.

Take a left off Airport Rd. on to Lafleur Rd. Drive down to the main hanger and park in the main parking lot and come in the main entrance.

Weather, daylight and ramp space permitting, we will be able to fly small electrics on the ramp in front of the hanger.

**Shawn did get permission from the airport manager!
If there is space in the main hanger the nights we have our meetings we will be able to fly inside.**



Membership/Renewal Application

Name:
Date of Birth (Youth Only):
Street Address:

Town/City:
State: Zip:

Telephone:
AMA #:

NOTE: If you do not have your AMA number yet, please indicate the date applied here and report number to Treasurer as soon as possible: Date Applied to AMA:

RC Channels You Use:

E-Mail Address (if any):

“I have read and understand the safety rules.” Signature: _____

(Parent/Guardian signature required if under 18 years.) _____

Please print and complete this membership application. Bring the completed application, along with your dues payment, to a KVMA meeting or mail application and payment to:

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Dues: Regular \\\$70, Senior \$65 (65 and over)
Family (same household) \\\$90
Youth (under 16) Free
Welcome to the Kennebec Valley Model Aviators!

KVMA Flight Instructors:

Thursday afternoon and evening during the summer months are designated as training periods and an instructor is usually available (weather permitting) at these times to assist new members learning proper procedures and flight training. Other arrangements may be made if necessary.

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