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What's Inside



See page 2 for upcoming events.
Should an event schedule change or be cancelled, we will do our best to send out an email notification. Also, check out the website!
[http://www.modelaviators.org/](http://www.modelaviators.org)

Upcoming Events

Meeting

LaFleur Airport
May 7, 7 p.m.

Field Clean-up Day

KVMA Airfield
May 10, 8 a.m.

Meeting

KVMA Airfield
June 4, 7 p.m.

Ron Gregory Fun Fly Contest

KVMA Airfield
June 8, 9 a.m.

Meeting

KVMA Airfield
July 2, 7 p.m.

Art Aubé Glider Fly-In

KVMA Airfield
July 13, 9 a.m.

AeroScout Fly-in

KVMA Airfield
July 27, 9 a.m.

Meeting

KVMA Airfield
August 6, 7 p.m.

Roland Woodworth Picnic & Glider Fly-In

KVMA Airfield
August 10, 9 a.m.

Meeting

KVMA Airfield
September 3, 7 p.m.

RC Swap Meet

LaFleur Airport
September 14, 8 a.m.

Meeting

KVMA Airfield
October 1, 7 p.m.

Swap Meet (April 13)



Out with the old, in with the new... or at least newer... or at least different. The spring swap meet was held inside this year due to some dreary weather. The turnout was still good though, and friends from North and South all seemed happy trade stories and gear.



Cindy Potter: Elite RC shopper.

Scene at KVMA Airfield



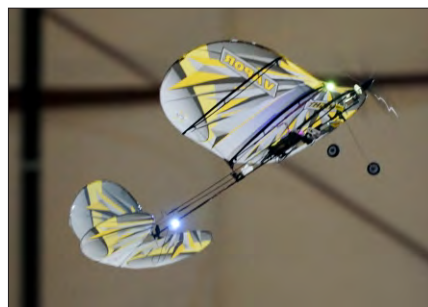
A little pre-mowing season field maintenance.

Indoor Flying (Thursdays)



Indoor Flying has ENDED for the '24-'25 season with last Thursday's event. Thanks to all who participated, and thanks to the Calvary Pentecostal Church of Madison for letting us use their gym. If you can access the Club's Facebook page, Bob did a wonderful tribute to the season with pictures. We raised over \$1000 to donate to the Church. Thanks so much to Bob and Jim and others who opened and closed and coordinated these events, and Ken and Cindy and others who took pictures.

Dave L.





KVMA Meeting Minutes for 4-2-25

The meeting was called to order by President Shawn Gibson at 7:00PM with 14 members present. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Dues payments for 2025 indicate 41 active and new members. There are several members who have renewed on-line, but their dues payments have not yet been received.

Old Business:

- Drone Building Group: Newsletter Editor Ken Pottle had purchased a Speedy Bee 3.5 drone kit which he circulated for members to see. Costs for the kit are \$191 plus battery, or about \$250 total. If one wants goggles for FPV, then the price will increase depending on goggle type. Delivery time is nine days from China. With upcoming tariffs likely raising the price, Vice President Chirs Hall mentioned the "de minimis" exemption which allows one shipment per person, per day, valued at or under \$800, to be exempt from import or duty taxes. There was discussion of using this to our advantage. Ken circulated a sign-up sheet to see who is interested in purchasing a drone kit.

New Business:

- The KVMA Swap Meet at 8:00AM on April 13th, at the LaFleur Airport, Waterville, ME, was mentioned. It may need to be moved inside a hangar if weather is bad.
- Mention was made of the Propsnappers Club Swap Meet on April 27th, 9:00-Noon, at the Italian Heritage Center, 40 Westland Ave., Portland, ME.
- Eric Guilmet mentioned the Skystreakers Club Fly-Up and Swap Meet on June 14th, at 260 Bald Hill Road, New Gloucester, ME.
- May 10th was set as the clean-up date at the KVMA field. Rolling the field when ready and removing rocks on the field edge and parking lot (Ken has a power sweeper) are priorities.
- A mowing schedule sheet was passed around for folks to sign up.
- It will be posted on the website and at the field. Those interested should contact
- Dave Lanman to be added to the list.
- Combat flying will occur after the June and July meetings.
- There will be an Aeroscout event on July 27th.
- A night flying event and a drone event will be scheduled later, as will events with other clubs. As noted, too many scheduled events can cut into free flying time.
- The club sign on route 104 is broken. Ken Pottle said he would remove it.
- We welcomed new member, Kelly Leblond.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Dave Lanman, Secretary

Area 51 (Trial & Error Research/ DIY Design, Unual Craft, etc.)



Chris Hall's 3d printed EDF thrust testing device.



Bob Chapman's invertible stunt drone.

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:

Make checks payable to Kennebec Valley Model Aviators

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Dues: Regular \\\$75, Senior \$70 (65 and over)
 Family (same household) \\\$95
 Youth (under 16) Free

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Arrangements may be made with instructors if necessary for training. Usually, someone is available at the field on weekends.

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Treasurer's Report
April 2025

Opening Balance	4609.09	
Income	70.00	
Dues		70.00
Cash Donation		
Expenses		
Balance as of 3/31/2025	4679.09	
Less Escrow		
Available Funds	4679.09	

Active Members This Year: 41
New Members This Month: 0



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