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 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  
February 4, 7 p.m.

#### Snow Fly-In

KVMA Field  
February 8, 9 a.m.

#### Meeting

LaFleur Airport  
March 4, 7 p.m.

#### Snow Fly-In

KVMA Field  
March 8, 9 a.m.

#### Meeting

LaFleur Airport  
April 1, 7 p.m.

#### RC Swap Meet

LaFleur Airport  
April 12, 8 a.m.

#### Meeting

LaFleur Airport  
May 6, 7 p.m.

#### Field Clean-Up Day

KVMA Field  
May 11, 9 a.m.

#### Meeting

KVMA Field  
June 3, 7 p.m.

#### Ron Gregory Fun Fly Competition

KVMA Field  
June 7, 9 a.m.

#### Meeting

KVMA Field  
July 1, 7 p.m.

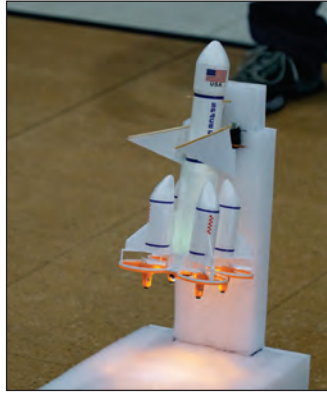
#### Art Aubé Glider Fly-In

KVMA Field  
July 12, 9 a.m.

## Happy New Year!

What better way to kick off the new year than to do some indoor flying? As we have done in the past we spent the middle part of the day with some indoor flying.

In addition to the normal offerings of Shakes, Clinks and Night Vapors, Bob & Mark each brought some new inventions to try out.



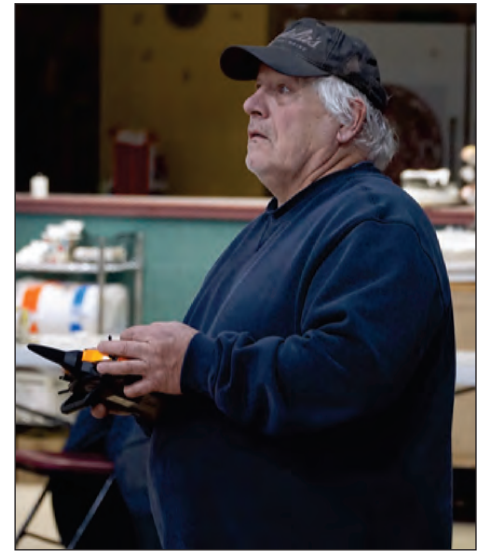
Mark lands the rocket, while Jeff grabs it with the “chopsticks”.



Bob’s “Paper Airplane” need some COG tweaks, but he got it flying.



## Indoor Flying



A most successful maiden voyage for Marks X-9 hovercraft.



“Oh, the humanity.”  
Mark’s blimp had something of an attitude problem.



We had nice visit from Bob Hines’ family.

## Winter Fly-In (Jan. 10)

We had great weather for our January Winter Fly-In. It was a mild day for temps and wind with many members showing up to fly.

The runway was clear of snow at least enough that wheel take-offs were still an option and the float planes had the rest of the field.

Overall, a very good day of flying, chatting and eating.

What more could one ask?

KenP





### KVMA Meeting Minutes for 1-7-26

The meeting was called to order by President Shawn Gibson at 7:00PM with 13 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 by Treasurer Mark Poulin. Due to an oversight, the annual landowner rent of for the field of \$1000, and Christmas gifts of \$100 to the landowner and \$100 to the neighbor who plows the parking lot, had not yet been paid but will be shortly. Mark mentioned that, if notified, he can take care sending flowers when there are deaths or other appropriate occasions.

#### **Old Business:**

- At the December meeting, Mike Celentano suggested that meetings and other activities be moved to the Winslow VFW, or which he is a member, as it affords more space, including for indoor flying, and has food service. Information has been shared among officers and some others and there has been some commentary:
- There is interest in finding out what the VFW has to offer.
- There is strong interest in remaining at the airport for meetings and regular swaps. It is close to I-95. There is no charge for usage.
- In mind for VFW use would be special events such as multi-club swap meets, aircraft building demonstrations, etc.
- At the January 7th meeting Shawn Gibson, Chris Hall, Dave Lanman, and Bob Chapman volunteered to meet with Mike and Commander Brandon Curtis
- of the VFW to tour the facility and report back at the Feb. 4th meeting about the visit and discuss any further interests and options.

#### **New Business:**

- The first Snow Fly-In is on Jan 11th and will include lunch. Joe Gilbert, Bob Chapman and Dave Lanman agreed to bring items for lunch. We will watch the weather which could result in rescheduling.
- Webmaster and Vice President Chis Hall advised that he is adjusting the website administrative privileges time frame for club officers so that loss of access is not so abrupt.
- Mike Celentano made a request that we have "guest speakers" to talk about areas of expertise. Others mentioned plentiful resources such as YouTube which could provide information. Chris Hall said he could discuss a book on aircraft center and balancing at the next meeting.
- Obtaining new hats was discussed. Newsletter Editor Ken Pottle will check into available graphics.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Dave Lanman, Secretary

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### Meeting between KVMA and Winslow VFW 1-14-26

#### **Background:**

- Mike Celentano is both a member of KVMA and the Winslow VFW. He had suggested that KVMA consider the VFW hall for holding its meetings, swap meets and other activities, as the VFW has more space, including for indoor flying, and offers food. He had suggested inviting the Commander, Brandon Curtis, to a KVMA meeting or holding a KVMA meeting at the VFW.
- Internal discussion with available KVMA officers and some others, left the impression that KVMA members are content with using the LaFleur Airport. There is no cost to KVMA. It is close to I-95. They provide hangar space for swap meets in bad weather. The relationship with the Airport has been good, and it's nice for a model airplane club to be meeting at an airport.
- There was interest in visiting the VFW to see what they had to offer. A meeting occurred at the VFW with Shawn Gibson, Dave Lanman, Chris Hall, and Ken Pottle of KVMA and Brandon Curtis of the VFW. Mike Celentano was in attendance.

#### **Points of Interest:**

- The VFW Hall has expansive function space, with fully functioning kitchen and bar. There is a lounge downstairs. The parking lot is also expansive. Depending on circumstances, it is possible to have more than one function in the main hall simultaneously. The VFW has 300 members. While the VFW typically charges \$250+ for Hall rental, it is offering KVMA the use of their facility free of charge for both indoor and outdoor use. They provide space for community use and veterans use including woodworking groups, red cross, motorcycle groups, comedy nights, sewing groups and more. Audio video equipment for presentations is available. The VFW is only 6 minutes farther from I-95 than the Airport.
- KVMA reps stated satisfaction with current accommodations at the airport. However, it was suggested that the VFW might be used for multi-club swap meets, or group activities such as drone builds for which KVMA lacks space. For swap meets, each table might be assessed a dollar amount to cover the function charge. FAA and AMA regulations with regard to outdoor flying were reviewed.
- Discussion occurred around meeting mutual needs. KVMA would be interested in adding to its membership from the VFW membership. The VFW is looking for additional activities for its veterans. Potential expense to veterans of acquiring or building model aircraft was discussed. The greatest expense is usually the transmitter. KVMA could hold an annual meeting at the VFW increasing the numbers of its members that usually attend and perhaps including interested veterans as well. As a next step, KVMA would do an audio video presentation at the VFW about the Club and modeling. VFW experience is that about 30 members might respond to such event. Perhaps the presentation could be done at a VFW meeting.
- KVMA will present the results of the meeting with VFW to members in attendance for discussion at its February 4th club meeting. It also will schedule a presentation with the VFW.

**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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Treasurer's Report  
January 2026

Opening Balance	4800.36	
Income	625.00	
Dues		625.00
Donation		
Expenses	1200.00	
Field Rent		1100.00
Gift for Neighbor		100.00
Balance as of 1/31/2026	4225.36	
Less Escrow		
Available Funds	4225.36	

Active Members This Year: 22  
 New Members This Month: 1  
 Pending Payment: 3  
 Total: 25

