



# THE BARNSTORMER

NEWSLETTER OF THE HEMET MODEL MASTERS

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## Minutes of the September Meeting

MINUTES OF THE September 2004 MEETING OF THE HEMET MODEL MASTERS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 BY PRESIDENT KENN BARTON

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN NEWSLETTER OK

TREASURERS REPORT  
BEGINNING BALANCE OK  
EXPENDITURES OK  
RECEIPTS OK  
ENDING BALANCE OK APPROVED OK

**GUESTS OR NEW MEMBERS** Roy Labid Guest and New member

**OLD BUSINESS** It was moved that we take \$6000 from our checking account and buy a CD. Motion Failed. Rick Waterman said that we need a new PA System at the field.

**SHOW AND TELL** : FRANK LILLIE A1 Skyrarder.

**PROGRAM:** We had a Raffle of Jim Henrys stuff . The raffle went great and almost everything was sold.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM

MINUTES SUBMITTED

BY DICK SMITH SECRETARY



**PRESIDENT'S HANGER**

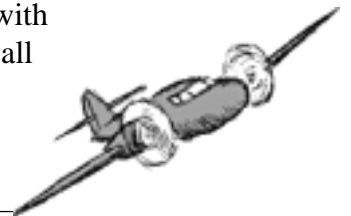
October is upon us and before you know it, December will be here. In addition, there is a lot of work to be done, so let us all rally around the old worktable and be willing to pitch in.

The J.C. Yates Semi- Scale Fly In was a great success. We were lucky to have two wonderful days of cool weather. Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> was just about picture perfect, Sunday the 19 was a little breezy. There were 27 pilots in all with a large variety of scale and semi-scale models. Moreover, to add to the good times there were no mishaps or crashes. Everyone went home with the model they brought, intact.

I would like to thank the following people for their help. Rick Waterman for doing a great job as the CD, Larry Metz as the Asst. CD, Jeff Huggins for cooking and bringing all the refreshments, and also for the donation of the batteries, Sarah Rains and her sister for being the cook's helpers, Dan, Matt, Steph Herbage for running the impound and P.A. system, and Kendall O'Brien for his R.C. Helo. Demo.

Raffle winners were Frederick Waterman from Arizona won the O.S.91FS, Lyle Delano of Hemet got the Airtronics RD-6000, Eric Shewchuck from Temecula won the Hightech flight pack and Larry Tremblay of San Diego got the GWS C-47 electric airplane kit.

I also would like to thank Mr. Bill Netzband and his wife Joan, Jason Turner and his friend Hollan, my Mother and Father- along with myself and my wife Peggy we all donated \$75.00 per couple to



## President's Message Cont.

buy a table for 8 at a cost of \$300.00 for Lori Van Arsdale's fund raiser for her re-election for Hemet City Council. Our donation was also to the Hemet Model Masters for we were there representing the club.

We will soon start a schedule for some work that needs to be done at the Simpson Rd. field; it will entail some painting and general clean up. This should be done before the Toy's for Kid's fly-in. As I said before we need to hit the streets again with a greater effort than last year, to get the word out about the up and coming Toy's for Kids fly-in. It needs to be publicized more in the Hemet; San Jacinto Valley than was done last year. It is one of the biggest things we do for our community. The City of Hemet will be putting up a banner across Florida just prior to the Christmas parade that will be promoting the Toy's for Kid's event.

So until next time keep your tail high in the turns and happy landings

The Prez. Kenn.

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## ACCIDENT PREVENTION FORUM

Conducted by WILDBILL

Oct 04

Here are a couple of items related to last month's FIRE prevention data. After you have used the Class ABC dry powder unit, clean up the powder fairly soon. It has a "mild" corrosive effect on metals. Class ABC extinguishers are ALWAYS RED. Other types may be other colors. I can personally warn you against filling gasoline powered machinery (lawn mowers, etc), in an enclosed area, like your garage, if that is where the gas hot water heater is. I spilled a little, the fumes crawled along the floor to the HW heater, and just then it turned ON. I was able to drag the flaming mower outside, and beat out the fire with a blanket. Would have been easier with the fire extinguisher

I DIDN'T have on hand.

Now, take a few moments and think about the many things, folks, kids, etc, that can get a fire started at the speed of light!

HEART ATTACKS — are best dealt with by people experienced in CPR, or professionals available through 911, depending on how fast help can be delivered. The general symptoms for men is severe pain in the chest that starts to radiate out into the arms and up into your jaw. A person suffering symptoms of a heart attack, has very little time, maybe 10 seconds, from the time they begin to feel faint until they lose consciousness. If you are by yourself, you can delay passing out by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. Take deep breaths between coughs. The cycle for this is short, maybe 2 seconds. Coughs should be deep in the chest, and the breaths deep as possible. What you are doing is squeezing the heart and supplying oxygen, in spite of the heart's failure to work normally. The rule is to keep doing this until help arrives, you can get yourself to a medical facility, or perhaps your breathing becomes normal again. No one said it was going to be easy! Of course, all of you have been checked and cleared by a doctor?

LEADER MEMBERS — There is activity under way at HQ in Muncie to update/revise the Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code! An ad hoc committee has been reviewing the text and has made changes to address confusing language, misplaced paragraphs, and generally clean up the document. Leader Members are being requested to dial up the website [www.modelaircraft.org/surveys/safetyreview.aspx](http://www.modelaircraft.org/surveys/safetyreview.aspx)

to review it, and make any comments you feel necessary to make the text clear to the average AMA member. (Please check Joyce Hager's column in the November 2004 issue of MODEL AVIATION, Page 184). This is YOUR chance to participate in the rules-making process.

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## Current Events

Nov 6th  
Dec 4th  
Dec 4th  
Dec 5th

Club Fun Fly  
City of Hemet Christmas Parade  
Annual Christmas Party  
Toys for Kids Fly-in

# Hobby Knife or Scalpel ?

by Paul Neves

Used properly and carefully, the hobby knife is an excellent tool for cutting, carving and shaping balsa. Used improperly or carelessly, it will cut or pierce anything that happens to be in it's way.

I speak from experience. While working on a model late one January night in 1994, I was attempting to chip excess epoxy from some nylon aileron hinges.

With the wing in one hand and the hobby knife in the other, I applied a lot of pressure on the work and guess what? The blade slipped! Operator Error!

When the knife slipped, it transformed itself from a great tool to an unfriendly scalpel. It was now moving at great speed and reckless abandon towards my other hand.

No matter how fast your reaction time is, this flying object will only stop after it hits something! Unfortunately it didn't hit the wing. It picked a spot just below my left thumb and opened a one inch long very deep cut.

I'm not into self mutilation, but I thought, "wow! It doesn't hurt much!" Then I realized that my thumb was numb. I looked into the gapping hole and saw severed nerves.

In the operating room, the doctor used a real scalpel to open the wound even further in order to repair the severed nerves, along with the nicked tendon. Fortunately, the tendon that controls my thumb was only nicked, not severed. Nerves take a long time to regenerate. As I write this in August of 1998, I still have a numb thumb, although it is slowly regaining some feeling.

This episode also has lightened my wallet to the tune of about \$5,000. It was not just a dumb mistake, but a costly one as well.

I have a constant, everyday reminder in the form of a numb thumb, not to do it again.

What did I learn that I would like to pass along to my fellow modelers?

Always cut away from your body. Let the knife do

the work. Don't use a lot of pressure. Applying a lot of pressure will cause the blade to slip or break and broken blades will cut also.

Care will keep your hobby knife from becoming a scalpel.

P.S.

I could have bought a lot of nifty planes for \$5,000.

## acPI CTURES FROM THE FIELDd



Beautiful Day for Flying



Rick Fite back after a long absence.



Dave Johnson and Gene Bach with Matching Bravo's

## Hints and Tips

### Curving Balsa

Get some ammonia, found in the household section of the supermarket. Put some in a spray bottle and spray both sides of balsa sheet liberally. Carefully bend the sheet to the right shape. You can even tape it to a form, such as an aluminum soda can, and let it dry. Once dry, it may be used as turtle-decks, etc.

### Sandbag Weights

Fill plastic Ziploc™ bags of various sizes about three-quarters full of fine sand, and seal each well. Use these to hold down large parts such as wings while building. The sand will conform to the shape of parts well. They also work well when gluing sheeting.

### Stir Sticks

(Popsicle Sticks) Next time you are in the craft shop, pick up some popsicle sticks. They come in boxes of 100, 500, 1000, and they're cheap. You will use these for all kind of things like servo rails, reinforcing splices, skids, fuel tank stops, mixing epoxy—any place where you are going to put in screws. You will find all kind of uses for them

## Ponder This

What does Geronimo yell when he jumps out of a plane?

Is there another word for synonym?

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

When your pet bird sees you reading the newspaper, does he wonder why you're just sitting there, staring at carpeting?

How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow road sign?

If a mime cuts down a tree, does it make a sound?

Why does the psychic hotline ask for your credit card number?

## Quote of the Month:

e-i-e-i-o is actually a gross misspelling of the word "farm".

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