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**President's Corner**

First, I'd like to thank the club members for a good year as President. We continue to get new members with fresh ideas and interests. That's what keeps the club going, and I believe will keep it growing in the future. We once again lost some good members and friends this year, I hope they are at peace and eternal rest. Again Thanks to you all and Happy Holidays. -- Mike

**Meeting Minutes Nov 5**

(from Mike's Notes)

Old Business:

James Parks installed as new Field Marshal/Safety Officer. More conflict with the south neighbor: sheriff visited. Pins for 2.4 discussed. Bylaws change voted on and passed (eliminating the \$25 late charge for members renewing after Dec 31).

New Business:

Remainder of Sparky's "collection" being donated to club by his sister Linda. Nominations for officers/board members, ballots cast. Meeting adjourned.

**New Officers for 2010**

President: Wes Parker  
 Vice-Pres: David Campbell  
 Treasurer: Bob Schwandt  
 Secretary: Barry Harper

Board Members:

Justin Heath, Mike Howard, Tim McWhorter, Ron Schanda, Bryon Scott

**Field Marshal Focus**

**I wish to thank all the members who attended the election meeting, and congratulate all the Officers and Board members who were elected.**

To all members: Now that a single set of rules have been decided upon, I urge you all to read them and practice their guidance, for it will make for a better

environment for all pilots and spectators alike. Thanks.

The upcoming year proves to be progressive in community involvement and spectator attendance. These are two facets of what the AMA considers crucial in a field's longevity. Without community recognition, conflicts, as we have experienced in the not-so-distant past, can easily shut a field's operation down. This is not our goal... our club goal is to maintain a neighborly appearance, and involve the community and the spectators in order to insure our uninterrupted flying site, as well as recruit new pilots to carry on the hobby into the future. None of us are getting any younger.

I realize how trivial some rules seem to some. But, they are in place for a reason... decided upon by those who choose to attend meetings, and voted into effect according to the constitution of the club... **they will be enforced.**

As Field Marshal, and acting Safety Officer, I invite all members to act as their own safety officer, to ensure that all pilots, and spectators, while at the field, can enjoy incident-free flying.

Outstanding incidences include:

- a. We are still experiencing pilots walking in front of the flight stations while they are actively being used. This must stop! Line of sight is critical to safely controlling these aircraft, and given the growing 2.4GHz population, such disregard can easily, and very likely, cause loss of aircraft, and likelihood of injury to bystanders.
- b. The pit area (between the low white fence and the 5 foot fence) is designated with safety in mind. We must refrain from starting engines outside of the pit area. Youngsters must be behind the low white fence any time an engine is started anywhere in the pit area.

Finally, I appreciate the assignment to this position, and will do my level best

to be fair and impartial while upholding our club rules. Any enforcement made, which aggravates a member, don't be afraid to speak your mind with me. I am very open to your thoughts and feelings about things, and will listen to any civil tongue.

Thank you all again, and happy landings! As always: Keep your head up on a swivel.

James Parks  
 Field Marshal/Safety Officer  
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**Time to renew!!!**

Club membership renewal dues are now due. Members not renewing by Dec 31, will lose flying field privileges and club voting representation until dues are paid by than. The Treasurer will be taking dues at the Christmas Party and at the Chili Fly – proof of 2010 AMA required.

**Christmas party**  
**December 3, 6:30pm**  
**Heritage Cafeteria**  
**1364 E. Battlefield**

**Night Fly**  
**Saturday December 5**  
**Conditions Permitting**

**Ski Fly**  
**Conditions available**

**Annual Chili Fly**  
**New Year's Day Friday,**  
**January 1, 2010**  
**Auction: Remaining items**  
**in Sparky Collection**

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