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SAFETY IS NO JOKE !

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With the pedestrians we contend with - everyone needs to read this carefully and consider the safety challenges we face every time we fly at ESRC. Lets redouble our efforts to FLY SAFE and do not allow anyone to do any less.

If pedestrians are in the area - call it out to your flying buddies - loud and clear!

See:

www.myfoxtampabay.com/dpp/news/local/hillsborough/422-police-interview-model-craft-operators

Every Member is a Safety Officer

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fun Fly (and combat), May 16th, 12PM at the field

June 6 Field Closed 8 to 4PM for ROTC

ESRC Meeting, June 13th, 3PM at the field

June 16 Field Closed 8 to 4PM for ROTC

Float Fly, June 26th, 12PM at Horse Shoe Lake. If the weather is bad it will slip to Sunday the 27th.

ESRC Meeting, July 11th, 3PM at the field

ESRC Meeting, Aug 8th, 3PM at the field

Fun FLY & BBQ, (and combat) Sept 12th, 12PM at the field

Builders Contest (TBD) Anyone building? We a looking for 4 or more to have a contest.

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AMA President's Perspective



AMA President Dave Mathewson

An incident occurred April 16th when an AMA member who was flying a 450-size electric helicopter in a Tampa, FL, public park lost control of the model and injured a young woman walking in the park.

It appears that after calling 911, the pilot and his friends stayed with the injured person until EMTs arrived, then picked up their equipment and left. The local authorities will probably cite the men for ignoring a local ordinance against flying in that park.

This is an unfortunate incident that casts a cloud over what we do as model aviation enthusiasts. The local FOX News affiliate picked up on the story and ran a piece that included video that, by most standards, could be considered pretty graphic.

The potential for collateral harm to all of us as a result of this incident is significant. I've been asked a number of times whether or not the pilot and his friends involved were AMA members. In the end I'm not sure it matters. The news piece didn't say, "Park visitor injured by AMA member (or non-AMA member) flying a model helicopter." It said, "Park visitor injured by toy model helicopter." The non-modeling public that watched that news story will now have a negative perception of model aviation and question the safety of our models. To complicate matters further, the incident occurred in a major metropolitan community park system that already had a ban on flying models. This incident will reverberate throughout the country and, no doubt, will become a topic of discussion with authorities of other park systems. AMA has many chartered clubs that have operated safely for years in local parks, and we are watching closely to make sure that we do what we can to support our members and clubs that may be challenged now as a result of this incident.

However, what follows is the reason I decided to write this column. I've been a modeler for a long time. In all of those years, other than regarding the frequency reallocation issue a couple of decades ago, I don't think I've ever seen the aeromodeling community come together as it has with this situation. AMA has an internal response plan for incidents like this. We were notified of the accident by an officer of the International Radio Controlled Helicopter Association (IRCHA), one of AMA's Special Interest Groups. This triggered our response, which included working with IRCHA to identify a local responsible, articulate, RC helicopter pilot, Rolando Perez, who could speak on camera. AMA's public relations manager spoke with Mr. Perez to go over significant points that should be made regarding AMA's Safety Code and record. In addition, our PR manager spoke directly with the FOX reporter, by phone about model aviation and all of the positive aspects of modeling. A statement was issued by AMA.

At the same time, modelers from 33 states and 14 countries – some AMA members and some not – came together on popular Internet forums to express their concern over the incident and what had happened to this young woman. An initiative was even launched to generate donations to help offset expenses. Members of the local RC helicopter community made the effort to ensure that the local media were made aware of all of the positive aspects of model aviation and the value we bring to communities. As a result, in a short follow-up piece FOX News spoke about the positive "groundswell" of reaction from the "national modeling community" and the concerns expressed by modelers. Go to www.myfoxtampabay.com/dpp/news/local/hillsborough/422-police-interview-model-craft-operators to see this coverage. The mother of the young woman expressed gratitude for the outpouring of support she has received from concerned aeromodelers.

Sometimes it takes something like this to make everyone realize that the common denominator between all of us is model aviation. It doesn't matter what type of model we fly, or maybe even whether or not we are all AMA members. While it was a terribly unfortunate incident, it provided us with the opportunity to show that the majority of us are responsible, safety-conscious individuals, and that we are protective of what we do as model aviators. And this is why I wrote this column. Out of a bad incident came a lot of good. The public has now had the opportunity to see the positive in what we do and that we are a caring, concerned group. The efforts by everyone here will pay some dividend somewhere. It was a good job by all. And because of the actions of everyone involved in reacting to this accident, I think I've maintained my string of writing about the positive things that aeromodeling has to offer. See you next time... *AMA President*

Police interview model craft operators

Girl, 17, recovering after model copter hits her in the head and hand.

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[Warren Elly](#)

TAMPA - Police say they've identified and questioned all three men who were flying model helicopters and planes last Friday when one **slammed into a girl, smashing her hand and leaving her with a nasty head wound.** According to police, one of them said an electronic controller failed, causing the machine to lose power and hit her.

Maresa Poole, 17, **was hit in the head and arm by a model chopper** as she walked across Tampa's Gadsden Park. **It took 17 staples to close a head wound, and surgery to fix a shattered finger and bruised hand.** Nearly a week later, her mom says she is still in a lot of pain. "She's doing ok. She's sore, she's got bruising from the falling, but besides that she's doing okay," Michelle Poole said.

Police have interviewed all three men involved in the incident, including the one operating the helicopter that struck Maresa. He said an electronic controller failed, causing the machine to lose power and hit her, according to police. **Still, the enthusiasts who fly radio-controlled helicopters and airplanes are upset about what happened, and say they fly according to the rules, and that the guys that hurt the girl couldn't have been flying safely.**

"The main rule is **you don't fly over people's heads, you don't fly a certain distance to them. In other words, you gotta keep your distance away,**" says model helicopter expert Rolando Perez.

Maresa said right before the collision, the helicopter seemed to keep coming closer and closer. "I heard it go around me", she says, "and then I heard it like gashing my ear."

Perez opens a helicopter and points to a circuit board, telling us, "the controller is down there." It's the component the men say failed. Perez says he's seen them fail in the past, but he also says, it's unusual for the controllers to fail. "Very, very unusual," he said.

Investigators say one of the men flying that day may have saved Maresa's life by calling 911 and taking off his shirt to put pressure on her wounds until help arrived. He told the 9-11 operator: "she's got blood all over her." "Just take a clean dry cloth and apply pressure where the bleeding is," came the 911 operator's reply.

While waiting for a decision from police, Maresa's family says they've been touched by the thousands of model flying hobbyists who've inundated websites with best wishes, and donations.

Several thousand dollars have been pledged now from 33 states and 14 foreign countries.

RC Float Fly

June 26 & 27, 2010

Horseshoe Lake

Spectators welcome!

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East Side RC - Edwardsville



Location: 3321 Highway 111, Granite City, IL 62040 (111 & horseshoe lake Rd.)



More Info: www.eastsiderc.com

RSVP: contact@eastsiderc.com

Event Details: Flying 10 to 3 each day, event is a 'fun fly' not an official contest event. Frequency

control and a chase boat will be provided by ESRC. Sunday is a 'rain date', but if adequate flyers available, we will fly both days. No landing fee, but donations accepted to cover AMA fees. All flyers are required to show current AMA membership.





- Saturday May 22nd 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- All styles shapes and sizes welcome. Novice to expert.
- Breakfast and lunch will be available
- Drag race and auto rotation contests
- Prizes and raffles
- Open flying sessions for fixed wing aircraft
- Landing fee \$10.

Spectators free

See John Snyder fly his Mosquito Ultra light heli



Get directions and more info on our website:
www.evansvillercclub.com

Promo Video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=re2o-GpD4IQ

ORCHARD FARM RC FLYERS

Open House Fun Fly

Friday June 18th and Saturday June 19th

Open Flying Sunday June 20.

9:00 AM till? All Aircraft welcome glow, electric and gas



Location: North St. Charles County , MO

Directions: From Hwy 370 - Go North on State Hwy 94 about 7 miles
Left on Highway V (**Orchard Farm Road**) Pass **Orchard Farm High School** ,
then Right on Marris Becket Road to Field

Open Fly Event - All Aircraft Welcome. No Noise restrictions

Flying Giants 2008-2009 Huckfest Host Site

Absolutely Huge, Unobstructed 10 Acre Grass Field, 800 ft runway

No landing fee - Donations Encouraged & Appreciated

Concessions - hamburgers, bratwurst and soda

On-site camping available (no hook-ups)

Transmitter Impound in Effect - All Pilots Must Register

AMA Membership Required

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4th Annual WORLD WAR 1 FLY-IN



**EVERETT McKINLEY DIRKSEN PARK
HERMON D. LOWERY FIELD, PEKIN, IL.
SATURDAY, JUNE 26th, 2010**

- No landing fee
- Any size W.W. 1 Aircraft
- Acres of closely cut grass
- Overnight parking for self contained campers.
- Registration begins 8 A.M.
- Flying begins 9 A. M.
- Must have AMA to fly
- Free lunch for flyers
- 50/50 Raffle

Sponsored by

Pekin R/C Club

Visit us at

www.pekinrc.com

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The general public is invited to attend. Food & refreshments served at 11 A. M.. Bring the kids as they will have a great time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
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30TH ANNUAL BIG BIRD FLY-IN PEKIN R/C CLUB



EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN PARK

HERMON D. LOWERY FIELD, PEKIN, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

- No landing fee
- 175 feet paved runway
- Acres of closely cut grass
- Overnight parking for self contained campers
- Registration begins 8 AM
- Flying begins at 9 AM
- IMAA & AMA sanctioned
- Must have IMAA & AMA to fly (Applications are available at registration)
- Free Lunch for flyers
- Prizes for pilots
- Raffles for everyone

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**Visit us at:
www.pekinrc.com**

The general public is invited to attend.
Food & refreshments served after 11 AM.
Bring the kids as they will have a great time!!!

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DAVE MCQUINN FORWARDS THE FOLLOWING EVENT SCHEDULE

Here are some upcoming events you might be interested in.

May 22

SLRC swap meet

8:00 to 12:00. Club site in Eureka

May 29

Wright City Flyers Float Fly

Wright City MO. www.wrightcityflyers.com

June 12

River City Flyers warbird and scale fly in

www.rivercityflyers.com

June 12 and 13

Charity open fun Cape Girardeau, MO

www.semclub.tripod.com

June 19 and 20

Orchard Farms fly in www.orchardfarmrc.com

June 26 and 27

Float fly at Horseshoe Lake IL

www.eastsiderc.com/PDF_Docs/Float_Fly_2010_ESRC.pdf

July 16, 17, 18.

SLRC Jet Rally at the Eureka site

July 31

Float Fly at Jim Elfink Lake

www.wrightcityflyers.com

August 7

Fearless Flyers fun fly

McCleansboro, IL

flyjay77@yahoo

August 21

Hayes Lake float fly

www.wrightcityflyers.com

September 11 and 12

River City warbird fly in

www.rivercityflyers.com

Looks like a fun and busy year.



Redwing RC <http://www.redwingrc.com/>

Take a look at their new line of airplanes.

WEBSITES WORTH A LOOK

AFTER CONNECTING TO THE SITE, CLICK ON ANY PLANE & AND IT WILL SHOW YOU THE COCKPIT

OF THAT AIRPLANE!

CLICK ON >>: [COCKPIT](#)

[HTTP://WWW.CODEONEMAGAZINE.COM/TEST/ARCHIVES/2007/ARTICLES/JAN_07/COCKPITS/COCKPITS.HTML](http://www.codeonemagazine.com/test/archives/2007/articles/jan_07/cockpits/cockpits.html)

Fleet Reduction Sale "Big Bingo"

Big Bird - 84" wing span (2 piece wing with flaps and ailerons). A Proven Flyer.

Engines: Two Supertiger 3000, 1.8 cu in (180) glow plug engine. (one is near new spare).

Flight pack: Receiver with 6 servos (2 high power) and 1200 mah battery.

Accessories: Heavy Duty Starter, 3" cone w/12v battery. Four props (18x6 and 10). Two gallons of fuel. Safety hold down system (one man operation). Airplane assembly stand. Building plans etc etc.

Over \$1000 invested - \$300 takes it all!



Call Bill Metcalf (618) 877-6772.



This is a great looking airplane

AMA NEWS LETTER

The newest issue of the *AMA Insider* has been posted on the *AMA Insider* Web site. You can navigate to it by going to

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/insider/index.html>

Talk to Rich Mowery Before Buying New RC Equipment

Rich can sell JR and Hanger-9 equipment, radios, planes, etc for well under dealer pricing.

Some examples:

JR9303 2.4 with charger, 921 rec. \$500.00 plus JR shipping.

How about a high end AR-9100 safe guard RX..JR 's price is \$219.00 - Rich can sell it for \$180.

Rich is also offering high end RC airplane repair and modification services. He was recently selected, over several out of state repair specialists, to repair and modify a Carden 40% and a Extra 260. Rich really knows what he is doing on the high end birds so give him a call if you or a buddy need help.

FOR SALE by Ron Crawford

For info , call Ron at (618) 288-5768 or email at ronc0105@att.net

Great Planes Sportster EP - \$65

Used but in excellent condition.
Airplane only as pictured w/Manual



Brand New DX7 Radio - \$300

I am offering this radio for a friend.
It is brand new in box and never used.
Includes an AR7000 receiver and 4 DS821 servos.
You can check Horizon's website for complete details. This radio retails for \$350



More FOR SALE by Ron Crawford

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Hangar 9 - Advance - \$50

This is an excellent Sunday flyer.

It is used and has some repairs but is in solid condition.



Gee Bee 28" Floats - \$15

These are NIB w/all mountings & instructions



Upgraded Fuel Pumps

Ron has 2 Fuel Pumps that he repaired by upgrading the coupling between the motor and pump. The coupling is the weak point of the pumps and is why they fail. My upgraded pumps are used but work as good as new and will last many times longer than original. One is a Hobbico and the other is a Hangar 9. \$10 each



HiTec HS-422 servos

Servos are new but not in boxes. Ron installed them in a plane he was building and then decided to upgrade the servos before he finished.

\$30 for all 3 - Tower Price is \$12.49 each.



Web Stuff Worth Looking At

Subject: