



LFC TIMES

AMA Chartered Club #3848

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From the Treasurer,

The club elections are here again and it is time for members to step forward to provide leadership to carry the club through another year. Robert Linabury has volunteered to head up nominations, so you should be hearing from him or his committee. He will be looking for people to fill the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Robert will present a slate at the next meeting, after which, nominations from the floor will be accepted. Elections will be held at the December meeting. Nomination/Election for the four Directors positions will be held at the December meeting.

I would like to thank all those members who showed up for the work party on Wed. November 1st. A new cover was installed on the hanger shelter, fence was repaired and runway sprayed and cleaned all in preparation of Largo Appreciation Day.

It's that time again! The reup letters were sent out on October 15th and as of the writing of this news letter we have 35% of the members renewed for next year.

We would like to welcome our snow birds back from the north and wish them safe flying and crash free for the winter months.

We would also like to wish a speedy recovery to our sick. John Corrao at home after 9 days in the hospital and Frank Borrelli in Ohio recovering from open heart surgery. Get well soon so you can come and fly again.

Largo Appreciation Day is just 2 weeks away and we are going to need a lot of help???? So please make yourself available to assist with parking, buddy box flying, cooking, static display, set up and tare down. Please bring your planes for static display and one to fly during the open flying time.

Things are moving fast at this time of the year. John Lundahl has provided us the use of his trailer for the float in the Largo Holiday Parade December 2nd and it is sitting in my back yard waiting to be built. We will plan a work day for design and build so put your thinking caps on and come up with some ideas; the theme is (**Holidays Around The World**).

We had a bad incident at the field this week, one in which we have all expected would happen but hoped it would not. Don Stach lost control of a plane and it went through a screened in pool enclosure and into the pool. No one was home at the time of the accident and Don was able to recover the plane (in pieces) and left a note as to what happened and to call him when they got home. Don hired a repair man and repaired the damage to the home owner's satisfaction. It was taken care of in a timely and professional manner and I commend Don for taking care of what could have been a messy situation and the end of our flying field. We now have a satisfied home owner

and promoter of our sport. This should be a wake up call to all of us and be more watchful of the boundaries. **(STAY INSIDE OF THEM)**

While on the subject, we have again removed the 2 west pilot stations; this is for our own benefit so we make our turns shorter when landing from the west and not go over the lake and houses to the west. It was stated while Don was recovering his plane one of the neighbors said planes had been flying over the houses all week??? Let's be good neighbors and abide by the rules so we can continue to fly here.

Our next club meeting will be Tuesday night November 7th 7 PM at the Fraternal Order of Police.

Gene Henry (Acting Editor)

Ed. Says;

I've just read an article in the MA Feb., 2004 and the article exclaims, "**Does your airplane have an expiration date**"? Well your plane does have an **E.D.** If you think that it doesn't require any maintenance at all or very little, you are the one in 10 who think that this plane will fly forever and nothing has to be done to this plane or equipment, therefore, when this plane suddenly requires more maintenance than possible, they say, "**gee I don't know what happen**"!

Airplanes defy a unique law and that is the law of gravity. It's like saying, let's climb this ladder to the top wrung and see what happens when I jump off! I'll guarantee you half way down you will suddenly think that this was a very bad idea. Just like when your plane is out of control and diving to the ground, you suddenly say, "gee I should have checked the plane out a little bit better". "**Too little to late**".

Now you not only have a maintenance problem on your hands but a full fledge rebuilding project. So which is easier? To take a few minutes to check out every bit of this gravity defying object or to take the rebuilding course of destroyed objects. I do hear from some, now and again, "**oh I'll just buy another one**". That's nice if you can afford this but who among us can do this?

Get smart! Remember that TV program? No, not a TV program but the program of get smart and save that plane for another day. Be smart, be happy, don't worry and be proud of your very successful work of art, keeping your airplane in one piece, I do. Keep thinking the expiration date of this airplane will be a long time coming.

Ed.
Chief Flight Instructor