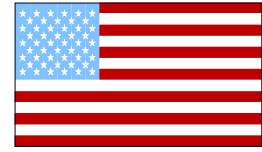
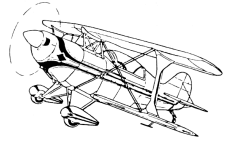




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President's Corner

Notice: See page 4 for an important message!

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Greetings to all and Happy Flying New Year!!!!

Time is certainly flying by...we already held two club events and it's just February. We held our club holiday dinner and also the electric fly in "F.I.T.S."

I was sadly disappointed however, by the lack of club member participation in both events. Why is it always the same handful of people that always participate and help out at events? I can't figure it out. I thought that the club facilities were used by everyone, not just the few that consistently help. And I imagine right now there are some that are reading this that are thinking, yeah, I pay my dues and that should cover everything....been there....just think if everyone had that thought, where would you be flying? We have a couple more events that are coming up and I am making my appeal for help to ALL members. There is always something that needs to be done and I am sure we can match your talents to one of those "to do" things.

It is that time again and February is our annual election meeting. We have three positions that are up for renewal. They are; Vice President, Treasurer, and Director. If you are interested in running for any of those positions please let me or any other board member know as soon as possible. I would also like to encourage you to please attend this meeting as the new gate combination number will be given out at that time.

Let me introduce the next proposed project to you and invite you to do your homework and research prior to the March general meeting vote. We are proposing that the club re-levels the runway, apply a substrate, and then lay down Petromat as the covering. For those of you that are not familiar with Petromat, it is a geomat material that is used in the paving industry as a barrier between old and new black top. Many clubs throughout the world use this material for their runways with complete success. I invite you to go online and research the use of this material as a runway. RC Universe has multiple postings on clubs that use this material, or just Google "Petromat runways". The board feels that this would certainly enhance the current runway and allow all aircraft, with the exception of turbine jets, to use it. Please read the article included in this newsletter for more details and estimated cost.

TSF & Have Fun

Petromat Runway

If you have the opportunity to do some web surfing, please check out petromat runways. This is a material that is commonly used in the paving industry as a barrier layer under pavement to block water penetration. It just also so happens to be an ideal runway material that has been successfully used by several clubs throughout the world. It is easy to install, rather inexpensive, and extremely durable. The more sunshine it gets the better it becomes. Life expectancy is typically 8 to 10 years.

The board met on the use of this material for our current runway and is very excited about the potential for our situation. We could have a better than blacktop runway at about a quarter of the price and still be compliant with our lease. Below you will find one of the better links to a club that installed this type of runway and also some pictures of what this type of runway actually looks like. If you do not have internet access, you can look in the AMA magazine "Model Aviation" December 2009 issue on page 66 for information on another club that installed this type of runway.

We discussed having a 45ft X 400ft matted runway with grass runoff on each end along with a grass strip on the far side. To accomplish this, we would need to purchase three 18ft X 400ft rolls of petromat material at an estimated cost of \$400 per roll. This along with the thousands of staples that we would need would bring material cost to around the \$3000 mark. We would also purchase the thinner material for the taxi ways at 15ft wide. The only other expense would be the grading and rolling to really level things before the matting would go down.

I am sure that about now you are asking well, why? Several reasons brought this about but with the heating of the soil beneath this matt there would be no plant growth, no bugs, hence no gopher moles = smooth runway. In addition, all aircraft (with the exception of the turbines) would be able to utilize the runway. Mowing would be absolutely minimal and we would no longer need to purchase and maintain the gang mower that was already approved (we would apply the approved mower funds to the cost of the new runway covering). We have more than enough in the bank to cover this project without causing any financial hardships for the club.

Please do the research and be ready to cast your vote by the March general meeting. The board will be asking to install this material on the main runway before the summer months at a cost not to exceed \$6000. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or come to the February general meeting.

Web link: http://www.laaeromodelers.org/gallery/laaero_geotex/laaero_geotex_runway.html

See the pictures on the next page.



January 2010 Meeting Headlines

The general meeting was held on January 9th and despite the weather (sleet & freezing rain) we had good attendance with 13 brave members participating.

As a reminder, we would like to ask those of you who smoke not to do so during the general meetings. These meetings are in confined quarters and are usually short in length so we ask for your cooperation with this matter please.

A very important reminder and safety issue, please make sure that you put up your membership card on the frequency board before you start flying. That holds true even if you are on 2.4 or the only one at the field. Again, please get into that habit!!!!

Club officer elections will be taking place in February and we will be voting on the following positions; Vice President, Treasurer, Director. Paul Langevin has accepted the nomination for Treasurer, Dick Scott has accepted the nomination for Vice President, and Jeff Goodman has accepted the nomination for Director. If you are interested in running for any of these positions please contact any board member before the beginning of the February meeting.

We briefly discussed using new runway material to cover the existing runway. More details will be included in the next newsletter and discussed again in February.

It was a very short meeting as it was so blasted cold and everything was iced up including most of the members. We are really hoping for good weather for the February meeting and also looking forward to a good turnout.

Notice!

Please attend the annual meeting Feb 13th for election of officers and to receive the new gate combination!!!