



# The Sunbeam

## President's Column by CRAIG KRUEGER

Let's go flying! In February? Who would have thought that there would be so many good flying days in February. So be sure to renew your AMA membership and club dues for 2017 and take advantage of these good flying days.

What's the best way to reduce the winter blues? Easy, have an indoor electric fun fly. And that's exactly what happened on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the 3M Rec Center. I'm safe in saying that the evening of flying was a big success and enjoyed by all the attendees. More coverage to follow in the newsletter.

We've all heard the phrase, "the grass is greener on the other side of the fence". You can use this phrase in just about any of life's situations that we encounter as we grow older. It's never tested until you DO cross the fence to see just how green the grass really is. I remember the last few month's before retiring couldn't go quick enough. Then, the time came to "cross the fence" into retirement. Retirement is what you make of it. Your focus on life changes, priorities change, and YOU change. Which brings me to something that my uncle had told me of a friend of his who had just retired. His friend suddenly realized that with newly acquired "free time", he was now available to go shopping with his wife. One thing he had no patience to do. Just the opposite of his wife. But, a shopping he would go!

After weeks of shopping together, he and his wife received a letter from a well known department store. Blunt and to the point, the store was banning them from shopping in their store. They could no longer accept the husband's behavior while shopping, and gave the following the reasons, captured on their surveillance cameras, for their decision.

## Club Calendar

**February 14 Tuesday 7:00 P.M.** Monthly meeting of the Central Iowa Aeromodelers. Meeting at the AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY, Dale Ross Board Room. Proceed up stairs, then turn left 3 times!

**April 1 & 2** River City Club Swap Meet - See Page 6

**April 8** Ames Airport Fly-In - See page 5

1. Asked to put a bag of M & M's on layaway.
2. Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. Moved a "Caution-Wet Floor" sign to a carpeted area of the store.
4. After waiting awhile in the fitting room, he yelled "HEY, there's no toilet paper in here!"
5. Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly placed them in other people's carts while they weren't looking.

So what's the point to all this? Whether you're retired or working, make good decisions. Like joining our great hobby of RC flying. You learn, make friends, and have fun. AND, you won't be barred from your local department store. So please, come join us! That's one decision you won't regret.

Take care,  
Craig

## Craig's Scratch Build Updates

I was in the shop checking planes over and realized I hadn't given any progress updates on the Singer 120 for quite some time. As I have mentioned in the past, a picture is worth a thousand words (well maybe not



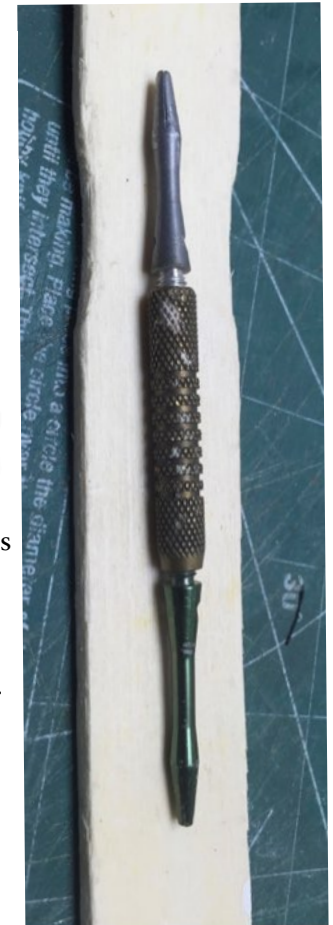
that many), but pictures help for understanding.

At this point, the plane is pretty much ready for covering. Cowl, wing cover and canopy are fitted awaiting the results on how well the covering looks before they are painted. When the cowl was in the planning stages, it appeared that the firewall would have to be moved back  $-1/2''$  to get the correct measurement for prop clearance. Had some concerns about doing this. When the cowl arrived, it measured  $3/4''$  longer than what was on the plans. Luckily, I didn't have to touch the firewall.

## WHAT IS IT?



Andrew Albinger tells me this is a soft tip dart with a shaft screwed into each side instead of a shaft in one side and the dart tip in the other. Thanks!





Getting better at soldering. Tail also has wires on the bottom side. Makes for solid section.



Quite a challenge on matching paint color with the film, plus spraying the paint on for a smooth finish. Used Krylon Navy. Not the easiest paint to apply. Stripped the paint off several times before figuring out how to get the finish smooth. Cockpit turned out ok. Canopy fit ok, I couldn't find one similar to the original plan. Used a P-51 from Great Planes kit.



And here it is, covered, with some of the decals applied. Need to lateral balance yet. Zenoah G38 has been ran and ready. I must say this is one sweet engine. It truly is easy starting. (Spring starter doesn't hurt anything, either). I couldn't resist the urge to taxi it around the back yard, so I did! As the weather turned crappy late fall, put off the maiden until spring. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Craig



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# Ames Fly-In

## April 8th, 2017

### 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### Ames Municipal Airport

*Raindate: April 15th, 2017*

*Come watch planes fly in and out of the airport at this family-fun open house. Admission is free!*

*Follow the signs along Airport Rd for parking.*

#### **Fly or Drive Pancake Breakfast**

Pilot-in-Command - Free

Adults - \$6

12 & under - \$5



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#### ATTENTION!

The central Iowa Aeromodelers will have a display at this event. We are looking for up to 5 aircraft; 2 large, 3 smaller. And some people to eat pancakes, look at full scale aircraft and to just have a good time!

Denny Goodrich

# RIVER CITY RADIO CONTROL CLUB ANNUAL MALL SHOW AND SWAP MEET

APRIL 1st & 2nd  
Sat 10 AM - 4 PM  
Sun 10 AM - 4 PM



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10.00 TABLE FEE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SWAP MEET

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## The Central Iowa Aeromodelers

<http://centraliowaeromodelers.weebly.com/index.html>

This club has been established to promote all facets of the hobby/sport of model aviation and to provide assistance and fellowship for its members. AMA Charter 2091.

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### 2017 Central Iowa Aeromodelers Membership Form

Annual Dues: Open Member \$85 - Any Open AMA member.  
 Student \$35 - Full time college undergrad/school student of any capability  
 Family Membership \$85 - Includes spouse and all in household 18 & under.  
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