



# The Thrustline



AMA Chartered Club 1165

[www.skystreakers.org](http://www.skystreakers.org)

September 2010

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday**  
**September 8, 2010**  
**7pm**  
**AT THE FIELD**  
See Carl's Note

## Club officers/Contacts

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Carl Jackson

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## President's Message

Hello Skystreakers!

Wow, where to begin? First, I want to thank everyone for a successful year thus far. We have had a great year so far with lots of flying (and fantastic weather), lots of new students/members, an increasing number of instructors (although we still need more!!!), increased volunteer help, and just overall increased excitement at our club.

We just had another successful Scale Shootout - our 18th year! I want to personally thank each and every person that helped make this event happen - contestants, judges, score keepers, helpers, set up/take down & clean up crews - thank you! We had everyone from beginners to experts, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time - not to mention that the Saturday Night BBQ (catered by our own John Leeman) was outstanding. If you ever had an interest in the exciting world of scale modeling, give it a try! Contact me anytime for more info on what it's all about & start working on that special project for next year's event.

We are nearing the end of the flying season, but there is still one big event yet to take place. The FINAL Club 40 Pylon race will be held @ the skystreakers on Sept 18th (rain date 19th) from 9am till noonish. Come check it out!!!! It is a blast to watch, and even more of a blast to fly! ANYONE can do it - we have everyone from brand new pilots to experienced veterans all racing together and having a ball!

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**The next meeting will be held Wednesday at the field @ 7pm. This will be the LAST meeting at the field until next spring. The next meeting will be at the Legion Hall on Thurs Oct 14th @ 7pm.** The weather has been so nice that I thought we should have one more meet at the field under our beautiful shelter before returning to the Legion. Please come join us as there are sure to be many important & interesting items to be discussed.

Have fun & be safe! I hope to see you all soon!

Regards,  
Carlton Jackson

**Reprint of the message sent out by Carl Jackson to all members, by e-mail, August 20, 2010**

Hello Everyone,

It has been a wonderful flying season thus far. I want to bring up several important matters:

First, the State of Maine Scale Shootout is just around the corner. We will be prepping the field this coming Friday. Anyone who can lend a hand on setup on Friday, and cleanup on Sunday - it will be greatly appreciated. This year will be a first for the contest - The Scale Shootout is a qualifying event for Scale Masters this year. Due to this, we hope to have a slightly larger crowd & help build the contest back up.

At the last meeting, the club agreed to sponsor the Shootout due to the lack of funds in the Shootout account. Hopefully, this will be a good investment and will help get this contest back on its feet.

Now, I have a couple of issues to discuss:

First, we had a problem this past training night with a missing buddy cord. It appears that a brand new cord (still in the package) was taken out of the back of our Chief Flight Instructors vehicle. This is not the first time either; over the past few years, several buddy cords/buddy boxes, and even a whole airplane (from what I am told) has gone missing.

Now, I hate to think that one of our own members would intentionally take any of these things. But keep in mind, that when the gate is unlocked, anyone can come into the field. And if it is busy, they can come and go virtually undetected. I suggest that everyone be aware of

this and take note to unfamiliar faces. I am keeping a log of all club property in order to keep track of what we have and who has it.

Second, there has been more and more non-novices showing up Wednesday evenings. We have been lax in letting people fly due to the small amount of students, and the desire to have airplanes in the air at all times (to help students feel comfortable with other air traffic). We now have too many students to allow this, so from now on, there is NO FLYING after 5pm other than by those who have not earned their wings. Exceptions may be made on a case by case by the Chief Instructor ONLY. If you decide to show up on Wednesday evening and are a competent pilot, we will now ask you to assist in the teaching of new pilots. If you don't feel comfortable with this, you will be asked to help with ground operations/prepping airplanes. We are EXTREMELY short handed with instructors, and have students waiting too long in between flights. WE NEED YOUR HELP.....

Lastly, a few safety issues:

#1 - if you do not have your wings, you DO NOT FLY without an instructor!

NO EXCEPTIONS.

#2 - NO FLYING over the pit area.

#3 - ANNOUNCE if you are on the runway. Pilots who are flying also need to ensure a clear runway BEFORE setting up to land. LOOK AROUND.....

#4- not so much a safety issue - NO FLYING over the bog on the N. West side of the field.

Folks, these things are for EVERYONES safety. It is everyone's responsibility to help enforce these rules - if you see an infraction, KINDLY approach the pilot and talk to them. There is no need for anyone to get upset, we all need to be reminded of these rules from time to time.

If there is a major problem, then notify ANY club officer immediately.

We have had an extraordinary year so far. Membership is up. Activity is way up. It is great to see a crowd at the field almost every day now. Lets keep it safe, and continue to have fun with this wonderful hobby. As always, if you have any questions/concerns/comments, contact me ANYTIME at 576-3088, 333-0903, or [carlton@maineairpower.com](mailto:carlton@maineairpower.com). I hope to see you next weekend at the shootout. Also, note that the pylong racing is really "taking off".... i suggest at least attending the last race held at our field in September. Please note the contest calendar as the dates have changed...

Regards,

Carlton Jackson

President, Skystreakers

## SKYSTREAKERS MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2010

The August meeting at the field was called to order during the usual trainer night activities. Sixteen members and 1 guest attended.

The minutes for the past meeting were read by me, as they didn't make the newsletter. If you read the newsletter, and read the minutes, they were for the meeting 2 months previous. I submitted them because the newsletter is the only place most get to see them at all. The minutes were accepted as read. *Secretary's Note: Thanks to Nelson for taking the minutes in my absence. Great job!* There was no Treasurer's Report, as Dave wasn't present, and none had been submitted.

### NEW BUSINESS

Carl stated that the field mowing has been put on an "on call" basis, as he thought it was being mowed more often than necessary.

Removal of the excess lumber from the shelter project before the Scale Shootout was discussed.

Eric Guilmete wasn't at the meeting, but Carl said that he has been busy with work lately, and will finish up the shelter shortly.

Moving/extending the paved runway was discussed, mostly pertaining to the base of stone dust required for paving. We can get it from Shaw Bros. now at an approximate cost of \$800-\$900. The cost is much less at this time than normal, so we would need to buy it soon to get this price. The material can be piled up off the field and left for whatever time required before use, with no adverse affect on it. A motion to buy the stone dust if we could get delivery at no cost was made, and passed by the members present.

Carl asked for volunteers for the Scale Shootout, and thought that the club should make a financial commitment to hosting it. He stated that this year would be the first time that the event would be a Scale Masters qualifier. He made a motion to have the club spend up to \$1,500 to cover costs. The motion was seconded, and passed.

I stated that I wouldn't be available as secretary, in the coming year, so members could be thinking of taking over these duties.

The 2 club owned trainers were crashed tonight.

Respectfully submitted;  
Mac McLaughlin

## **The Last Race of the Season, Message from Charlie Comeau**

HI ALL

I will take the time to mention the August 7th race at Propsnappers Field. I was vary rude and forgot to welcome two new members to the racing with the Club 40 guys. I would like to introduce Eric Watermen and John Townsend, the two of them are competitors. I also care to mention the Propsnapper guys that helped. That day was GREAT - THANKS FOR THE USE OF

YOUR FIELD AND HELP!! I think it was the 8th race when I cut Carlton's plane in half! It had gone like this as I remember: I was in #3 lane. Carl was in #1, Eric in 2, and Jim in 4. The starter dropped the flag and off we go, all going for the first pylon!!! We were jumbling for position - Eric and Jim were in the air, I let my plane go left a little. I thought that Carl was ahead of me and up I come. I cut his plane in half OOOOPPSSS!!!!

This put Carl out of that race as well as myself. AS the rules say, if you cause a mishap on the ground or on take off you are disqualified for that round!! We had a great day there at the Propsnappers field. THANKS FROM THE CLUB 40 GUYS!!!!!!!!!!

AUGUST 28 2010

I did not host this race. I had Carl be the CD I instead had gone to the JET Really in MA that day! I'd like to thank Carl for taking the Bull buy the Prop for that day!! We had 6 pilots that day and lots of action. Eric won, Andrew 2nd, Justin 3rd in the first race. But the real story here is that the heat of the action in the 3rd race. Andrew and Kurt had a MIDAIR that put them both out! Hope their planes are fixed soon!!! And that they will

be back Flying. The last racer now most everyone knows - DICK DUMAIS. He in his upper 70d;s and he has experience with pylon racing in the past, so I think that people thought of him as a threat! Someone took his elevator out while taxiing to the start/finish line. Funny! So you can see lots of ACTION during a day at the PYLON RACING!!!

The Last Race of the Year is this SEPTEMBER 18 @ 9:00AM

AT YHE SKYSTREAKERS FIELD RAIN DATE IS September 19 @ 9:00AM

PLEASE: ALL PILOTS COME AT 8:00AM TO HELP THINGS SET UP! I WOULD LIKE TO BE DONE BY NOON. LUNCH [I WILL HAVE PIZZA, SODA and CHIPS FOR OUR GREAT FRIST YEAR CLUB 40 GUYS AND HELPERS] I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE HELPER THAT TOOK TIME OUT THEIR LIVES TO HELP THE CLUB 40 PYLON RACING EVENTS. THANKS SO MUCH. YOU GUYS MADE IT EASIER ON THE PILOTS AND ME AS THE CD. HOPE TO SEE EVERONE THERE THANKS

**CHARLIE COMEAU**

## Scale Shootout Report

The Scale Shootout was held just over a week ago— August 28 and 29, at the club field in New Gloucester. Many of the pilots and their wives came out to the field in hot summer weather to enjoy a nice weekend of flying. I am happy to report there was time for 6 rounds of flying, so everyone had ample time to fly, and a chance to improve their scores. It should also be noted there were some dead stick landings but there were **no crashes** !

**Thanks goes out to all who helped out with this event.**

President Carl Jackson announced there will be the scale shootout on the last weekend of August next year, and promises to have more advertising to promote the event. It would be nice if more club members took part in the flying at this event, it is a great weekend.

**Here are some snapshots from the shootout**











# Propsnapper's Fall Float FLY at the Kiwanis Beach, Watchic Lake, Standish

Unfortunately this is the same weekend as the pylon race

## Fall Float Fly Sept 18-19 2010

Kiwanis Beach At Watchic Lake: Rt 25 Standish

Sponsored By Propsnappers R/C Club Portland Maine

Public Invited, Admission Free

All Pilots 2010 AMA Card Required

No Dogs Allowed On Beach



**Registration Fee For All Participants:**

\$10. For One Day \$15 For Two Days  
Lunch Included With Landing Fee  
Saturday & Sunday

There Will Be Short Contest During The Day With Prizes  
Wind Permitting

## July Treasurer's Report

		Current Period	Prior Total	Year to Date
<b>Receipts</b>				
	membership dues	\$164.47	\$5,086.21	\$5,250.68
	fuel & other raffles	\$0.00	\$66.00	\$66.00
	club novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	advertising			\$0.00
	Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	other	\$0.00	\$2,239.40	\$2,239.40
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$164.47</b>	<b>\$7,391.61</b>	<b>\$7,556.08</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Postage & Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Field Repairs & Maintenance	\$0.00	\$514.00	\$514.00
	Portable Toilet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mowing	\$590.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,980.00
	Prizes & Drawings	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
	Patches, Awards & Novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Contest Prizes			\$0.00
	Contest Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	A.M.A. Dues	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
	A.M.A. Sanction Fees			\$0.00
	Admin. Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous (flag & trainer supplies)	\$624.75	\$3,955.32	\$4,580.07
	Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	Public Relations	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	V.C.R. Tapes			\$0.00
	Scale Shootout			\$0.00
	Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,214.75</b>	<b>\$6,359.32</b>	<b>\$7,574.07</b>
	<b>NET INC. OR (DEC.) IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(\$1,050.28)</b>	<b>\$1,032.29</b>	<b>(\$17.99)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
	Key Bank-Checking	\$206.14	\$1,297.54	
	Key Bank-Reserve	\$2,030.52	\$1,989.40	
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,236.66</b>	<b>\$3,286.94</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>				
	Fund Balance (Beg. of year)	\$2,254.65		
	Year To Date Inc. or (Dec.)	(\$17.99)		
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$2,236.66</b>		
	Liabilities (Levasseur Landscaping)	\$0.00		
	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$2,236.66</b>		

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<b>Receipts</b>				
	membership dues	\$0.00	\$5,250.68	\$5,250.68
	fuel & other raffles	\$0.00	\$66.00	\$66.00
	club novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	advertising			\$0.00
	Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	other	\$0.00	\$2,239.40	\$2,239.40
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,556.08</b>	<b>\$7,556.08</b>
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	Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	Portable Toilet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mowing	\$0.00	\$1,980.00	\$1,980.00
	Prizes & Drawings	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
	Patches, Awards & Novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Contest Prizes			\$0.00
	Contest Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	A.M.A. Dues	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
	A.M.A. Sanction Fees			\$0.00
	Admin. Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous ( trainer supplies)	\$16.79	\$4,580.07	\$4,596.86
	Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	Public Relations	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	V.C.R. Tapes			\$0.00
	Scale Shootout	\$395.00		\$395.00
	Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$411.79</b>	<b>\$7,574.07</b>	<b>\$7,985.86</b>
	<b>NET INC. OR (DEC.) IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(\$411.79)</b>	<b>(\$17.99)</b>	<b>(\$429.78)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
	Key Bank-Checking	(\$205.65)	\$206.14	
	Key Bank-Reserve	\$2,030.52	\$2,030.52	
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,824.87</b>	<b>\$2,236.66</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>				
	Fund Balance (Beg. of year)	\$2,254.65		
	Year To Date Inc. or (Dec.)	(\$429.78)		
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,824.87</b>		
	Liabilities (Levasseur Landscaping)	\$0.00		