

# MARKS Club Newsletter

## March 2011

### Greetings from the President,



Hello members I would like to introduce myself, my name is Steven Lumpkin. I have been a member of the club since 2004. I have always been interested in models from childhood. My dad had a u control plane hanging in the garage and from there I was hooked. I tried some u control as a kid but never was good at it. I received a RC car for Christmas at the age of 13. A good one, it was a kit with servos and stuff that I had to assemble. So I did cars for awhile. In high school I had a job, went out and bought a "Wanderer" and a two channel radio, built the kit and hand launched at the park. What a thrill it was to see something fly that I built and had control of. That

lasted about a year.

I married my wonderful wife Eileen in '85 we have three children, one son and two daughters. My son has been married for four years now and has a little boy who is two years old. My oldest daughter has been married for four months and is expecting a baby now, she is also going to culinary school. My youngest is attending a school in Florida with on-line classes.

Now a days you can find me on Saturdays out at the field most of the time. I do visit during the week every now and then. I generally fly sport planes. The fun of just hanging out at the field for several hours with other members talking about life and the hobby is quite enjoyable for me.

My plan for the club is to continue to make this club more enjoyable for everyone, as our past Presidents have done. If you have ideas that you would like to see happen at the club please let me know. So keep putting them in the air and happy flying.

Thank You  
Steven Lumpkin

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### Spring Cleaning

Our new club president and a couple of members have started the spring maintenance by painting our cover.



Looking good!

### Flying at Greenspot.

Aldrin is not sure how large or small a plane he wants to fly, one of his newest is the Beast.



This is the Micro Beast by E-Flite.

<b>Wingspan:</b>	14.7 in (374mm)
<b>Overall Length:</b>	15.7 in (400mm)
<b>Wing Area:</b>	83.8 sq in (5.40 sq dm)
<b>Flying Weight:</b>	2.36 oz (67g)

It flew very nice and it has the power for 3D.

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### Field Mishap:



This happened when the battery lead removed itself from the receiver during flight. Not a good thing. This was a 25% Yak 55 and a DLE 30.

### Kicking back and enjoying friends.



### BH Models Extra 260



Wingspan 42 in  
Length 40.55 in  
Weight 2.2 lbs

This model was purchased at the AMA show last year. Inside the box I found all the parts individually wrapped. After removing the Fuselage, Wings, and tail feathers I found the covering with little to no wrinkles. I put the plane together according to the directions. When it came to installing the cowling I had to add hardwood blocks so that I could screw the cowl on. I balanced the plane according to the directions even though it seemed wrong.



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(Extra 260 cont.)

The first flight was almost a disaster. My thoughts were correct, when balanced according to the directions the plane was very tail heavy. I rebalanced the plane and moved the C.G. 30% forward. The next flight was great.



I have plenty of power for those vertical maneuvers. I am using a KMS 2812-06 motor with a 9x6 prop and a 2200mAh 3 cell Lipo battery. I was hoping for 10 min flights but I'm only getting 6-7 minute flights. Anyone looking for an electric plane of this size would enjoy this one.

### March club meeting:

was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM located at the Senior Center in the city of Highland. We had 9 people in attendance. We discussed the normal business. We did not have any new visitors. Model of the month went to Jim Levell's PT-19



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This month's **50/50 raffle** winner was Dean, Congratulations.

Tickets will be on sale during the meeting with the drawing at the end. Ticket prices are:

\$1.00 for 1

\$5.00 for 6

\$10.00 for 13

\$20.00 for 30

**Come and support your club. Our next club meeting will be April 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Hope to see everyone there.**