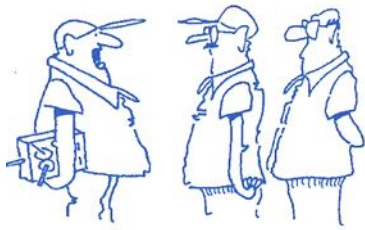


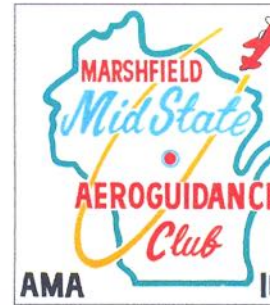
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To me, this is a very exciting time of year. Beside the grass, trees, and flowers all starting to bloom, we have income taxes being due and the start of a new flying season.

Along with that, we will be starting to have our monthly meetings again. The April meeting is scheduled for Monday April 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Marshfield Library. Don't forget your \$40 dues if you haven't paid them yet.

Thanks to Sandy MacDonald we had a busy indoor flying season with many people participating in the fun. I only made the last session and I took my 8 year old grandson and his father. Sandy

showed his patience as an instructor in that he worked with Cooper and soon had him flying a vapor around the gym. While that was going on, Tony Lewis was adjusting a Sopwith Pup which Burt Wells had build for me and before long he had it trimmed out and flying like a champ.

These are three examples of people helping others, and it is what makes our "Club Great". Rod Seehafer is another example with the work he has done on the field.

So now we just have to wait until it warms up a little more.

Jack

Prez sez:

by: Tony Lewis

I had an opportunity recently to try a new brand of film covering, Hobbyking! Now film coverings have been around for a long time and two brands have always stood out at the top, Top Flite's Monokote and Hangar 9's Ultracote. Both Monokote and Ultracote currently run about \$15 for a 2 meter roll. So when I saw that Hobbyking had 5 meter rolls of film for \$10 each I had to give it a try. Monokote was always the chosen brand while I was growing up and has become my preferred brand for the simple fact that I have the most experience with it. I have used Ultracote as well and feel it is comparable in quality, but will be using Monokote as my comparison since I have more experience with it.

First thing I learned, is that the colors as shown on the website are little off. The color I picked was called jacinth and appeared to be a red-orange. What I received is very much a bright pumpkin orange. Looking thru the reviews on other colors, I saw other customers stating similar things. The colors seem to be brighter than pictured. But other than that, I was quite impressed with the quality. The gloss finish is nearly that of Monokote, and the colors are very opaque, a complaint I have had with some of the lighter Monokote colors. The adhesive of the Hobbyking film is white versus the transparent adhesive used by the others. Although this is why I think their film is more opaque, it can also smear out along any seams and be visible on the finished model. I was able to clean most of it off with some alcohol but in general the seams are more visible since there is always a slight white line.



I was expecting this film to be a low heat film like most of the other less expensive brands (Econokote, Black Baron Film, Towerkote) but its heat range is similar to Monokote. It does shrink more than Monokote though and I found that having your iron set too high can make for a sudden surprise when your piece of covering instantly shrivels up when you try to iron it down.

In general I was very happy with the Hobbyking film and feel it is a great budget friendly alternative to the "Big Two". I would hesitate to use it on a large scale project only because of the visible seams, but it will definitely be my go to for my smaller sport projects.



A Conversation with Rod Seehafer

While Rod has done the maintenance on our mowing equipment and provided the mowing schedule for the past several years, he would like someone else to volunteer for this job in 2018. This would give him more time to fly and enjoy the field we have. Rod does have the maintenance done on the mowers, he only has to put the batteries in them and they will be set to go. Also, he plans to roll the field before it dries too much. Then if you bounce and relaunch yourself on landing, you can't say the field was too rough.

Rod also wanted to remind us that we should probably wait a while before we try to get into the field to fly, as the snow isn't melted yet and it will be pretty wet when it does. The same is true for the driveway, at least it may be a little better than the grass because of the gravel base.

Everyone should just use their own judgement. Anyway, this will be a topic at the April 2nd meeting.

A sunny fay in May but is not flyable and the driveway is not driveable either.



Spring Has Sprung

Spring has sprung, the grass has ris';
 I wonder where the birdie is?
 There he is up in the sky.
 He dropped some whitewash in my eye!
 I'm alright, I won't cry,
 ☐ I'm just glad that cows can't fly!



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