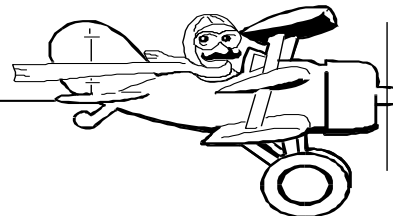


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Club Meetings are held the Third Thursday of every month at Brauer's tavern, Route 270 (Campbell Blvd.) Pendleton, NY.

\*\*\* The Holiday Party will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM \*\*\*

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## RENEWALS & HOLIDAY PARTY

Please contact Glenn before December 10<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend the Holiday Party. Don't forget that we need to have the renewal forms for 2011 filled out and returned to Glenn.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the club for our two newest members, Joe Skorupa and Phillip Johnson.

## PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

*From Notam, Bayou City Flyers, Katy Texas*

By Chris Myers

If we caught our kids out in the garage sniffing paint or glue, we would send them to counseling. Yet, as adults we do this and call it modeling.

Last year I read an article about a man who was working with acetone in his house. After using it, he almost collapsed. Getting out of the room and lying down, he returned to normal.

When I look at the shelves in my work room, the chemicals stored there range from Balsarite to various spray cans, paint, lacquer, pesticides, etc., to CA to acetone, along with a couple cases of fuel. In addition to this, I use balsa and do a lot of sanding, creating particles to clog my lungs.

In the process of repairing and maintaining our aircraft, our hands come in contact with several hazardous materials. Our body absorbs these chemicals, and consistent exposure to them can be a danger to your health.

If you dissect our hobby, it quickly becomes apparent that we often spill fuel and CA on our hands. We sniff the paint and glue fumes and use grease and oil in our maintenance. It all gets on our hands. If you are an active modeler, you have a lot of exposure to hazardous materials.

Below is a list of a few items you may want to keep around the workshop. They should help minimize the risk of exposure to hazardous materials.

1. Get a fire extinguisher.
2. Go to an auto paint and body shop and pick up a good face mask.
3. Buy a small fan for ventilation. [**Tech editor's note:** A large fan is recommended. In order to move more air, a small fan must be run at a higher speed and that causes some of its own problems. A large fan running slow moves sufficient air without making other problems.]
4. Work in a room that is properly ventilated.
5. Buy a box of rubber gloves.

Our hobby is great fun, but more than the propeller deserves some serious attention to keep you from being in harm's way.

Fly safe and have fun. →