

The Flypaper

Monthly News Letter of the Freeport IL Radio Control Modelers

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**Meeting Night: 7:PM Wednesday, January 7th, Freeport Library.
There will be a free raffle, and the 2009 Officers take over.**

There was no official Club meeting in December, so there are no Minutes or Treasurer reports. There is one addition to the November minutes. Please note the following: "President Dick Potempa made the motion that the officers for 2009, who were nominated in October, be approved by acclamation. The motion carried and was approved unanimously". The new officers for 2009 are listed above.

We had a successful swap meet December 7th. Jeff Burd did a super job getting it done. He sold 32 tables, and we had a large attendance as well. The raffle wasn't as profitable as years past Jeff said. We didn't really have a stand out item in the raffle that would make people want to invest a large sum of money on raffle tickets. Guess what? Leon Cordy had the first winning ticket drawn at the raffle. So what's new???

Dave Nienhuis set up his flight simulator on his laptop computer which people had fun with. He also brought his indoor helicopter, which several people took a try at to fly around the gym. One of the guys in attendance selling batteries furnished charged batteries to keep the helicopter flying. It was a great gesture by him. He did sell a lot of batteries.

We had a nice party at the Chinese Buffet on December 6th. There were 15 people who attended. Eleven of them met early at Logan's Bar and Grill for a cocktail before meeting at the Buffet. Mark Reeder and his wife Rita brought a gift for a male and female drawing (every one else forgot that). Cleo (my wife) won the gift of a very nice poinsettia plant (which is still flourishing). I forgot who won the gift Mark brought.

Several of us went flying at Baker's field one Wednesday afternoon. I think it was November 19th. At the Romeo's breakfast that morning it was suggested that it would be a good day to go flying as the temperature was to hit 50°, with very mild winds. Jim Elmer wanted to fly his new electric P-38. I wanted to fly my Hellcat with the new G20EI gas engine in it, Jeff Burd wanted to fly his electric Hawker Seafury. Dave Shuey and Craig LeBaron both wanted to fly, and Jack Baxter said he would come out to be the go-for.

Jim had a brief flight with his P-38, I had a brief flight with my Hellcat, but Jeff, Dave and Craig had several successful flights. Dave got to fly Jeff's Seafury also.

My Hellcat problem was that I had placed my 2.4ghz receiver right next to the electronic ignition module for my G20EI gas engine. Everything checked out fine on the ground. I took off and circled the field once. I noticed that the Hellcat was flying very jerky. The wings kept kind of flipping up and down from side to side, not much, but I could notice it, as the planes wings didn't stay level. I made a sharp turn from the east of Baker's field and when I got to head west, the Hellcat didn't want to level out and go straight. I yelled "I DON'T HAVE IT" as the Hellcat started to nose over left and heading down. I pulled the throttle back to idle, and I regained control. I circled back to the east with very low throttle and landed to the west without any damage except to my nerves. I was able to taxi it to the pits where several of us examined the plane. At full throttle the ailerons would really get jumpy, and the right aileron would definitely have "down" in it and the left one would show "up" in it. It only did it at full throttle. We figured it was the electronic ignition. I removed the wing and several of us examined the placement of the receiver next to the ignition module. We all concurred, the receiver had to be moved. The instructions that come with the module do mention that the module will create very high voltage. At full throttle it sure did. I have since moved the receiver about four inches from the ignition module. I am anxious to try it out again. The engine did fly the Hellcat very nice, and I am happy with it. On my bigger large-scale planes I have the ignition module on the firewall, which is a nice place for it. With the Hellcat, which is a .60 size airplane, there isn't room on the firewall.

Jim Elmer figured he had radio problems with his P-38. It kind of didn't want to do what he told it to do. It rolled over and bit the grass after takeoff to about 50 feet up. He has it all back together and will be ready to give it another try. Jeff Burd says his electric P-38 is ready to go, and hopes to fly it New Years Day. By the way, Jim Elmer took a spill in his driveway on the ice, and twisted his knee pretty bad. He landed on it as well. It was his already bad knee. He's had to have it drained. Decisions as to what repairs are needed on it are pending.

Dave Nienhuis and Scott Ditsworth went to Brodhead, Wisconsin and flew in the H.S. gym one night. Dave borrowed one of Scott's planes. He said he could get real used to flying electrics indoors. He said it was alot of fun. It makes for a late night drive home tho.

Who went flying New Years Day? I drove out to Baker's field today (Wednesday, December 24th). The snow had been plowed off to the north side of the road, so there was a deep pile of snow across the driveway in front of the gate. As of this date, the weather forecast is for warmer weather coming. Maybe someone will give a report at the meeting as to how it went, etc.

If you have something for Show and Tell, bring it to the meeting January 7th. According to Jeff Burd there is going to be a free raffle drawing at the meeting.

The Club has a real qualified Webmaster now. She has put us on the Internet with our own web site. We own our own Internet domain. There is still some picture updating to do, but mostly it's completed. There is lots of room out there for pictures. We have filled up "gallery 1" but need more pictures to put out in the other gallery's. If you have any, please let me know and get them to me. They can be on a CD; you can send them from your PC via email (no more than 10 at a time please), a flash drive, or photo's that I can

scan. The ones you send me should be in .JPG format. The Internet address is <http://freeportilrcmodelers.com/> Take a look.

There is a big Swap Meet in January at the Iowa City Airport, Iowa City, Iowa. It will be in the main hanger, which is heated. It's scheduled for January 25th. Setup at 8:00AM, transactions at 9:00AM, with an auction at noon. There will be food available also. There will be over 100 tables @ \$11.00 each. Admission is \$2.00.

See ya January 7th.



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