

The Flypaper

Monthly News Letter of the Freeport IL Radio Control Modelers

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**Meeting Night: 7:PM Wednesday, March 4th, Freeport Library.
A LI-PO battery pack will be raffled off.**

We are another month closer to ideal flying weather in this great North Country. Craig LeBaron, Jeff Burd, Marlin Winsel, Jim Elmer and myself all showed up at Baker's Field Sunday afternoon, February 8th. The temperature was in the 50's. We saw the debut of Jeff's electric P-38. Beautiful airplane, and he flew it superbly. Marlin flew a couple of his electrics, and Craig flew his nitro powered Slow Poke. I didn't have anything charged up so was just a spectator as was Jim Elmer. Jeff also flew his electric Hawker Hurricane. These electric warbirds are sharp looking airplanes, and seem to fly very nice. They are quick also.

Jim Elmer reported the field is not in good shape for driving a car on. It creates ruts in the sod as well as in the gravel on the driveway up the hill. Jeff Burd's van got stuck near the pit area February 8th. Marlin had a towrope, so they were able to get Jeff un-stuck. Jim would prefer everybody refrain from driving up the drive to the top, and just walk up, or fly from the gate area if possible.

We are in the process of putting descriptions on more pictures so we can get them out on the web site. If anybody has pictures that they would like to have on the web site, put a description on them and send them to me. Only send me 10 at a time if sending via email. If you can create a CD or Flash Drive, that would be best. If you have a file that won't let you change the pictures file name because it's a "read only" file do the following: Right click on the file name. Left click on properties. Near the bottom, of the screen, remove the check from the "read only" box, then click apply, then click OK. Now you will be able to put a description as the file name.

Has everybody paid their club dues for 2009? This is the last FLYPAPER you will receive unless dues are paid before the end of March. You can snail mail your dues to:

Dave Nienhuis 9200 W. Brush Rd. German Valley, IL. 61039 or you can drop it off at one of the Board Members homes (listed at top).

Today is Friday, February 20, and they are predicting lots of snow tonight and tomorrow. Looks like the Fox Valley R/C Swap Meet will suffer from it. It is scheduled for tomorrow the 21st in St. Charles. I would like to go, but will save my money and spend it in Rockford March 7. Dave Nienhuis is planning on going tomorrow.

I am renting a table at the Rockford Swap Meet March 7th, and I only have my Patty Wagstaff and the cut kit parts for a Nick Ziroli 92"ws P-47 Thunderbolt to sell. If someone wants to share the table let me know. Should be lots of room on it. I am asking \$275.00 for my Patty at the swap meet. If a club member would like it, I will let it go for \$250.00 with maybe a trade. Great Planes is selling it for \$419.00. It's just the plane and push rods. I had my DA-50 engine in it, but I am going to put it in my Top Flite Mustang as well as the servos etc, so I don't need the Patty anymore. I need the money for retracts to put in the Mustang. Tom Schony is selling his Rascal: It has a Magnum .52 4-cycle engine in it. Ready to fly with your receiver. He is asking \$300.00 for it. Dave Nienhuis has a

new (never registered) Hanger-9 FS-ONE Flight Simulator he is selling for \$50.00. It is priced at \$99.00 at HobbyTown and Horizon Hobbies.

If you want to get on the fuel list for 2009, figure how many gallons you want and get the information to Dave Nienhuis. There will be 10% and 15% nitro Wildcat fuel for \$14.00 per gallon.

At the last two meetings at the Library, we have had flying of small helicopters for show and tell. It sounds like we will maybe have more than two at the March meeting. I might have my Giant Scale P-38 ready to bring for show and tell also. It's almost completed as of today (February 22). I think Jim Kellner's scratch built ???Wizard??? Is almost finished too. I heard a rumor that Craig LeBaron put some work time in on his Aeromaster Bipe.

Dave Shuey has been out flying his electric stuff. Dave and his wife went to the Rockton Dome electric fly one Saturday and attempted to fly. Dave had a problem with his airplane, so didn't get to fly much. He was very impressed with some of the planes there. Maybe he will expound further about them at the meeting March 4.

**Minutes of the February 4th, 2009 Freeport R/C Modelers Meeting
At the Freeport Public Library**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Introductions went around with the sign-in book. Members Present: Jeff Burd, Marlin Winsel, Art Tessendorf, James Elmer, Don Rasmus, Jim Kellner, Ed Keech, Alex Marck, Dave Shuey, David Nienhuis, and Craig LeBaron.

A motion was asked for, given, and passed to approve the meeting minutes from the January 7th meeting.

Treasurer's report: The General Fund is up to \$4133.05 and the mower fund has \$1223.22.

A check for \$42 was given to Don Rasmus for a roll of stamps.

We now have 20 paid memberships.

Jim has some cost estimates for aerating the field. Also for treating for grubs to keep the ground from being dug up by raccoons or skunks. Jim Kellner noted about grubs that as long as done before the 4th of July then that would take care of them. Marlin asked about keeping the clover in check. Jim Elmer says you'd have to treat it three times a year and if you killed that we wouldn't have much of anything but dirt. Jim thinks the grass looked unhealthy last year, too thin. Needs attention like maybe getting it sampled to see what we really need? Ideas are to plug the field, incorporate new seed, kill the grubs, and control the clover. Maybe lime the field. The need for all this will be further reviewed and considered.

It was asked if we would accept a lower membership cost for Park Pilot flyers and younger members. Initial response is negative for the Park Pilot flyers, but positive for a lower fee for young members. Dave Schuey looked into the AMA Park Pilot program. Park Pilot planes have to be less than 2 pounds and go less than 60 mph. Discussion was had on the pros and cons. It was stated that making exceptions for Park Pilot flyers is not in the best interest of the majority of the club members. Consensus of the Board was to not have a separate policy for Park Pilot flyers. A motion came from Jim Kellner to not provide exceptions for the Park Pilot program. It was seconded and passed with one vote for the Park Pilot program but all else voted against.

Discussion took place on lower membership fees for younger members like the AMA does. Current local policy gives a break on a first year's membership of \$20 for those under the age of 24, but full price for the next year(s). A motion was made and seconded to have a vote by the membership to change the by-laws to change the dues for anyone 18 and younger to be \$20 plus the mowing fee.

It was stated that the Board heard a request to accept last fall's donation of a field starter bench as membership dues. Response is negative and the request is denied.

Don called Jon Baker about running electricity to the shelter at Baker's Field and Jon asked why we hadn't asked to do it years ago. About changing the driveway he would have to think about it. Don will look into it further.

Marlin stated food for thought: Deep cycle batteries with an inverter and solar panels would be a good alternative to running com-ed electric.

Art Tessendorf asked about the mower fund: Was the additional work we were talking about going into the field this year going to have to come from the mowing dues? Answer was no, it would not be an increase to the mower fee. It was also clarified for everyone that the Mower Fund is not for maintenance but a fund for buying a new mower eventually.

Jim Elmer has requested an increase from \$200 to \$250 for mowing Baker's Field. He mowed over 30 times last year. Dave Shuey made a motion to increase Jim's pay for mowing from \$200 to \$250. The motion was seconded and passed with ayes, no one said no.

A Li-Po battery was raffled for those present at the meeting to win: Alex Marck won the battery!

Next Board Meeting is Thursday the 26th, and the next Club Meeting is March 4th. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by David Nienhuis.

At the regular meeting held on February 4, 2009 a motion was made, seconded and approved to create a new membership level within the club.

To change the by-laws, an official vote of the membership is needed. For this proposal to pass, 75% of the ballots received including members in attendance and ballots sent in to the Secretary Treasurer need to be positive. Voting will take place at the April meeting.

An Official Ballot is attached. Please bring this ballot with you to the April 1st, 2009 meeting at the Freeport Public Library, 7:00 PM or send it to Dave Nienhuis prior to the meeting. If using snail mail, allow time for your response to get there. Or you can email it to Dave at: davenwen@aeroinc.net

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The by-laws "Article IV" is printed below with proposed wording in bold print.

Article IV - Dues and Fees and Expenditures
Section I Membership Dues and Fees

Annual Dues are as follows:

Individual Membership - \$35.00

Junior Membership (under 19 years old) - \$20.00

First Year Under 24 years old - \$20.00

Family Membership (2 voting members, 2 or more flying members) - \$50.00

AMA Insurance - ALL flying members MUST have AMA Insurance in force

Official Ballot

Shall the By Laws of the Freeport Radio Controlled Modelers Club Article IV Section 1, Membership Dues and Fees, be changed to include a new membership entitled: Junior Membership (under 19 years old) and assigned a dues fee of \$20 per year.

_____ YES _____ NO