

# The Flypaper

Monthly News Letter of the Freeport IL Radio Control Modelers  
**AMA Chartered Club #253**

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**Party Night: 6:PM Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Chinese Buffet. Located across from K-Mart, Highway 26 South of Freeport.**

There will be no Club Meeting in December. However, there will be an informal get together for those interested in a party on Saturday night, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Chinese Buffet, commencing at 6:00PM. Bring your spouse and or friend.

Please notify MayAnn Elmer on or before **Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** if you are attending so she can make proper reservations. Her phone number is: 815-235-8728.

If you would like some liquid refreshment prior to the buffet, some people will be gathering at Logan's Bar and Grill around 5:00PM. Logan's Bar and Grill is located at the South end of the same strip mall as the Chinese Buffet.

The Swap Meet planning for Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is progressing well. Jeff Burd wants to remind you about the help needed Sunday morning at the Cedarville Community Center to set up tables and chairs and such. The table set-up time is 7:30AM. If you can come to help it would be appreciated. Doors will open at 8:00AM for vendors and at 9:00AM for the general public. Table rental is \$8.00 and admission is \$4.00. Under the age of 12 is free. Help will be needed after 1:00PM as well to take down the tables etc.

Now is the time to clean up (or out) your workshop of those items that are duplicates or you don't need or use anymore, or don't feel like repairing. I find it hard to get rid of things. I keep thinking "I'm going to need that sometime, and I won't have it anymore".

Scott Ditsworth went to the indoor Wednesday night flying at Brodhead a few weeks back. He was impressed and was loaned an airplane to fly as well. Craig LeBaron told me Farm and Fleet has some electric indoor ARF's. I have seen some at Aldi's grocery store. They are all in the \$25.00 range. Someone said Shopko also has one.

As some of you know, I am making a 3 piece wing out of the one piece wing that comes with my 90" wingspan P-38 Lightning ARF. I had read on R/C Universe where a fellow had done it, and followed his ideas. I separated the outer wings on each side at the center of the engine booms, underneath the turbo charger covers. I would need some wing tubes to fasten them securely to the wing center section. I sent out requests to our club members to see if anyone had any good ideas on making sleeves to glue into the wing sections for the 3/4" aluminum tubes to slide into. I received several good responses. I ended up making a 4' fiberglass sleeve (anybody need one?) for the 3/4" aluminum tubing, using a combination of ideas from Jeff Burd

and myself. After making the sleeve, I received info from Dick DeHahn about telescoping aluminum tubing. He said that Ace Hardware has telescoping aluminum tubing. I drove up to Ace Hardware in Monroe, Wisconsin and purchased a 10'X7/8" tube. The 10'X3/4" tube I had purchased at Menards slid perfectly into it. I paid thru the nose for the 10'X7/8" tube. I went to Farm and Fleet in Freeport afterwards, and they also carry the same tubing, but they didn't have the 7/8" size and neither did Menards. Their price was marked at 1/2 the price I paid at Ace Hardware. I should have checked Farm and Fleet in Monroe. I only needed 4 feet of each, but it all comes in 10' lengths except the 3/4" stuff, you can get that in 4' lengths at Ace Hardware (anyone need some tubing?). I now have the aluminum sleeves and tubes installed, and just have to cap the ends in each wing section after putting in some string to pull the servo leads thru. I also had to move the location where the flap servos go, as they were near the wing spar. I glued the sleeves directly behind and onto the wing spar. I used gorilla glue for installing the sleeves. It sure does expand, but that is good because it spreads the stress load onto the spar as well as wing sheeting and the ribs. When drilling the 7/8" holes in the ribs behind the spar for the sleeves, the ribs would kind of splinter or get cracked. There is no easy way to drill them. One good suggestion from Dave Shuey (at breakfast one Wednesday) was to run the drill bit backwards so as not to splinter the ribs so much. It worked. I used an 18" long 7/8" blue tooth spade bit. It had cutting tips on the outer edges of the spade, so it really helped in not splintering or cracking the ribs too much. Anyway, that project is almost done. Next comes installing electric retracts. The ARF comes with only wire landing gear.

I hear Jim Elmer has his electric P-38 95% ready to fly. He is also working on his new Hanger-9 Spitfire. I also heard Craig LeBaron **has not** done a thing on his Aeromaster Bipe. Jeff Burd has to get at his electric P-38 yet as well. I am very anxious to run the G20EI gas engine I put on my Hellcat. I hear Jack Baxter is getting his Senior Kadet ready for spring. Jerry Colby is building a Great Planes electric kit. I don't recall the name of it. I imagine Dave Nienhuis is waxing his skis for his T-28 Trojan. I have skis for my Josh Stik. Maybe I should get it ready. I was told the forecast this winter is for lots and lots of snow. But then again, what do they know?

Jim Elmer and Jeff Burd went up to DePere, Wisconsin to the annual Calumet Flyers Swap Meet November 16<sup>th</sup>. John Barkahn (Calumet Flyer) told me they had over 300 people attend (at \$5.00 a head). They have 100 tables, which are free you just pay the admission fee.

Some people are luckier than others. Jim Elmer won the 50/50 drawing, which amounted to \$500.00. Jim pocketed \$250.00. Then he had entered the raffle as well and he won a JR computer radio. He did spend some of his winnings tho, as he bought (stole) a Hanger-9 Spitfire ARF, which included the servos, and retracts, but no engine. I guess it's never been flown. He is going to put a new OS 120 Surpass in it that he had purchased from the estate sale we held for the lady from Lake Summerset last March. Jeff said he didn't win anything, but enjoyed the festivities. I think they said Leon Cordy (Calumet Flyer) won something also. Doesn't he always? He seems to win at our raffles every time.

Some of our snowbirds have left us for the warmer climates. Dick DeHahn and Freddie Smith have gone down Tucson, Arizona way. Bill Hagene has left for The Villages in Florida, and Harry Allen will be leaving right after Thanksgiving for The Villages also. Freddie Smith made it into the AMA Magazine (December Issue). His picture and article are on page 87. He's showing off his Delta Vortex.

See you all at the Chinese Buffet December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM.

Minutes of the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Freeport R/C Modelers Meeting  
At the Freeport Public Library

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Introductions went around the room with the attendance book.

In attendance: David Nienhuis, Fred Smith, Dick DeHahn, Don Rasmus, Marlin Winsel, Jerry Colby, Dave Shuey, Jack Baxter, Harry Allen, Jeff Burd, Alex Marck, Bill Brooks, and Dick Potempa.

A motion was asked for, given, and passed to approve the meeting minutes from October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Treasurer's report: The General Fund is at \$2422.71 and the mower fund has \$1222.61 in it. A motion was made and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Voting for the Howard Nelson Award took place by everyone present writing down a name for who they thought best represented and promoted the Freeport R/C Modelers this year. Bob Huisinga started this award to honor the most active member in the club. The honoree will have their name engraved on the plaque for 2008. The secretary will tally the anonymous votes and the award presented in the near future.

At this time there is no plan to hold a Christmas Party.

The next club meeting will be in January, no meeting in December.

The annual Swap Meet is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Jeff has the raffle license and has arranged for the Lions Club to provide food. Dick and Bill offered to run the raffle table, including a deck-of-cards raffle. Marlin will pick up the key and open the building and will eventually need \$50 for rental. Help to setup tables should arrive by 7:30; a few members present stated they'll be there.

Don brought a new prop that HobbyTown is promoting, Evolution brand. Those present that were interested put their name in a hat and Marlin won the prop.

Dave brought in a laptop running RealFlight3.5 and we had fun flying different planes, including attempting to fly knife-edge with one wing and trying to land. RealFlight3.5 will run well on a laptop that costs less than \$600 these days. Will only handle the simpler photo field airports, but that's acceptable.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

These minutes respectfully submitted by David Nienhuis.



Don's Patty Wagstaff Extra-300



Jeff Burd's Gee Bee