

The Flypaper

Monthly News Letter of the Freeport IL Radio Control Modelers

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Monday night November 30th indoor flying: 7:00PM. Party Night Saturday December 5th, at the Chinese Buffet 6:00PM.

There will be no Club Meeting in December. This December Newsletter is being put out early because so much is going on, and we want everybody to be aware of all the activities, so they can plan ahead.

It looks like we have an indoor flying facility. Thanks to Tom Burgener, he has received permission for flying in the gym at the Park Hills Church, which is located on West Stephenson Street. We can fly the second and fourth Monday of every month thru March. Flying time is 7:00PM till 9:30PM.

We have an initial date of Monday Nov. 30th to see how things will go, and then the 2nd and 4th Mondays thereafter.

Remember, this is indoor flying, which requires small electric planes and helicopters usually 12 ounces or less in weight. We will try to keep the flyers limited to the local area until we can establish some detailed restrictions. It will have some of the same rules currently in effect at other indoor flying sites. Freeport R/C Club membership will not be required, nor will AMA membership be required. Hopefully this will also help in recruiting new members. The cost will start out being just a volunteer donation per FLYER each night (say \$5.00).

For those unfamiliar with Park Hills, the entrance to the gym is on the south end of the building. You can enter either driveway and find your way to the back of the building. If you use the west driveway you will need to go around the construction area.

The Hobby store in Monroe (located on 3rd Ave.) has some indoor electric planes that are ready to fly for \$15.00. They include transmitter and charger. Good economical way to get started if you aren't familiar with indoor flying etc., or just want to try it. If you aren't ready for it, come and watch and get acquainted, it's free.

There will be an informal get together for those interested in a party on Saturday night, December 5th at the Chinese Buffet, commencing at 6:00PM. Bring your spouse and or friend. 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.

Please notify me (Don Rasmus) on or before Wednesday, December 2nd if you are attending so I can make proper reservations. My phone number is: 815-235-4777, or email dracso@verizon.net
I have 6 couples registered so far.

The Swap Meet planning for Sunday, December 6th 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. Help will be needed after 2:00PM 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.

Some people are planning on flying at Baker's Field on New Years Day (if the wind is less than 25mph). Get your Club and AMA dues paid if you are one of them. There is plenty of firewood there for a nice warming fire. Your plane might need skis also. Also some hot cinnamon apple cider or Tom and Jerry's is good for keeping warm while you cook your hot dogs and marshmallows over the fire. We could use a tarp on the windward side of the shelter for more comfort.

I hear they are having a chili dump up at Hilbert, Wisconsin that day. That sounds good too. We haven't done that in several years. There will be more information about New Years Day in next months Newsletter. I think we need a coordinator.

The last few weekends have been really ideal for flying, and Baker's Field has been active. I saw Tom Burgeners Stealth fly on a Saturday (pilot was Dave Nienhuis), and it is one ugly looking, good flying airplane. Tom has another stealth airplane on his building board. It's the F-22 Raptor. All foam construction like his F-17 is. I told him he should kit it, but he wasn't sure he has the patience. The plans and patterns are available on the Internet (ask Tom where).

I hope you all keep in mind the indoor flying on Monday November 30th, the party Saturday, December 5th, and the Swap Meet Sunday December 6th. There will be more information on New Years Day next month. Keep planning ahead!