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Upcoming Events

- Next Club Meeting: Tuesday, January 3rd, at 7:00 pm at the Navy/Marine club in Peoria Hts.
- “Liars and Flyers” Breakfast during January: 7:00 am every Saturday morning at “The Last Chance” on Alta Road.
- 2005 banquet at Leonardo’s in Grande Prairie, January 21 at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP. Note: there will be additional correspondence and telephone reminders on this.
- **Dues for 2006 are due by the March meeting. Dues for current members remain at \$100 per calendar year.**
- It would be appreciated if each member would fill out the membership form so we can be sure that our database remains current.
- We are currently sending about 30 snail mail newsletters. If you would like to continue to receive snail mail, circle that item on the member form. Email saves the club money and the newsletter editor considerable time. You get the newsletter faster and the pictures are in color.

FOR SALE

Contact Bob Wilson at 243-7225 for the following:

Goldberg Staudacher, built for 61-91 2 stroke or 91-120 4 stroke (not a beginner’s airplane). \$100.00

Hog Bipe, OS 91 4s engine. W/ engine: \$300. W/o engine: \$200.

Goldberg Extra ready to fly w/ servos, battery, engine OS 120 4 stroke, minus receiver: \$400. W/o engine: \$300. W/o engine, battery, servos: \$200.

Aeromaster Bipe, OS 61 FSR 2 stroke. W/engine: \$280. W/o engine: \$180.

Contact Jim Fassino at 243-8590 for the following:

Funtana 90 \$145.00

Contact Roger Stegall (Rstegall@LRNelson.com) for the following:

New -- Never flown P47 58" WS, with mechanical retracts - OS 91FS motor - completely revamped by OS - not started since reworked, spinner, realistic pilot, remote fuel filler, switch harness, All servos included with extensions -- add battery and receiver and it is ready to fly. A great looking plane for \$275.

Byron Cap 21, Moki 1.8 w/Pitts muffler, nice pilot, remote fueler, spinner. Ready to fly. \$600

RC America Cap 232 w/ BME 44 electronic ignition (gasser). All Hi-Tech HF-77BB servos, remote fueler, Pitts muffler, aluminum spinner, pilot, 80" span. \$800

SIG Sukhoi SU31 w/ Saito 270 twin 4 stroke. All Expert SL571 BB servos (except throttle). Includes Receiver, remote glow, remote fuel, aluminum spinner, pilot. \$750

160 FX w/ Pitts muffler...like new. \$200

Magnum 91XL New in box. \$80

Meeting and Official Club Doings

Cover photo: Kerry Delvecchio plopped out in his chair and giving flight line advice.

The highlight of the December meeting was the appointment of a committee to review the bylaws and make recommendations. These recommendations will be reviewed on at the January meeting. The four committee members are Jim Fassino, Terry Beachler, Bob Wilson and George Knight. Also discussed was a restructuring of the dues requirements. Most notably, dropping the \$25 initiation fee and some breaks for new members joining later in the season. Following is an open letter by the new club president, Terry Beachler.

The January meeting is January 3, 2006, 7pm. Make a best effort to attend. Bylaws will be discussed. The Bylaws committee will report and propose many changes, mostly maintenance and housekeeping. Most of the work is to bring our Bylaws into conformance with the AMA guidelines. The dues are proposed to remain the same at \$100 per year with some breaks for new members and youth members. Also per AMA guidelines a section has been added for a grievance procedure, currently not included in the Bylaws. Revisions are proposed for the officer's positions. The Safety Coordinator (Sergeant at Arms) is regarded as a very important position with significant responsibilities. The responsibilities are more clearly stated in the proposed Bylaws. The committee is suggesting that the newsletter editor and nominating committee be appointed, again per AMA guidelines. As meeting attendance has been a problem, it is proposed that the requirement for a quorum be reduced from 30% to 20% of members. For bylaws changes, 50% of the members must be present and two thirds present must vote for the change. Without a quorum (30% of members) the Club cannot conduct routine business such as a proposal to have an air show. Without 18 members at a meeting and two thirds voting for, bylaws changes cannot happen, even something as simple as a dues reduction. Without a quorum (30% of members), the meetings are just a discussion. A final document will be posted on the web site and we intend to include it the January newsletter for approval at the February meeting.

Our survey which has had about a third of the club responding indicates no interest in having a "flying only" Club. There is wide interest in the various R/C activities. If you haven't completed the survey, fill it out and send it in. For the meetings, movies and show and tell are very popular. Skilled modelers listen up. We will knock on your door to be a presenter. We are listening. Results will be out in the January newsletter and I'll discuss the interim results at the meeting.

Does anyone have a good copy of the club logo or have the skill/interest/resources to either refresh ours or redo it? Let me know.

Michael Seyfert will be taking over the newsletter responsibility beginning with the January newsletter. If you have submissions, be sure to send them to him. Michael is a glider guy and will inundate us with stuff like drag buckets, best l/d, Reynolds Numbers, and bungee launches. He is new at the newsletter stuff, so be sure to contribute and help him along.

On 12/28/2005 our lease was signed for 2006. If you think you need to fly on New Year's Day, feel free.

A fool and his money are soon flying more airplane than he can handle.

See you at the meeting.

Terry Beachler

EDITORIAL

2005 will soon be a memory. As far as flying goes it was a pretty good year. I had no wrecks and that's always good news. The club gained a few more members and with the signing of the 2006 lease on December 28th the field is available for another year. We have new club officers and 2006 has every indication that it will be a good year for our hobby. New president, Terry Beachler, is off to a running start and has lots of ideas for the upcoming season. With his leadership we will be addressing the club Bylaws which have been in sore need of revision for years. There is every indication that 2006 will be an active flying year with club-sponsored events being more prevalent.

With the new club officer structuring, Mike Seyfert will be taking over responsibilities for the newsletter editor. This is one of the most important jobs within any club and provides the membership with a necessary communication link for club activities, technical and human-interest stories. Newsletter editor is time consuming and requires a lot of dedication to the club and all of its activities. I'm sure Mike will do an excellent job and, whenever possible, help him out with stories, suggestions, articles or photos. You can't believe how much easier this makes the job.

To date, with 30% of the membership responding to the questionnaire the results are somewhat surprising...to me anyway. We will delay posting results until the next newsletter with the hope that more members will submit. This is the document that the current administration will base its platform on, so it is very important that the members respond and tell us how they feel.

Although not yet final, some of the questionnaire results are hopeful. For example, not one member answered "yes" to the question, "Would you like to see the Peoria RC Modelers maintain the field just for general flying and eliminate all planned events". The club events of choice (so far) seem to be: Breakfast/Cook Outs, Fun Flies, Year End Banquet, Building Classes and Air Shows...in that order.

Great input!

Throughout the year there have been occasional allegations that the club is being run by senior members with a "good ole boy" attitude. If a member feels that way, the questionnaire, attending club meetings, and being active in club decisions should help to correct that situation. Truth is, from my vantage point, not many members want to contribute to club business. What results is a small core of dedicated individuals that are left holding the bag....so to speak. If you don't contribute, if you don't vote, you can't complain.

Let's all endeavor to work a little harder in 2006 and make this club a leader in the R/C community.

Bob Wilson-Editor