



PLANE TALK



PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER

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January 2007

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Here's hoping Santa was good to you, and if applicable, you were a good Santa. I wonder how many spread-spectrum radios made their way to club members over the holidays? Or spanking new planes? My guess is we'll likely find out during the show & tell at our January meeting.

The Christmas auction was a good time had by all. It is amazing to see a 40-sized Sukhoi kit go for so little, and the proverbial bottle of glue go for such much toward the end of the auction. I think Marv Luebbert and Dave Engel were the most effective in terms of number of items won, whereas Bob Mosinski and I took the approach of hitting one single item with everything we had. Thanks to our shoppers, those who brought snacks, and to Bob for stepping up as auctioneer.

It has been relatively warm for December, and a number of hearty souls have been flying. I have to confess the nice weather cuts into my building time, but it's a good trade-off. If you do make it out there, I would recommend keeping an eye out for the deer and what they leave behind— they seem to like all the green grass on the field.

Thanks to the membership for voting Tom Camp, Dave Cotton, Marv and myself into office for another term. We'll do our best to make the coming year at least as fun as the last. And pretty much the same team is on board with Larry Dudkowski running the Fun Flies, Ivan leading our instruction program, Fred Page leading our Safety program, and Bob managing the relationship with the Forest Preserve. Please welcome Ray Luchetti as our newsletter editor, and I'd like to make a special call for photos and written contributions that document club doings or just inform the membership about interesting aspects of the hobby. Speaking of contributions, if any of you were confused by Dave Engel's write-up last month about electrics having as much impact potential as a trainer, that was likely due to my overzealous editorializing – apologies, Dave.

Larry's put together a calendar for the year, so please look it over and let us know what you think. The January and February Fun Flies are blessedly short events, given the high probability of very cold weather. There are a couple of combats, so those looking to build a SPAD are given fair warning to get started. And if there is any new business the club should consider as the New Year gets underway, please send me an email or bring it up at a Club meeting.

As a heads-up, we're looking into moving the February meeting up or down a week so it doesn't conflict with Valentines Day. Yes, I know it's a "Hallmark holiday", but just tell your wife or significant other you'll be going to club meeting that night, and you may very well see the wisdom of such a decision. We'll be able to confirm any change at our next meeting. See you there, 7:30 p.m. January 10th at Deans Dugout.

Kind Regards, Bill





Financial Report by Marv Luebbert



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2006

Field Fund		Operating Fund	
Balance January 1, 2006	\$3,850.94	Balance January 1, 2006	\$ 252.87
12 new members @ \$65 ea	780.00	Sources of Funds	
Field Repairs	(405.70)	Dues	2,775.00
New Windsock	(57.65)	Sale of Hats	120.00
Striping Paint	(187.07)	Swap Meet	417.00
		Total	\$3,312.00
Balance January 1, 2007	\$3,980.52	Uses of Funds	
		Room Rent	\$(550.00)
		Hats	(123.35)
		Name Tags	(152.66)
		Club Trainer Buddy Box	(30.00)
		Insurance, Permits, Fees	(264.00)
		Postage	(124.80)
		Club Banner	(186.96)
		Fun Fly Supplies	(59.67)
		Picnic	(218.52)
		Meeting Refreshments	(41.46)
		Bank Charges	(4.50)
		Auction	(1,606.59)
		Total	\$(3,362.51)
		Balance January 1, 2007	\$ 202.36

Newsletter Contributions

Send articles or pictures of interest to the club to:

newsletter@propmastersrc.org

The deadline for submissions is the 21st of the month.

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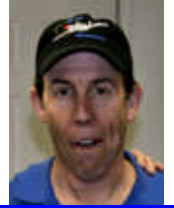
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DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year again to pay your dues, (we need your money)! The regular membership dues are \$30 and a family membership is \$45. Please note that if you joined our club in the last quarter of 2006 your dues carry over into 2007 and no additional amount is required. When paying your dues please complete an updated membership form and either mail the form with your payment to me or bring them with you to the next meeting. A membership form is included with this newsletter for your convenience.



Meeting Minutes by Dave Cotton



Meeting minutes, December 13, 2006

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. and ended at 9:30 p.m. The November minutes were approved as published, and November's Treasury Report was approved as read and printed in the newsletter.

Committees:

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| Safety | A pre-flight checklist card was prepared and distributed by Fred Page. Previously, a draft was distributed to the membership for input/comment. |
| Fun fly | There was no Fun Fly scheduled for December, the awards for the previous Fun Fly were distributed by Jason Boettcher. |
| Forest Preserve | No Report. |
| Website | No Report. |
| Newsletter | No Report. |
| Library | No Report. |
| Instruction | Craig Vander Kolk soloed this month, Congratulations Craig!! |
| Fundraising | No Report. |
| Nomination | The Officers for 2007 were confirmed by the membership and the Committee members will be accepted by the Officers at the January meeting. |
| Old Business | The Officers for 2007 were accepted. |
| New Business | None. |
| New Members | Michael (Mick) Pfeifer was accepted as a new member. Welcome Mick! |
| Lost Horizons | Ivan Cankov battled Mick Pfeifer for the SAD patch; Mick won with his battery impact. |
| Show and Tell | None |
| Annual Club | |
| Auction
stuff. | The annual club auction was conducted by Bob Mosinski. Lots of people got a lot of good stuff. |

The next meeting will be at Dean's Dugout at 7:30 p.m. on January 10, 2007.



Fun Fly Committee



January Fun-Fly

Sunday January 14th will be the first Fun-Fly of the 2007 flying season. Competition will start approximately 10:00 with sign in and opening flying before and afterwards. This is your first chance to get Fun-Fly points. Sunday's event will be the 5-minute timed flight.

In this event each pilot will try to fly for exactly 5 minutes without the aid of any timing devices such as stopwatches or clocks. This will be a classless event with each pilot competing only against the clock. However this year we're going to make it harder on the more experienced pilots by changing the amount of points we deduct and the amount of time for which they are deducted.

Here's how it works: Each pilot will start off with 30 scoring points. This is the same number of points that is awarded for a first place finish. So in effect, everyone starts off in first place. When the model takes off or is hand launched the judge's timer will start. The judge will stop his timer on landing or when the model first touches down. From the pilots perfect score of 30 points we will deduct points for time he is over or under the 5-minute mark. Your point total for the day will be the remainder of your scoring point, (30 points minus any time deduction), plus ten attendance points plus ten participation points.

Point deductions are as follows:

Expert Class: Pilots will loose 3 points for every 5 seconds over or under the 5-minute mark.

Advanced Class: Pilots will loose 2 point for every 5 seconds over or under 5-minutes.

Novice Class: Pilots will loose 1 points for every 5 seconds over or under 5-minutes.

Beginner Class: Pilots will loose 1 point for every 10 seconds over or under 5-minutes. Beginners are not required to take off or land but must be flying the plane when they indicate to the judge when the clock should start and stop.

We will round up the scores to the nearest 5 points. For example, a flight time of 4:30.

Expert: $30 \text{ sec} / 5 = 6: 6 \times 3 = 18: 30 - 18 = 12$: Rounded score would be 15 points.

Advanced: $30 \text{ sec} / 5 = 6: 6 \times 2 = 12: 30 - 12 = 18$: Rounded score would be 20 points.

Novice: $30 \text{ sec} / 5 = 6: 6 \times 1 = 6: 30 - 6 = 24$: Rounded score would be 25 points.

Beginner: $30 \text{ sec} / 10 = 3: 3 \times 1 = 3: 30 - 3 = 27$: Rounded score would be 30 points.

FYI. Some folks ask why we do timed flight events in the beginning of the year. The answer is because at this time of year we are never sure of the field or the weather conditions. These timed events go quickly, take little preparation and are easy to put on. If the field conditions are bad, read SNOW here, we can always hand launch. If it's very cold we can fly several planes at a time to shorten the amount of time were in the field. Besides, if it's REALLY BAD we can retire to McDonalds for coffee or hot chocolate and try to get Marv to pay for it out of the club treasury.

The Fun-Fly Committee



Hints, Information, Tips and Stuff by Larry Dudkowski



Here it is January again, the beginning of a new year and another flying season. Yes, that's right, a new flying season. After all, the first Fun-Fly is scheduled for January 14th. Actually I understand one of the clubs in the area has a New Year's Day event. Everyone comes out in the morning for some flying and hot coffee or cocoa. With more folks getting involved in "Electrics" I would expect to see more of you out there in the winter months. After all you don't have to pack your flight box on a sled and drag it through the snow to fly an electric. Mmmm I never thought of it that way before. Anyway, along with winter flying there are some "winter flying rules" you should learn and follow. Most of these, like almost all of the rules we fly by, are just simple common sense but I'll list a few anyway. After all sometimes common sense isn't all that common.

Rubber bands don't hold in the cold! This is probably one that a lot of folks don't know about. But a temperature in the thirty degrees range is probably too cold for rubber bands. Bill, our President, reminded us of this in the November newsletter. I've experienced it personally and it's NOT a good feeling. You watch the wing separate from the fuselage, usually as you're flying across the field. Actually you stare at the wing because it flutters slowly down like a leaf, while all of the important stuff in the fuselage does a Kamikaze dive into the woods. So keep those models where the wing or anything else is held on by rubber bands at home when it's cold. This rule holds true for both glow and electric models. After all rubber bands are rubber bands.

Fly with a buddy. This is something we talked about several times at the meetings. I think it even more important in the wintertime, when there are fewer people using the forest preserve. Fewer people are using the forest preserve is both good and bad. The GOOD news is that you have less people to watch for, not to mention more parking. The BAD news is you have less people watching out for you. If you get hurt there are fewer people to help. Generally, in the summer, when I see some one flying there is a spotter standing next to him watching out for all that ground clutter. In the wintertime we not only could use the extra set of eyes the spotter gives us but if a problem arises, we're not alone in the "Great White North". Besides it's always more fun to fly with friends than alone. Can't find some one to fly with? At the VERY LEAST, let some one know where you are and when you expect to get back. If you have one, take your cell phone. It's always a good practice to fly with a buddy, just more so in the winter.

Beware of Loose Cloth around spinning props! In the cold weather we usually dress in layers, shirts, sweatshirts, jackets etc. Make sure that those hood strings are tied or tucked away inside your jacket or sweatshirt. The same is true for scarves and jacket ties. You don't want to leave anything dangling that might get caught in a spinning prop. This is especially true around "electrics". Electrics start with a simple flip of the switch and are therefore more prone to start up accidentally. Also electric motors won't stall and quit running like glow engines if something falls in the prop. Electric motors will simply draw more power to try and keep running.

Beware of Wind Chill! Not just the normal temperature wind chill, but also the added wind chill caused by the prop wash when you adjusting your engine. Be especially careful if you have spilled any fuel on your hands, as this will just make the wind chill's effect on your hands worse. Wipe your hands off before fooling with a running engine in the winter. Better yet don't get any fuel on your hands at all.

Anchor your model securely! You need to take care when anchoring you model in the winter months. You want to be sure that whatever you use to hold you model is firmly implanted in the ground and not just in the loose snow. Generally I find it's always good to get a helper to hold you model when starting it and making your adjustments. That way too you have some one to carry your model past the safety line and out to the field



Hints, Information, Tips and Stuff by Larry Dudkowski



Well that it, the first H.I.T.S. column for 2007. And so we begin another year. Hope you enjoy these little bits of information and if you have any questions you'd like to see answered, let me know and I'll try and include them in future columns. The same is true if you have some "Hints", "Information", "Tips" or just "Stuff" you'd like to pass along. But better yet, jot them down yourself or send them to the editor. He's always looking for new contributors for the newsletter. And it's worth points too.

2007 CLUB CALENDAR

January 10th	** Monthly Meeting **
January 14th	Fun Fly – (Timed Flight - IV)
February 14th	** Monthly Meeting **
February 18th	Fun Fly – (Texas Hold'M)
March 14th	** Monthly Meeting **
March 18th	Fun Fly – (Fast-N-Slow & Combat)
April 11th	** Monthly Meeting **
April 16th	Fun Fly – (Bean Counter) **
May 9th	** Monthly Meeting **
May 20th	Fun Fly – (Air Show)
June 13th	** Monthly Meeting at the field ** (Beauty Contest)
June 25th	Fun Fly – (Pattern Contest)
July 11th	** Monthly Meeting **
July 15th	Fun Fly – (Pylon Racing & Combat)
August 8th	** Monthly Meeting **
August 12th	Fun-Fly – (Washer Drop)
September 12th	** Monthly Meeting **
September 16th	Fun Fly - (Tentative with Barnstormers)
September 23rd	Annual Club Picnic
October 10th	** Monthly Meeting **
October 14th	Fun Fly – (Qualification Sunday)
November 14th	** Monthly Meeting **
November 18th	Fun Fly – (Mystery Contest ???)
December 12th	** Monthly Meeting ** – (Christmas Auction)
December 16th	No Fun Fly (Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!)

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- Pattern • Sport • Electric • Soaring • Giant Scale • Other

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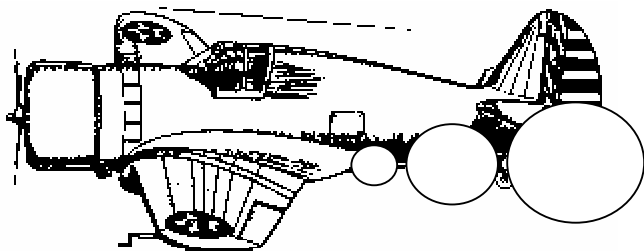
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Next Meeting: January 10, 2007 @ 7:30pm

Fun Fly – Timed Flight January 14, 2007

