

The Flypaper

Monthly News Letter of the Freeport IL Radio Control Modelers

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

Who's been flying? I mean really flying! Not Heli's in the living room or basement, or those 6-8 oz indoor gym planes. Is anybody getting anxious for some real outdoor therapy? I am. Maybe in another 30 or so days we can start, so we will be up to snuff when the Snow Birds all come home with their several months of experience under their belt.

I heard from Freddie Smith that Dick DeHahn has been flying pretty regularly in Arizona, tho Freddie himself has only gone flying maybe 2 or 3 times. Harry Allen and Bill Hagene have been at it in The Villages in Florida. Dave Shuey and Marlin Winsel flew at Baker's field one day in early January. Marlin also flew at his park. Craig LeBaron and myself showed up at Baker's field on New Years Day around 1: O'clock. We hung around for a half hour or so. It was very windy, which of course made it feel very cold. We didn't fly and decided no one else was going to show up, so we went home.

I need some contributions for the Newsletter from you members. Let me know what you purchased, what you are building, flying, or contemplating. Send me an email, pictures, or call me. I can't keep writing about my giant scale P-38 all the time. Which by the way is getting closer to being ready to fly. I need one more engine (OS .61FX), a large capacity battery pack, and I need to apply decals and do some paint trim work. I will be installing the landing gear next week. Getting anxious about it just like Jeff Burd is about his electric P-38.

Dave Schuey is building a 25"ws Monocoup. Jeff Burd is building a 56"ws AT-6. He is going to put a Saito .65 4 stroke in it. Jim Kellner is building an antique type oldie. Jerry Colby is building a Park Flyer. Craig LeBaron still hasn't touched his Aeromaster Bipe.

There has been some interest expressed about the new AMA Park Flyer membership, and if the Park Flyer member will have a place in our Club. It's something to think about and express your opinions and ideas about. There is some good information on the subject on the AMA web site.

I had a call from Gene Baker January 21st. He said he visits our web site more often than he does his own Club's. He recognized some people in the pictures, but didn't know most of them. I told him we have another 100 pictures to put out there, as soon as we get descriptions attached to them.

Several members haven't paid their Club dues yet. Wednesday night would be a good time to do that. A few haven't paid their AMA dues.

If you have something for show and tell, bring it to the meeting Wednesday night.

Upcoming events to consider:

February 7th: Wheaton, IL. Swap Meet, DuPage County Fairgrounds.

February 15th: Davenport, Iowa. Swap Meet, Iowa Nat'l. Guard hanger.

February 21st: St. Charles, IL. Fox Valley Aero Club Swap Meet.

March 7th: Rock Valley R/C Flyers Swap meet, Rockford Christian School Gymnasium.

Items for sale:

1. Great Planes Patty Wagstaff Extra-300: Flown maybe 10 times. Just the airplane and pushrods, no engine, radio, servos, or battery pack. \$275.00: Call Don at 815-235-4777.

2. Ziroli P-47 Thunderbolt kit: 92"ws. Includes plans, instructions. \$125.00: Call Don.

**Minutes of the January 7, 2009 Freeport R/C Modelers Meeting
At the Freeport Public Library**

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

A motion was asked for, given, and passed to approve the meeting minutes from November with the additions / corrections as mailed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: The General Fund now has \$4062.62 and the mower fund has \$1222.61.

Three more members paid their dues, making 17 paid.

Craig LeBaron made and gave copies of our Club Event Calendar to HobbyTown and the Stephenson County Visitors Bureau.

Jeff Burd gave an update and report on the Swap Meet expenses and income.

The Swap Meet net income was \$821.96.

137 attended, netting \$548 at the door. Another \$302 came from tables sold. Raffle tickets netted \$320 for total receipts of \$1170.

Expenses were \$25 for the raffle ticket permit; \$10 for the Model Aviation advertisement, \$50 for the Cedarville Community Center rental, and \$263.04 spent at HobbyTown for the raffle prizes, for a total of \$348.04.

Receipts less expenses resulted in \$821.96 total profit.

A motion was made and passed to accept this as the Treasurers report for the event.

Ideas were shared on how we could improve the swap meet for next year: A clicker to count attendees, increase entrance fee from \$4 to \$5 to make it better from a money change standpoint, a restroom sign displayed, and more visible table numbers were some ideas.

Jeff said the auction should be before the raffle next time so people stay for the auction. Also this meant lower food sales. Also could move the door opening time to an hour later.

Jeff said Dan from True R/C did well at the swap meet and donated two batteries. Also the cutting mat was left over and can be prized with these two batteries. What to do with these items? Save them for prizes of one sort or another. Word was out to raffle one prize at this meeting, and the cutting mat was picked. Persons interested at the meeting put their names in for drawing and Marcet Marks won!

Jim Elmer was saying the field is getting torn up from raccoons digging for grubs. He will get a cost for what it will take to kill the grubs. He also wants to plug the field and get some sand into the ground to make it easier to roll. Jim requested a raise of \$50 for mowing this next year since he mowed about 36 times last year.

It was said we normally pump the outhouse twice a year, and it should also be winterized in the fall.

The budget for 2009 actual dollars is almost complete. Dave Nienhuis is looking for an electronic copy to update or will create one.

Don said the website is up, and it will be a \$40 annual cost for the domain name, payable annually on April 1st. A motion was made and passed to do it.

Craig let the AMA know who the new officers are and paperwork should be forthcoming. Emailed 1/6/09.

The Howard Nelson Award is presented to Don Rasmus, voted as doing the most for the club and membership in 2008.

Next Board meeting is January 28, 2009 at Craig LeBaron's home and the next Club meeting is February 4th, 2009 at the Freeport Public Library.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn at 7:30pm for show and tell and playtime. Jeff brought his P-38 (awesome with yellow paint detail) powered by a 2500mah battery and twin 450's. Dave Shuey brought his Yak dressed and ready for next flight. Craig and Dave N. brought their mCXs and flew around.

These minutes respectfully submitted by David Nienhuis.



Dave Shuey and his new Extra-300

