

The Flypaper

Monthly News Letter of the Freeport
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Meeting Night: 7:PM Wednesday, May 6th, Freeport Library. Bring Show and Tell.

The Club has some events coming up soon. This month, on Saturday, May 16th we have the annual Baker's Field Static Display and Flying Demo. Then on June 13 and 14 we have our annual Sneek-In Fun Fly. I hope everyone is getting their gear in shape, and charged up. Remember, at Sneek's Fun Fly you will need a minimum of 3 flights on a new plane before you can fly it there.

Duane Sneek with some help from Jeff Burd, Dick DeHahn, Jerry Colby and myself installed a new windsock on his runway. Duane's windsock is a real beauty. Will handle 50mph winds I do believe. Baker's Field also has a new windsock (and a new wind string in the pits).

Both flying fields are in very good shape. They both have been rolled and mowed. Dave Shuey used his garden tractor and snow blade to level out the gravel at the top of the driveway at Baker's Field. Jim Elmer has been busy rolling, manicuring, and spraying the field. He is back to his active self after his knee replacement March 2nd.

Considering the weather, there has been some flying done this spring. It seems like there is more electrics this year. Some more

Snow Birds have arrived home, so we will see some more flyers now. We also have a couple of new members, and a renewal of an old member as well. New members are Ernie Sjolín of Monticello, Wisconsin, and John Farringer of Freeport, both retired. Dave Young of Freeport has signed up. He is a long time former member getting back into R/C again.

Dave Nienhuis mentioned recently he still has 6 gallons of 15% fuel available. If you will need some, let Dave know. His phone number is (815) 262-1723.

Tim Fry has a new FA-18 Electric Ducted Fan Jet from Hobby Lobby. He flew it at Baker's Field Wednesday, April 29th for the maiden flight. Flies very nice and quit fast. It sounds and looks like the real thing in the air. Harry Allen also showed up after wintering in The Villages in Florida. He flew his old reliable electric T-28 Trojan.

A rumor is going around that Craig LeBaron is acquiring a Zenoah G-26 gasser with electronic ignition. He has a quarter scale clipped wing plane picked out for it also. Gas is a good way to go!!

Jeff Burd took his GeeBee down to Sneek's one Saturday and flew it. Dick DeHahn flew his Cub there that day also. Not his quarter scalar, but his little one.

Marlin Winsel, Freddie Smith, Dave Schuey, Craig LeBaron, Ernie Sjolín, Jerry Colby, Mark Reeder, and myself have flown some also in the month of April. I had two nice flights with my Morrissey Bravo. Gas engines do sound so nice! Jack Baxter's Senior Cadet is ready to fly.

Duralite Batteries has come up with some new batteries to use in place of the LiPo's, Nicads, and NiMH batteries in our electric and nitro/gas planes. Visit www.duraliteflightsystems.com for the particulars. They are much safer, and you don't need the sophisticated chargers for them with balancing features etc. They aren't cheap. The Duralite PLUS A123 pack looks very good for use in our nitro/gas planes.

I heard we might have a new flying field in a year or two. It's located somewhere Southwest of Sneek's field. It might be just a rumor tho. A young couple bought a house on some farmland just so the fellow could walk out the door and fly his R/C stuff!

ITEMS FOR SALE:

- 1. Two giant scale scratch built Fairchild's:
Complete almost ready to fly; Call Bob
Huisinga (815) 232-8216**
- 2. Great Planes Patty Wagstaff Extra-300:
Airplane only; \$200.00. Call Don Rasmus
(815) 235-4777**
- 3. Sig Rascal RTF: Complete except receiver,
\$300.00. Call Tom Schony (815) 232-2303**

**Bob Huisinga is in the Hospital in Freeport.
He went in Wednesday, April 29th. He is
having back problems. He is in the assisted
patient area on the second floor.**

**Hope to see ya-all, Wednesday, May 6th at the
Freeport Library, 7:00PM. Anything for Show
and Tell?**