

# BALSA DUST

Newsletter of the  
Fergus Falls Regional R/C Flyers  
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## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas. Flying weather is definitely gone, but it's a good time to build, at least for those of us who stay in the North country. In the South, the flying goes on. The mall show is coming up. I hope to see everyone make it (bring a plane to display and something to fly inside). These shows are always lot of fun! Stay warm and see you on Saturday, January 9th, at the Mall!!

Michael

## Club Minutes

December 10, 2009

Our meeting this month was at Mike Drouillard's house.

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Jerry A Johnson, Jerry L Johnson, Floyd Lee, Shelby Haukos, Derek Drouillard, James Graffeo, Joe Honrud, Eric Lunos, Tom Davis, and Tom Kalvik.

Secretary report approved as read. Treasurer reported no changes in balance of \$3442.05

**Old Business:** We voted to have the Mall show on January 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the farm toy show. I will call Mall and book the room. Mike D. said thanks to Erik Lunos, Jerry L Johnson, Al Olson, and Brian Franklin for shingling the club house roof.

**New Business:** We had our election of Club officers. And the winners are.  
President- Mike Drouillard Vice  
President- James Graffeo  
Secretary- Tom Kalvik  
Treasurer- Jerry A Johnson  
Newsletter- Jerry L Johnson  
Board of Directors- Don Martinson, Dennis Trudell, and Al Olson.

Joe Honrud mentioned before we adjourned that they are flying indoor electrics at the Perham Area Community Center, (or Pacc), the first and third Saturday of each month.

Tom Kalvik  
Still Secretary

## Polish that Canopy

A good polish is toothpaste. Smear a liberal amount on the canopy and use a piece of toilet tissue to buff the canopy to a glossy finish that will not scratch at all. Then use alcohol as a cleaner to remove any residue left by the toothpaste. Use an old toothbrush (dry) to kick out any dust or residue left in any of the cracks or joints around the edges or division posts of the canopy.

*From The Newsletter of the East Valley Aviators Mesa AZ*

## Member Profile



**Derek Drouillard**

with Mike watching

Derek is presently the manager at the Fergus Falls Radio Shack store which also carries some R/C equipment and supplies. Derek says he has been interested in flying as long as he can remember and the fact that his dad Mike was interested in model aviation helped sustain that interest. Derek, his dad Mike, and brother Jason got started in the Fergus Falls R/C club about 15 years ago when he was 11 years old.

Those who Derek credits in helping getting started was Mike Ryan who taught them to fly, and building tips from Burt Carlson at Baders Hobby Shop in Moorhead

Derek's first plane was a Kadet Senior and his favorite is his 50cc Yak. He would like to get the new 100cc Beast by Hangar 9

Thank you Derek for being a part of our club and being a resource R/C

*I apologize for the old picture of Derek it is the best I had along on this computer jlj Ed*

## Indoor Flying ?

If there is interest in indoor flying it can be discussed at this next meeting. The known possibilities are the mall, airport meeting room or even the YMCA old gym. The Y will charge about \$40 for the use of the gym for an evening of flying 7 to 10pm. The mall also charges for the use of their community room. Reservations do need to be made ahead for any of the flying locations. jj

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### MEETING January 14

This month the meeting will be at the Hunan Spring restaurant. Come early to enjoy the buffet and the meeting is at 7.



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