

BALSA DUST

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

Happy February!

Not too much is happening around here in the world of R.C., but I have been working really hard at getting a Decathlon up and running. It looks really sharp, red and white. I have had it for over two years, so it's about time I got it done. Tom K. has also been working on a new plane. He's putting together a Balsa USA North Star from a kit and it too is almost good to go! It sure helps the winter go by fast when you have projects to finish!!

I want to thank all the club members that came to the mall show and especially those who brought planes for display and flying. It was a great success!

The winter snowbirds continue to report that there is flying going on where it's warm. Keep working on your planes so in a couple months you can get out and fly. Warm weather is around the corner. See you at the meeting to be held at the Airport!

Michael

Club Minutes

January 14th 2010

Our meeting this month was at Hunan Springs.

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Roger Simonson, Larry Simonson, Dennis Trudell, Paul Johnson, Shelby Haukos, Manfred Decker, and Tom Kalvik.

Treasurer was in Texas.

Secretary report approved as read.

Old Business: None Discussed.

New Business: We talked about a possible ski fly in March on Bass Lake in Underwood when weather permits. We will try and contact people a few days in advance.

There was some discussion about the Mall charging us \$50.00 next year for the room for our Mall Show. No other options were discussed other than we can get a booth for free.

Finally there was some discussion about flying electrics indoors. Perhaps every other Thursday. The Mall will charge \$25.00, and the YMCA will charge \$50.00. Mike Drouillard will make some calls for dates etc.

Next Meeting at Airport
Tom Kalvik
Secretary

Member Profile



Joe Honrud

Joe is a licensed contractor and owner of his business, *Custom Windows*.

He says he has loved everything RC as long as he can remember. When he was about 14 he built his first kit. It was a 40 size trainer. He couldn't wait for instruction so you can guess what happened. He says "I had three flights with it before it died (a total of about 15 seconds of flight)."

About 5 years later, he was working with Don Johanek (of the Red Lake Falls club) in Fargo. Don was flying planes and renewed Joe's interest. He then bought a Duraplane and crashed and crashed. Joe says he never really had a successful complete flight. When he was about 25 his wife bought him a 30 size helicopter. He bought real flight and learned how to hover. He then built some camera mounts and started a business doing aerial photography with bigger gas helis.

Joe said the window business was taking off and aerial photography was not very profitable so he stopped that. About 4 years ago one of Joe's buddies that he flew helis with, bought an airplane so he decided to try fixed wing flying again. Joe says he was surprised that he could actually take off and land. After that he was hooked.

Joe has been in the Fergus club for 3 plus years.

His favorite plane is his 50% cub. It's also the biggest pain.

Honrud Continued

The projects for spring to complete are a Quique Yak 101 85cc, an Andrew Jesky Slick 50cc, and an electric 1/4 scale cub.

On a recent vacation he picked up a 50% Yak 54 300-400cc and a 50% Ultimate Biplane 200-275cc. Joe says "I'll be surprised if I get one flying by the end of this year, we'll see". Sounds like some very nice pick-ups.
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Aviation Quotes

From the AMA Insider 1/2010

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."

—General Douglas MacArthur

"Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing."

—At the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan

"You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3."

—Paul F. Crickmore, test pilot

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky."

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter—and therefore, unsafe."

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."

"Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club."

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MEETING

February 11

This month the meeting will be at the Airport meeting room. Come early to do some electric flying. The meeting is at 7.

Have you paid your Local club dues?

Is your AMA membership current for 2010?

Let's all be ready to fly this spring.



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