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

Greetings! We just got back from Texas where we spent the last two weeks! The weather was from 50 to 85 degrees the whole time-just beautiful!

I didn't get a chance to do any flying, but we were about two blocks from my mother-in-law's home and we happened to see some planes being loaded into a vehicle. Of course I had to stop and talk with them. They were going flying with a Big Stik 40 and a Goldberg Cub 40. I told them I was from Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and they pointed to a house and told me that a guy from Fergus Falls lived there. It was R.J. Reff. He was playing tennis at the Tennis Court, so I stopped by and told him "hi". What a small world!

Spring is right around the corner so get those engines tuned and finish up those winter projects! Hope to see you at the March meeting.

Michael

Club minutes

February 14, 2008

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

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Floyd Lee, Shelby Haukos, and Tom Kalvik.

Treasurer was in Texas.
Secretary report approved as read.

Old Business: We still haven't determined who will be intro pilot instructors this year. It was brought up that Jerry L. Johnson was a really good teacher, so I said I would ask him and he said OK. Thank you Jerry.

New Business: We completed a survey form sent by the AMA with the club charter renewal. It will be used on the AMA website to give additional information to persons looking for a club to fly at or join.

Tom Kalvik
Secretary

Member profile Tom Kalvik

Occupation-

Currently between jobs. But have been in printing since High School.

Where did you get started R/C Modeling-

I have always had an interest in model aviation. When I was a kid I had those Cox control line planes. I guess the bug really hit me in

1992 down there in Minneapolis when I built a Top Flite Cub.

Did you have help getting started, if so who-

I made the mistake of learning to fly on my own. I learned to fly with floatplanes out at my lake cabin. Build, fly, crash. Build, fly a little longer, crash. I wouldn't recommend it.

How long with Fergus Falls RC Flyers-

I am going on my third year.

What was your first plane?-

The first plane I built for R/C was the Top Flite Cub. After all the building I didn't think it was a good idea to fly that one first, so I made a PT-40 on floats and used that to learn on. Actually I ended up using a couple of PT-40's to learn on.

What is your favorite plane-

This is a tough question. It always seems to be the one I am working on at the time. When that one is done I start a new favorite airplane. However my main interest is WWII warbirds.

Plane or plans under construction-

I am building a PBY Catalina from plans. And I am putting together a Nitro Models Zero.

Thanks Tom for your contributions of time and service to the club.
jlj Ed.

Re: New Life to Old Wire Landing Gear

Just a report to say that I tried the procedure printed last month and it worked very well on my Cub landing gear. It has withstood several bouncy landings and is holding up very well. JLJ

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Coming Events

April 5th FFRCF Mall Show
 April 5th Detroit Lakes Mall Show
 May 24&25 Bemidji Spring Fun Fly
 June 7&8 Valley RC Fun Fly, Kragnes
 July 13th FFRCF Float Fly , Bass Lake
 July 12&13 Valley Big Dogs IMAA,
 Kragnes
 Sept 7th FFRCF Fall Fun Fly

Meeting

March 13th at
 Hunan Spring
 Restaurant. Come
 to eat with meeting
 at 7pm.

Fergus Falls Regional R/C Flyers Mall Show
 Sat April 5th at Westridge Mall in Fergus Falls

Please make sure your local club dues are paid and your AMA
 membership is current before the flying season starts.



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