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

Hello, Flyers!

Spring seems like it is here finally. We start to see R.C. shows and auctions throughout the area! The fields are a little wet but if we want to fly on the lake yet, the ice is still safe. Let's get together one last time-unless it stays in the 50's! That wouldn't be so bad either-we could just meet at the airfield instead!! Hope to see you at our Mall Show with your planes!

Michael

Mall Show Report

Our 2008 Mall Show is now history. We want to thank all those who brought planes for display and helped meet & greet those who stopped by. We had 25 planes on display. We also had 3 helicopters and a small indoor electric plane for some simple? demonstrations. We did get to meet 4 new people who want to get involved in R/C this spring. We look forward to seeing more of James Graffeo., Paul Anderson and Mark & Andrew Aselson

Jerry L. J. Editor

Club minutes

March 13, 2008

Our meeting this month was at Hunan Springs

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Floyd Lee, Orvin Fossen, Mark Beckstrom, and Tom Kalvik.

Treasurer was in Texas
 Secretary report approved as read

Old Business: Orvin Fossen volunteered to be an intro pilot instructor. Thank you Orvin. So now we have two.

We talked some more about combat flying, sounds like there is a lot of interest in it. Orvin said there might be some wings & stuff for sale at our mall show.

New Business: The club received a couple of donation requests from the community. One was from the post prom party, of which we gave \$20.00 to last year. We voted to give \$20.00 to them again this year. The other was from the community food shelf. It was voted to give them \$20.00 also.

There was some discussion about raising community interest in our club. Some of the ideas included bringing some cub scouts out to the field and give them a taste of the hobby. Possibly entering a parade. Having a second small mall show during the winter when the mall is having their toy show. Or having a donation during our fun fly, like to the food shelf.

Finally there was a suggestion to possibly have a two-day float fly. Being our event falls on the same weekend as the Fargo Big Dogs it was thought that a two-day event would allow some of the people to attend both events, and attract additional people who would drive further for a two-day event.

Tom Kalvik
 Secretary

Member Profile

Mike Hoff

Mike is an experienced auto mechanic with College Way Auto and has been interested in model aviation since high school days.

Mike started flying R/C in 1994 here in Fergus Falls with the help of Jerry L. Johnson. He has been a member of our club the 14 years since then. He is currently the club's V.P. and has served several years as our President.

His first plane was a Top Flight ARF trainer. Mike has a strong leaning towards scale warbirds although his favorite plane is the Greatplanes Venus II. This past winter Mike enlisted the help of Tom Kalvik in restoring his (battle?) damaged Seagull models Japanese Zero and Nitro models 60 size P51 Mustang.

Thanks Mike for your service to our club.

Re-hash of Radio Care

I was looking for some tips to include in this month's issue and decided to submit some home grown radio tips.

First a good thing would be to cycle your batteries if you haven't done that over the winter. If you have a cycler, highly recommended, it is an easy project. If you do not have a cycler then you can turn on your radio equipment and check every 10 minutes or so to see that the receiver still works and the transmitter meter is still registering. If you get more than an hour's running time you are likely safe to fly.

The other thing to do if you have an older transmitter with reversing switches just move each switch a few times to wipe the contacts. Make sure the switch is back in the original position when you are done. Of course you always preflight the radio to see that things move the correct direction.

I am sure I had a problem with my ailerons on a J3 Cub due to poor switch contact.

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Coming Events

May 24&25 Bemidji Spring Fun Fly
 June 7&8 Valley RC Fun Fly, Kragnes
 July 13th FFRRCF Float Fly, Bass Lake
 July 12&13 Valley Big Dogs IMAA,
 Kragnes
 Sept 7th FFRRCF Fall Fun Fly

Meeting Thursday April 10th 7pm
 at Hunan Spring Restuarant.
 Come earlier to eat.
 Our field is still too soft for traffic.

