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

Greetings to all,

We have had some nice flying weather up to the last week. It has been good to see all the activity on Tuesday and Thursday evenings when the weather has been good. Hopefully this rainy weather will help green up the grass at the flying site.

Thanks to Tom Davis for arranging to get the road into the field bladed, it looks much better now.

We have our Float Fly coming up the end of this month so we will have to make the final arrangements for that at this meeting.

Hope to see you at the meeting at the field on the 13th of May.

Michael

Editors note: Mike has been having some kidney stone problems so he gave me his thoughts over the phone. We hope they can get his problem taken care of soon.

Club minutes April 8 2010

Our meeting this month was at the Mall.

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Dennis Trudell, Mark Beckstrom, Jerry L. Johnson, Al Olson, Shelby Haukos, Tom Davis, Paul Johnson, Brian Franklin, Eric Lunos, Roger Simonson, Larry

Simonson, Don Martinson, Floyd Lee, Jerry A. Johnson, Manfred Decker, and Tom Kalvik.

Secretary report approved as read.
Treasurer reported a balance of \$3622.05

Old Business: Mike D. will check on gravel for our road.

New Business: We talked about where to get fuel. Don Martinson said he could check in the cities. We took a list of who wants fuel.

There was some talk about where to fly indoors next fall. The Mall wants \$50.00 for the room. The Y wants \$40.00 for their space so it might be an option.

Lastly we set a date for our float fly. It might be Saturday May 22nd, with Sunday the 23rd as a bad weather option.

Tom Kalvik
Secretary

Member Profile



Shelby Haukos

Shelby says his interest in airplanes and model aviation got started when he was a child living in Alaska and watching the airplanes come into and out of Ladd AFB near Fairbanks Alaska. Shelby made his first move to R/C modeling in the early 80's when he built a couple of Ace R/C transmitter and receiver kits as well as some Heathkit servos and a Heath receiver. These were all on the 6 meter Amateur Radio band as he already had his Ham Radio license which he had earned a few years earlier. Shelby also built a couple of Ace R/C planes, an Ace Wizzard and a midwing advanced trainer (can't remember the name). He says he ran out of money and sold them to Jerry L, (me), and that got me started in this hobby. (I think what happened is that he wanted to use his funds for something else at the time.)

Shelby picked up his interest in model aviation and R/C 5 or 6 years ago. He now has a collection of electric airplanes and a couple of helicopters and a nitro plane or 2 in the works.

Shelby has been with the Fergus Falls Regional R/C Flyers for four years now and says several members have helped him along the way.

Like most of us he is still working on his improving flying skills.

jlj

The following is from the AMA
insider internet newsletter. May 2010

Soldering Wires

Unless you have nerves of steel, it's difficult to hold two wires still while you solder them together, even if one is clamped to your workbench. An easy solution to this problem is to glue two wooden clothespins to a wooden base, about an inch apart. Now, slip the wires to be soldered into the clamping part of the clothespins, and they will be held together without jiggling.

You can put the clothespins side by side rather than nose to nose. This keeps them from interfering with longer wires. You will probably have to sand the gripping part to create a larger grip area.

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2010 Float Fly

We are planning on holding our Float Fly later this month at Bass Lake near Underwood. We had set May 22 or 23 but that will be discussed at this next meeting and we will get the word out on our decision

MEETING

May 13th at 7 Pm

This month the meeting will
be at the flying site.



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