

# BALSA DUST

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

Hello Flyers!

Due to the rain, there is not much to report. Jerry L. has lined up someone to work on the lawn mower. Tom is still working on the bat plane. One new airplane had its maiden voyage-it didn't fare too well! I won't say whose! I hope to see you at the flying field soon, weather permitting.

Michael

## Club minutes May 8, 2008

Our meeting this month was at the Club Field.

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Mike Hoff and TJ, Shelby Haukos, Scott Hafner, James Graffeo, Manfred Decker, Orvin Fossen, Al Olson, Jerry L. Johnson, Jerry A. Johnson, and Tom Kalvik.

Secretary Report approved.

Treasurer Reported a balance of \$3087.98

**Old Business:** Talked about Jackets and Shirts with club logo. Looked like there was some interest, Jerry L. Johnson will check prices.

A request was made for volunteers to mow and pick up sticks the end of May for the Float Fly. Also the Kid that lives by the Float Fly will retrieve airplanes in his boat for \$20.00.

Jerry A. Johnson said he would be the grill master again this year.

We were going to set a time for the clubhouse siding but put it off until we talk to Dennis Trudell again.

**New Business:** There was some discussion about what to do with the lawnmower. Some of the ideas included fixing the one we have, find a cheap second mower, or sell this one and get a newer one. Best I could tell we are going to try and fix this one.

Finally Jerry L. Johnson had bought some fertilizer and offered to sell some to the club, and the club took him up on his offer.

Tom Kalvik  
Secretary

## John Deere Tractor Repair

After doing some checking for repair possibilities we found Kent Ladd at Ottertail City that would replace the transaxle assembly on our tractor. I checked with the club officers and we decided to get it done. The tractor is back in operation. jlj

## Member Profile

### James Graffeo

James joined our club early this year. He is originally from the New York City area, his work has taken him to several other areas around the country before settling in Fergus Falls.

James is a Systems Analyst with ACS (Affiliated Computer Services, Inc). ACS is located locally in what most of us think of as the old Pamida building.



## James and his Easy Sport

James became interested in model aviation as a youngster and tried his hand at flying the familiar 1/2A Cox control line models as well as a Cox free flight Helicopter. His brother introduced him to R/C helicopters and he purchased an E-Flight CX2 and a Falcon 3D, both electric helicopters. He has just soloed with his Easy Sport 40 and is doing a nice job of flying that and the helicopters. James has benefited from the use of flight simulators. He also is building a Kyosho 40 sized Pitts Bipe and has a HobbiStar 60 on order. Welcome to our club James.

## Flight Training Activity

A few of us have been doing some flying as weather conditions permit.

James Graffeo has soloed and is doing a nice job of flying. Congratulations James.

Andrew Asleson has been out a few times and is progressing nicely.

Aaron Samuelson and Michael Mulvaney are also looking for more chances to fly and have done well with their limited time in the air.

jlj

### Coming Events

- June 7&8 Valley RC Fun Fly, Kragnes
- June 8<sup>th</sup> St Cloud GC RC Flyers Fun Fly
- July 13<sup>th</sup> FFRCF Float Fly, Bass Lake
- July 12&13 Valley Big Dogs IMAA, Kragnes
- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> FFRRCF Fall Fun Fly



Andrew A and his plane

### Modes (part 2)

**Manfred Decker** has these comments on last month's column on modes 1 and 2.

There is one argument I never heard about anybody mention it, but for me it is the most important. If you fly in North Dakota or in Minnesota, Mode 2 is the only way to go because you are able to fly a plane with one hand or at least keep it in the air and in sight. (Aileron and Elevator on one stick) One needs the other hand quite regular to wipe the mosquitoes and other flying pest out of your eyes and face. Very often you are not bothered by the creatures till you get a plane in the air and you are busy with both hands, they know when to attack. Even if the mosquito spray is dripping from your face they don't care, they attack, period.

Think about this and be good.

Manfred

### Jackets, Shirts & Caps

After trying to get an idea of the quantity of each item that we would be ordering I have 3 caps, 10 shirts and 4 jackets spoken for. We will have to discuss at this meeting what we should do. I will have some order blanks along if we decide to place an order. Jerry L. J.

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Meeting Thursday June 12th at 7pm at our flying site.

<http://web.prtel.com/jljflvs>

Granite City RC Flyers will be having a fun fly this Sunday June 8th, starting around noon.



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