

BALSA DUST

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

Hi, to all of you flyers!

It's been a good year so far. Flying is going great with the good weather we've had! I heard Derek, Joe and Manfred took in a fun fly in Bemidji. Brian and Eric went to the swap meet in the cities and picked up some new airplanes. Roger and Larry also picked up a new cub. Way to go guys. We will be looking forward to seeing those new planes out flying. Hope to see you all out at the field!!! Great flying to you.

Michael.

Club minutes May 13, 2010

Our meeting this month was at Hunan Spring due to wet weather. Those present were – Jerry A. Johnson, Dennis Trudell, Al Olson, Tom Davis, Brian Franklin, Eric Lunos, Roger Simonson, Larry Simonson, Don Martinson, Floyd Lee and Jerry L. Johnson.

Jerry A. Johnson presided as he was the only elected officer present.

Jerry L. Johnson had talked to Mike Drouillard just prior to the meeting and learned that he was hoping to go home from the hospital after Kidney surgery.

Old Business: We set June 5 as our Float Fly date with June as the backup

date if the 5th was bad weather. We decided to have pickup day and mow at the Bass Lake point on Sat may 15th. Mike D. asked that the members be informed that Radio Shack was willing to sell their remaining fuel to club members for a little over \$16 / gallon.

New Business: None

Jerry L. Johnson for Tom Kalvik
Secretary



Member Profile

Darold Kirschman

Darold joined our club late last summer. He is retired and lives in the Battle Lake area in the summer and heads for Arizona in the winter. He worked as a Switchman for Quest Communications in Montivideo Minnesota prior to his retirement.

He says his interest in aviation and model aviation stems from an

experience as a young boy in 1944 when he watched an Army plane catch on fire and crash less than 1/4 mile from his home. He says "The big brass flew in the next day with a big 4 engine plane, looking for the door from the crashed plane. Must of been important papers in that door. The pilot did paracute to safety, by the way. This is where it all started, my love for aviation, especially for WWII planes."

Darold got started in R/C Modeling in Montevideo in 1970. The plane was a model of a Piper Cherokee Arrow and was short lived. He says it was probably not a good choice as a beginning plane. The radio was an Orbit proportional 12 channel unit. He then acquired a Sterling Fledging and that also had tough going. He rebuilt the Fledging last year and that is what he soloed with last fall.

His Fledging had been his favorite plane until he purchased a quarter scale Cub which he flew last fall.

I had the privilege of working with Darold last fall and got to fly his very nice Cub.
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2010 Float Fly

We held our Float Fly on Saturday June 5th after trying to interpret the weather forecasts for the weekend. The day turned out quite nice. We had to dodge a few sprinkles in the morning but no one had to run for cover.

Several flights were completed in the morning and then it got nice. We had ideal flying conditions in the afternoon. All flights were successful and the rescue boat was used two or three times to fetch a dead engine or plane that refused to turn back to our shore.

We had 10 pilots participating and several supporting spectators. Joe H. got loud cheers from across the lake after his 2nd flight and nice landing. Thanks to all who came and especially Tom K. for furnishing the boat and Mark B. who supplied the motor.

jlj



Morning group at the 2010 Float Fly

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MEETING
June 10th at 7 Pm

This month the meeting will be at the flying site. In case of too much rain we will be at Hunan Spring

