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Newsletter of the
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Flyers!

August is already here. It's hard to believe! It is my favorite month because there are a lot of Fun Flys going on around the area, one almost every weekend. Fargo-Moorhead has already gone by, Casselton is this weekend, Bemidji and Park Rapids are coming up, and, of course, in September, is Fergus Falls! I hope to see you all at a few. If anyone would like a ride, give me a call. See you at the field!

Mike

Club Minutes July 10, 2008

Our meeting was held at the flying site with several members present except for the Secretary so no one really took minutes but I will try to list some of the items discussed.

We did talk about our clothing order and have by now sent our order to Lake Country Graphics. Dave from the Graphics company called me late this week with a couple of questions and we haven't gotten together yet so he hasn't started on our order.

Our other discussions were on the Float Fly and a review of the preparations of the event.

J L J ed

2008 Float Fly

Our 2008 Float Fly has come and gone. It was a beautiful day but a little too windy for most of us. We had several planes out but only 3 flew,

Orvin Fossen and his ¼ scale J3 Cub, Joe Honrud and his big Sig Rascal and Wayne Monk of Fargo with his Seamaster style seaplane. Once again Jerry A. cooked up a good meal for all to enjoy. Our President Mike D. provided the rescue boat. Thanks Jerry & Mike.

JLJ ed

Alternate Covering

Contact paper can be used to cover aircraft. It is a little tricky to get laid out because of the adhesive on the back, but just try to cover the area as neatly as possible. Once you have your airplane covered, use a heat gun, starting away from and slowly moving closer to the covering. The stuff melts as it cools, it shrinks until it is drum tight. You may have to retouch some areas. It is a little heavier than MonoKote and others, but it is a lot stronger and cheaper.

From a 2003 newsletter of Beresford Area Radio Flyers
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I have never tried this but probably will on a small project. JLJ ed

Member Profile Jerry A. Johnson



Jerry has been flying R/C since 1994. He started with model airplanes in the 1960's. He initially flew control line here in Fergus Falls.

Jerry has been a member of our club since 1994. He has held the office of treasurer for several years.

Jerry has several R/C airplanes just about ready to go. They include a Sig Kadet Mk II, a Flightcraft Cub and a Great Planes Uprouar. Jerry is working on a Richmond RC DeHavilland DHC-2 Beaver. Jerry has many kits and ARFs but like many of us has a hard time finding time to complete the many projects.

Jerry says he enjoys watching others learning to fly and also watching older members fly. He says he has not done a lot of flying recently. He does have a couple of foam electric models that are much easier to clean than nitro powered models.

Since retiring Jerry has been our grounds keeper at the field doing a lot of grass mowing and equipment maintenance at the club field. He also has been our main cook for the Fun Fly & Float flys.

Thanks Jerry for all your help to our club.

Dental Floss in Model Aviation

In looking for an article for the newsletter I came across a tip for using dental floss for tying battery to switch connectors together. For this use I prefer the waxed floss as the wax makes it easier to handle when stringing it between the wires on the connectors. Run a couple of wraps between the 2 wires going to each connector and tie. The wax makes the tying easier also. You will have to cut the floss when you want to disconnect

them. I use this on my in- the-wing aileron connectors also.

Another use is as a lacing cord to keep wires in place on helicopters. Many people prefer plastic wire ties but this works well also.

Another use for dental floss but here I prefer the plain unwaxed floss. I have used it in repairs where a little extra strength is need. I wrap floss onto a broken plastic part like on the small electric helicopters and saturate it with epoxy. To make the repair black like some plastic parts I used graphite powder lubricant mixed in the epoxy. Just a little makes it very black.

JLJ ed.

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Coming Events

August 23 & 24 HRCFC Fun Fly Park Rapids
Sept 7th FFRRCF Fall Fun Fly

**Remember our Fun Fly on
September 7th at our Fergus
Falls Flying site.**

**Meeting Thursday August 14th at
7pm at our flying site.**

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