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

Hi, to all!!

August is already here. It's hard to believe! The good news is that the Fun Flys are starting. Joe, Derek and James spent the weekend at Paynesville. It sounds like they had a great time there. There were over 100 planes. Remember, Casselton, Park Rapids and Bismarck Fun Flys are all coming in August, and then there is Fergus Falls and Bemidji in September. See you at the field.

Happy Flying, Michael.

Club minutes

June 11, 2009

Our meeting this month was held at our flying site

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Manfred Decker, Scott Hafner, Al Olson, Don Martinson, Jerry A Johnson, Jerry L Johnson, Shelby Haukos, Eric Lunos and Brian Franklin

Secretary report reviewed and approved.

Treasurer reported balance of \$3139.01

Old Business: We talked a bit about the new flying field site, no

news at the time. The letter to the City with our requests for the field has been sent. We discussed putting the shingles on our building before fall. We should probably schedule this at the August meeting. It was decided to go ahead with a Float Fly next Sunday July 12.

New Business: We confirmed that we will have out Fun Fly on Sunday Sept 13th. Fun Flys are scheduled with the Valley R/C Flyers on Aug 1&2 and Dakota Skymasters at Casselton was thought to be scheduled for August 8th.

Jerry L. Johnson
for
Tom Kalvik
Secretary

Member Profile



RJ (Bob) Reff

RJ (Bob) Reff has been flying RC since he joined the Fergus Falls club in 1986. He says he kinda learned to fly with a lesson or two from his son-in-law Darrel Freitag. The flying machine was a Goldberg Eagle, which also was his favorite plane of all time. This plane landed on the roof of the big hanger at the old FF airport site, hit a fence or two and met the ground a little hard a few times. After enough of these experiences his relationship with the Eagle ended.

He also has had several planes in the 40 to 60 size range. These include a Cowboy or two, a Cherokee and very nice Cessna 182. He is now building a 60 size P47 which should be completed soon.

RJ also belongs to a club in Texas called the TEJAS Rio Grande Flyers and flies with them during the winter months. Their field is located South of Weslaco on Stewart Road. He says everybody is welcome to come and fly. They are having a 3 day event on January 29-30-31 at the Weslaco Municipal Airport. This is something to see.

RJ say he enjoys the time with the Fergus Falls R/C Flyers and hopes to be around for a few more years.

Thanks you RJ for being a part of our group and we hope to see you at the field many more years.

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Flight Training Activity

Eric Lunos from Wahpeton Decided to get back into R/C after several years away from the hobby. After a few sessions Eric soloed Sunday August 2nd and is doing very well with his NextStar. Congratulations Eric.

Another person getting back to the hobby is Darold Kerschman from Battle lake and Darold is progressing in route to soloing.

We also have been flying with Shelby Haukos and his Slow Stick. Shelby says he put that in storage and has something else in mind.

Another new face in the group is Brian Franklin. Who has been flying his Park Flyer Cub and also has an electric T28



Eric with his NextStar

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Fergus Falls RC Flyers Fun Fly Sunday September 13th

Meeting

7pm Thursday August 13th at our field.
Topics to be discussed are the shingling the shed and or coming Fun Fly in September.

Newsletter Articles

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to write a short article on any building or maintenance tricks or even flying techniques please let me know and we can put it in our newsletter.

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