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

Hi, flyers!

It sure is nice to see the field getting used by so many flyers!!!! The weather has been really cooperating lately for us to enjoy some flying!

I didn't get a chance to go to Park Rapids, but I talked to Paul Johnson. He said that they had 47 pilots. The twins from Paynesville flew their pattern that they flew in Muncie. A good time was had by all.

Our Fun Fly is coming up in two weeks. It would be nice to re-shingle the roof before this event. If anyone is interested in helping, call me at 218-731-2087.

Happy Flying!!! Michael

Club minutes

August 13, 2009

Our meeting this month was at the Flying Field.

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Manfred Decker, Jerry L. Johnson, Jerry A. Johnson, Shelby Haukos, Eric Lunos, Derek Drouillard, James Graffeo, Roger Simonson, Larry Simonson, Floyd Lee, Mark Beckstrom, Joe Honrud, Scott Hafner, Al Olson, Brian Franklin, and Tom Kalvik.

Secretary report approved as read.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$3289.01

Old Business: Still no word from the City on our flying site approval. Jerry L. Johnson invited them to the meeting, but they didn't come.

There was a lot of discussion about our Fun Fly date, and the confliction it has with the Bemidji Fun Fly. Some of our club members would like to attend both events, but because they are on the same day that would be tough. So the question was brought up of us possibly changing the date of our Fun Fly to the following weekend. Opponents to this stated that we have had the weekend after Labor Day for many years and Bemidji should change their date, not us. Joe Honrud, (who is also president of the Perham club), stated that he is going to get together with other clubs this winter and try to arrange a better schedule for Fun Fly's to alleviate conflict. A motion was carried to change our date from September 13th, to the weekend of September 19th with Saturday being the main day, but Sunday open as a backup in case of bad weather.

New Business: Jerry L. Johnson said we are invited to the airport August 25th and they would like 2 or 3 guys to do flight demonstrations at their fly in.

Tom Kalvik
Club Secretary

Member Profile



Brian Franklin

Brian grew up in Fergus Falls and after his college years he taught High School English & literature in Grantsburg Wisconsin. He later moved to the Fargo Moorhead area and worked there. He is now a marketing consultant for the Fergus Falls Daily Journal and also works as a Sports Trainer at the Athletic Republic.

Brian and his Dad Lee looked at building an R/C plane years ago. They did purchase an electric R/C foam pusher plane but had marginal success with that. In the past year he has gotten going again with a Park Flyer Super Cub which has flown quite well and he has recently been flying his 2 electric T28 Trojans which fly even better. He is also now flying his 40 sized Tower Trainer. It seems that each new plane becomes his favorite, which I would say is good. Brian is mostly self taught as far as R/C

flying goes but says he appreciates the help and support from the club members.

Welcome to our group Brian and we wish you many happy years in the hobby.

jlj Ed

EAA Community night

Thanks to Joe Honrud, James Graffeo, Don Martinson and Brian Franklin for their demo flights at the event sponsored by the local chapter of EAA on Tuesday evening August 25th. Joe really impressed them with the 50% Cub flights. I think they thoroughly enjoyed all of the flights.

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Note new date for

**Fergus Falls RC Flyers
Fun Fly Saturday
September 19th**

Meeting

7pm Thursday September 10th at our field.
Topics to be discussed are the shingling the shed and our coming Fun Fly in September.



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