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

Hi!

It's hard to know that our season is coming to a close, but it has been one of the best falls that I can remember. There have been so many nice days, especially this past September, for flying!

I hope everyone had fun at our "Fun Fly." I know I did. The food was great (thanks to Jerry Johnson) and the flying was too! There was at least one plane in the air all day long. That to me takes a lot of planes and batteries! Thanks to everyone who participated in helping put on a nice show, and thanks to all of the pilots that flew. It was a great time!

I had the chance to go to Bemidji the week before our event. I saw several of our club members who were there participating -- Joe H., Derek D., James G., Manfred and Eric L. With guys like these going to other fun flies around the area, in return they know that Fergus Falls has a good healthy club going. Thanks, guys, for representing our club well!

In closing, we still will have a few good days to fly, so be sure to get out and take advantage of them. Hope to see you at the field!!

Michael

Club minutes

Our meeting this month was at the Flying Field.

Those present were -- Mike Drouillard, Jerry L. Johnson, Jerry A. Johnson, Roger Simonson, Larry

Simonson, Darold Kirschman, Al Olson, Brian Franklin, Paul Johnson, Dean Schnell, Manfred Decker, and Tom Kalvik.

Secretary report approved as read.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$3381.48

Old Business: We had some discussion about the upcoming fun fly. Because we had both Saturday and Sunday as possible dates depending on the weather, it was decided to send out an Email on the Friday before the event to verify the day with the best weather. The starting time of the event would be at 9:00 AM to whenever. We would put up flags for the spectator barrier. Jerry A. Johnson said he would cook again. We asked for volunteers to bring bars, etc. The City serviced our Porta Potty so we were ready to go, (no pun intended). And we tossed around the idea of a couple of events.

New Business: A possible date was set for September 13th to shingle our clubhouse.

Tom Kalvik
Secretary

Member Profile

Eric Lunos

Eric is one of our newer members. Eric has worked for Comstock Construction out of Wahpeton ND for the past 14 years.

Eric credits his interest in aviation to his uncles in Roseau MN that are full scale pilots. When he was 14 or 15 one of the uncles was also getting started in R/C.



Eric Lunos

Eric joined AMA back in 1989 for the first time when he was 15 and was a member of the Roseau Flyers. His uncle helped him in building and Keith Johnson and Milt (Jr.) Arneson of Roseau helped in learning to fly.

Eric joined our club in June and soloed in early August and has been able to get out flying many times since.

The first plane he built was a Bob Martin E.T. (easy trainer .25). He also built a Carl Goldberg Cub. that he never flew while in High School.

Eric says his favorite planes would be the ones he is flying now -- the Hobbico Nexstar and the Tower Trainer 40. He is currently working on recovering and updating his Goldberg Cub and looking to get a low wing trainer like the new Escapade or Tiger 2.

Eric says he has learned a lot this past 4 months while attending many Fun Fly events and the forums on the net. He would also like to thank Jerry J,

James, Joe, and Derrick for taking the time in helping him as well as the other club members. He has also enjoyed the association with members of neighboring clubs he has met at the Fun Flys in this '09 summer season.

Thank you Eric for being a part of our club.

Flight Training

This month we can report that Darold Kirschman soloed on September 9th after a few sessions with a buddy box.

He has had many good flights since then with his Sterling Fledgling and also has had several flights on his nice ¼ scale World Models J3 Cub. Both planes are under going some repair but should be flying again soon.

We have also been flying with Shelby Haukos and our last time out we decided to use the club trainer to gain some more experience at higher altitude than we were able to do with his Slow Stick. I think this will help him get a feel of flying.

jlj



Darold and his Fledgling

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MEETING at HUNAN SPRING

We are going to meet at Hunan Spring this month. We hope to see many of you there this next Thursday October 8th at 6:30, Meeting at 7 pm.



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