

BALSA DUST

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

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that December is already here, but the flying goes on thanks to the weather. There is also flying going on at the Mall, which is a lot of fun. There isn't much to report, but I do hope to see everyone at the December meeting. It will be at the Drouillard's home, with barbecues, scalloped potatoes, goodies, and lots of plane talk. Come about 6 pm for the food with the business meeting to follow.

I hope that everyone had a great 2009 flying season, and that there will be an airplane for you under your tree. Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Michael

Club Minutes November Meeting

Our meeting this month was at the Airport.

Those present were – Mike Drouillard, Jerry L Johnson, Jerry A Johnson, Manfred Decker, Scott Hafner, Tom Davis, Floyd Lee, Dennis Trudell, Al Olson, Shelby Haukos, Larry Simonson, Roger Simonson, and Tom Kalvik.

Secretary Report- None

Treasurer Report- Balance of \$3442.05

Old Business: Our fun fly generated 170 bucks for the club. Minus about 60 dollars for purchasing food and a few dollars for buying pop.

Jerry L. Johnson talked to Dan Edwards who is a city engineer. He

said we could stay at our field at its present location for about another 5 years. Mike Drouillard was out at the field checking it out and noticed the city working on a different cell far away from our field. The new compost pile will be the closest thing to our field and that is out past the farm.

Jerry L Johnson asked for volunteers to help pick up shingles at the clubhouse and take them to the dump.

New Business: Jerry L Johnson asked how people would feel about going back to the Mall to fly Vapors, or to come out to the Airport. The Airport would be free. We would possibly try for the following Tuesday night and see how it goes.

We had our nominations for officers.

President- Mike Drouillard
Vice President- James Graffeo
Treasurer- Jerry A. Johnson
Secretary- Tom Kalvik
Newsletter- Jerry L Johnson
Board of Directors- Don Martinson, Dennis Trudell, Al Olson.
Meeting next month at Mike Drouillards house.
Tom Kalvik Secretary

Shingles Cleaned up

Thanks to Mike and Derek Drouillard and especially their friend Mr. Stock. They took time from deer hunting to pick up the old shingles from our building and haul them to the dump.

Member Profile



Roger Simonson

Roger served in the US Army from 1970 to 1973 and was stationed in South Korea most of that time. After the military stint he worked as a Respiratory Therapist for over 20 years in hospitals in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, Fargo and Lake Region Hospital in Fergus Falls. He also worked as a part-time mail carrier in Alexandria for 2 ½ years. He is now semi-retired and raises beef cattle with brother Larry. He has been a private pilot for 30 years and enjoys flying his full scale J-3 Cub.

Roger mentions that he and Larry got started in model aviation by scratch building free flight models from balsa and tissue and using Cox .049 for power back in the 1960's. they flew these off their home fields and frozen ponds in the winter time.

Roger says they started flying R/C in 1976 along with Dale Thompson. The three of them were self-taught as there was no local club or instructors

in the area. After a 15 year hiatus they started flying R/C again in 2002.

His first plane was the jointly owned Midwest Cardinal with a .15 Enya engine and an OS Cougar radio system. His favorite plane is a J-3 Cub. They presently fly Great Planes Big Stick, a Tower Uproar and a Kadet LT-40. He has plans of working on some kind of plane this winter. He feels you can't have too many for backup.

Roger joined our club early this year and along with Larry was quite active in flying this past summer. Thanks Roger for being a part of our group.

jlj

Indoor Flying

We have been getting together to do some indoor electric flying both at the Mall and the airport meeting room. We usually send out notices to everyone who has email when we are going to fly. This has been on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings so far. Tuesday is not available at the Mall as the room is in use that evening. If you would like to join us but have not been getting the email notices please call me at 218-739-9096 or send me an email.

Jerry L Johnson

MEETING

Mike Drouillard has invited us to meet at his home at 24472 Co. Hwy. 124 this month. We hope to see many of you there for this special gathering on Thursday December 10th at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7.

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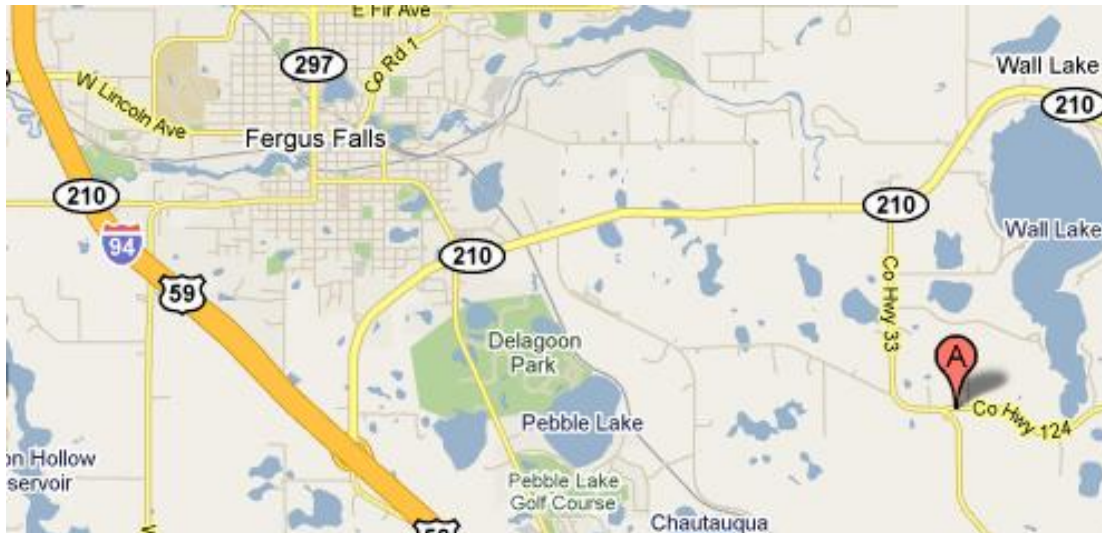
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