

PULSE

Upcoming Meetings and Events

The next meeting will be at the Blaine-Anoka County Airport, EAA Building on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

From the President

by Ed Ryan

Hello everyone and welcome to November.

Well there are only a couple months left in the year so you know what that means. It's time to renew your AMA and your club membership. We have a new line up for board members this year and the positions are as follows president; Steve Scott, President; Robert Labrash, Treasurer; Steve Roman, Events; Ellie Pflager, Secretary; Dan McArdell, Safety; Chuck Nelson, Field Maintenance; Mike Erickson. The non-board positions are membership; Stan Zdon, web master; Curt Olson, instruction coordinator; Dave Kreiner and Pulse editor, which we are still looking to fill so if some one would like to volunteer for that, we can continue to produce the newsletter.

It sounds like the corn has been cut and the cold weather is on the way. We still have the Turkey Fly on the Friday after Thanksgiving so try to make it for that. King Kong hobbies web site has been renovated and will be running full speed soon. I am not quite sure what is wrong with ours but I hope it will be up and running soon. Remember if you buy something from your local hobby store you support your local economy and then they might have some money to spend on your business. Quit sending your money out of state or out of the country. We have received good response from the enhanced raffle come check it out. Well anyway, we will see you at the meeting.

Contests/Events

by Paul Rono

Hi All!

Well, as I sit here typing the outside world is supposed to be turning white. Yup, that stuff called "SNOW!" We, the St Paul RC Club, have one more event left for the wonderful year of 2008, the Turkey Fly on Friday November 28th. Then we can start off the New Year 2009 with the Freeze Fly on Jan 1, 2009 with Ellie Pflager replacing me as the Events Director. The Chili Fly had a great turn out of pilots this year and some of Minnesota's finest weather with no bugs! A big hearty "Thank You!" goes out to Doug & Ellie Pflager, Dan McArdell, Dave Kreiner, Kevin Barko, and me for each bringing a crock of Chili. I will still retain bragging rights, with PJ's Chili Dog Chili, as the owner of the first crock gone! With the nice weather we had there was lots of flying that day. Keep your fingers crossed for an Indian Summer for the Turkey Fly! See you there!

Your Events Coordinator (for one more month),

Paul Rono

Upcoming Events-

Nov 28	SPRC Turkey Fly-10am-?
Jan 1	SPRC Freeze Fly-10am-?
Jan 1	ACRC Freeze Fly-10am-?



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Stan Zdon

The election for the new board members was held at the October meeting. Bob LaBrash, Ellie Pflager and Chuck Nelson were elected. At the October board meeting the positions were sorted out and the board positions are:

Steve Scott	President
Bob LaBrash	Vice-President
Steve Roman	Treasurer
Dan McArdell	Secretary
Chuck Nelson	Safety Officer
Ellie Pflager	Events Coordinator
Mike Erickson	Field Maintenance

Dave Kreiner will take care of flight instruction, and Stan Zdon will continue with membership duties. The club is looking for a new newsletter editor. If you would like to volunteer for this job please contact one of the board members.

Newsletter editors are always looking for interesting items to put in the newsletter. These can be articles that you have written or articles that you find on line. Pictures and hints are also welcome. Just email the editor the link and he can copy the information. Send the info to Dave Van Deusen at dvdeusen@comcast.net. Please also send the link to me so that I can use it in the newsletter that I publish. My email address is szdon@yahoo.com.

There is an application included in this newsletter and there will also be one in the December newsletter. If you lose both of these you will have to pick one up at the meeting or send me a self-addressed stamped envelope. Members who read the newsletter on line can print the application and rules from the online copy of the newsletter or go the SPMRC website (www.SPMRC.com) and download a copy of the application there. Remember, ALL current members have to fill out a 2009 application and have their year 2009 AMA verified before they can be issued a 2009 membership card. Dues for 2009 are \$50.00 and if you rejoin after January 31 there is a \$5.00 late fee. Please

rejoin as soon as possible after you get your November Pulse and your AMA card for 2009. It is easier to set the budget if the majority of the dues are in by mid-January.

MAAC SWAP MEET – The MAAC swap meet will be January 17 at the B-Dale Club located at 2100 North Dale Street. This is 1/2 mile south of Hwy 36 on Dale. Buying or Selling, admission is \$4.00. More info will be published in future newsletters.

The next meeting will be at EAA building on November 12 at 7:00 PM.

Stan Zdon

FROM THE SECRETARY

by Dan McArdell

Meeting Minutes from October 8th, 2008

The meeting was held at the EAA building and called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: 23, New Members: 0, Visitors: 0

Board Reports

Vice President: A high school teacher contacted Steve Scott about model flight information & instructions for some of his students. Steve will see if something can be lined up.

Safety: A reminder that hunting is taking place near the field so make sure you wear blaze orange if you need to go out into the trees or corn. There have also been sightings of a bear near the field and bear tracks spotted at the field.

Field Maintenance: The parking area has been plowed and leveled and the road to the field has been graded. Stan Zdon inspected the runway and thinks the waves in the fabric can be smoothed out by pulling it tight and securing with staples. Stan also has a new set of safety stickers for the field.

Membership: Membership is about 100 members. Stan

is starting to get ready for 2009.

Events: The September fest and “leftover” fest were well attended. This weekend is the chili fly.

Reimbursements are \$10 for people that bring pots of chili.

Treasurer: The porta-potty bill has been paid for Oct and November and no new service is scheduled until we call them in the spring.

Old Business

Ed Ryan announced that Doug Lewis has not had enough time to be active on the board so Mike Erickson will be taking Doug’s place for the remainder of Doug’s term. With three open board positions and three nominees from last meeting (Ellie Pflager, Chuck Nelson, and Bob Labrash), we don’t need to take a vote unless anyone else is interested. Jeff Hedberg made the motion to accept the nominees as board members. The motion was seconded and approved by the members.

Ed also asked for any volunteers to be the editor for the Pulse newsletter. Dave VanDeusen has done a great job and we thank him for his work. Dave has been doing it in Microsoft Word and Stan Zdon converts the word document to pdf format and sends to Curt Olson to post on the web site.

New Business

Big Sky Hobby has opened at Yankee Doodle Road and Federal Drive in Eagan. Jeremy is stocking airplanes and helicopters.

Steve Roman said a company that sells items similar to Harbor Freight has opened up and is selling inexpensive gasoline generators. If anyone is looking for a cheap generator, contact Steve Roman and he’ll get the information to you.

Show and Tell

Ed Ryan: The Sawbones air racing team finished 7th in the Gold Class at the Reno National Championship Air Races. They took first in the Silver and then got

bumped to the Gold Class. Ed will be attending again next year and is selling Sawbones shirts and hats.

Mike Erickson: Mike was looking for a biplane that he can transport easily and chose the Hog Bipe. He wanted it to look more like a Pitts so he moved the canopy further back. It’s covered with Solartex and weighs about 9.5 lbs. He’s been getting glitches so he’s going to move the receiver further away from the electronic ignition.

Doug Pflager: Doug showed a new heli called the Aurora. It’s an American made kit by Avant. The build was challenging. It weighs less than 10 lbs, YS91 pump. The servos use brushless motors. They are high-torque servos with less current draw but the same power and speed.

Paul Rono: Paul gave an update on his MD-500 helicopter. He has painted it up using Krylon but it still needs some detail work. Because he converted it to electric he didn’t need to worry so much about what paint to use. The heli is powered by a Scorpion motor.

Raffle

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| 1st place: | Al Schwartz, drill press. |
| 2nd place: | John Lecy, Castle Thunderbird 36 speed control |
| 3rd place: | Dave Kreiner, fuel |
| 4th place: | Paul Rono, covering |
| 5th place: | Ellie Pflager, zip ties |
| 6th place: | Wayne Wood, glue |

EDITOR’S CORNER

Being the Pulse Editor has been a great job for the past couple of years. I started in March 2006. If anyone is thinking about stepping up, do it. It’s a great way to help as you operate pretty much independently and can fit it into your schedule easily. Let me say that changing to the e-newsletter format was a *great* idea. Putting stamps and labels on over 100 newsletters got to be a bit of a chore. Now it’s a piece of cake. I have some very good memories of flying at the field. Nothing beats piloting your plane through the sky on a calm, blue day in October. Thanks for the kind words and the opportunity to serve. Dave

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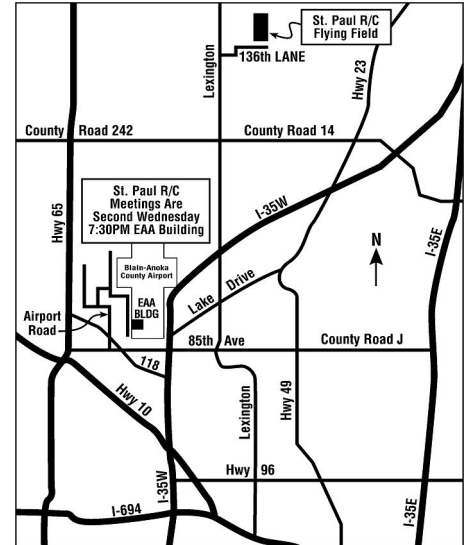
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