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Pardon the rather crude newsletter, but Stan Zdon is still in the hospital recovering from some serious operations. He is not taking any visitors. Any cards or flowers that you would like to send him should be sent to his home. We wish Stan a speedy recovery! Now, maybe all of you can begin to appreciate what Stan has accomplished for years as the Pulse Editor and mailer-outer. That's on top of taking care of the Club membership business. And, he does this for other R/C clubs too! What a guy!

I tried to use a previous Pulse issue to get all the neat layout, but I don't have the publishing software on my Mac so I will just paste in the information that I received from the Board members in this letter.

From Chuck Nelson, Events Coordinator:

Happy New Year to all. Here's hoping that the coming year brings light winds nighttime rain showers and soybean fields forever.

Our first event of the year was a definite challenge but the high winds and blowing snow couldn't keep at least three of our members out of the air. Paul Rono, Doug Pflager, and Tom Scranton braved the 20 mph winds to prove once again that it's only air moving fast.

Check out the club web site for events coming up this month. Thanks to Ellie for those updates and postings. Watch for our next field event coming towards the end of March.

Chuck

Also from Chuck:

#### Tips and Tricks

##### **Get Clean!**

If you forget to use a barrier cream or latex gloves to prevent your hands from getting sticky when using epoxy, don't use alcohol, acetone, or other solvents to clean them. Besides being harsh on your skin, those chemicals always leave a sticky residue no matter how many times you wipe your hands.

Instead use hand lotion to remove the epoxy residue. Just wash your hands with the lotion, rinse it off and the wash again with regular hand soap. It works like a charm and your hands will smell great!

—*from Allen Rice, Boca Raton, Florida*

##### **Gloves for CA**

If you're allergic to latex, one thing that works really well as an alternative—and is really inexpensive—is to use cheap plastic sandwich bags to cover your hands. They work well and are thin enough that you can feel that heat of the glue as it sets.

This works really well when you are applying glass cloth with CA, because you can hold the cloth to the balsa and feel when the glue sets. It lets you use very little CA to put down the cloth and saves quite a bit of weight.

—*from Bob Furr, the Eugene Prop Spinners, Eugene, Oregon*

Now, a word from:

**Kevin Barko**

## **Safety Officer**

Happy New Year everyone!

First and foremost, get well soon! Stan.

We hope to see you spinning props soon! I would also like to wish Jeff Hedberg a speedy recovery to your digits.

We had a lot of good flying weather last season. I hope you all were able to get out there and burn up the sky. In 2012 I'm looking forward to a safe and fun flying season.

The snow has finally fallen it must be time to get building! Remember, do not glue yourself to the airplane and cut away from yourself whenever possible.

Have fun out there!

And some information from our Secretary:

Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2011

Our December meeting was held at the EAA building and called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Paul Rono. Members Present: 15, new members 0, visitors, 0.

Board Reports:

President: Paul Rono welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked outgoing board members for their work in the past year.

Vice President/Membership: No report this month. Stan Zdon is in the hospital for planned surgery.

Secretary: A few more items have been added to the raffle including a set of Force RC helicopters and a Blade Scout CX micro heli. It would appear that this will be the official heading of each page. Sorry about that. I don't intend to do this for a living, that's for sure!

Safety: Kevin Barko will be our Safety Officer for next year. Remember to tether your airplanes when you are working on them and do all your work from behind the prop.

Treasurer: Steve Roman said we're doing OK with some reserve as we end the year. Lonny Heiden will be the treasurer this coming year.

Field Maintenance: Bob LaBrash is taking responsibility for Field Maintenance this coming year.

Events: Chuck Nelson is taking responsibility for Events. Our regularly scheduled events will be about the same as last year. Our first event for 2012 is the January Freeze Fly, January 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Old Business: A suggestion from Steve Roman was made to see whether we can get our road improved with some class-5 like material or improve the grating of the road so water runs off better.

New Business:

Chuck Nelson has been in contact with someone interested in setting up classic pattern flying events at our field.

Show and Tell: No one had any show and tell items this month.

Raffle Prize Winners:

Ron Anderson, Force RC helicopters  
Paul Rono, Scout CX Heli  
Bob LaBrash, TTX404 Radio  
Lonny Heiden, Club hat  
Lonny Heiden, Spinner  
Steve Scott, DuBro Glo igniter  
Kevin Barko, Metal clevises

AND NOW, OUR NEW PRESIDENT, PAUL RONO, WILL PUT IN A FEW WORDS.

Greetings and Salutations!

It's a New Year and I hope the holidays at the end of last year went well for all of you! The January 1st Freeze Fly was just that! With a temperature of 26\* F and winds of 25 mph gusting to 34 mph, this event really separated the pilots with cahonies to those with out!

Thanks to the three spectators for their attendance and extra thanks to the three pilots, albeit one pilot's flight was very short lived! With this event over, our next club event won't be until the March Mud Mayhem Fly. There are a couple swap meets to hit, the largest being the TCRC Auction at Cross Point Church on February 11, 2012.

I hope you all have a Christmas project that you are working on for the spring, and our club meeting show and tell! Remember that anything metal to metal should be Loctited, if you don't want it to come apart in the air!

By now some of you may have heard that Stan Zdon our club VP, Membership Officer, and Newsletter Editor, had some surgery and things have not gone too well for him. He's having some difficulties with an infection, blood clots, and fluid in his lungs. Stan is still in the hospital as of the writing of this article and if you could drop a Get Well card (dirty old man variety preferred) in the mail for Stan addressed to his home it would be greatly appreciated by his family. Stan's address is: STAN ZDON 902 - 88TH LANE NW COON RAPIDS, MN 55433. I don't need to tell you all what a huge loss his presence is to our club and other clubs in the metro area. I'm betting a few of you don't know that Stan also does membership duty for ACRC and Grassfield, besides serving on their boards. Let's give a show of support for a valued (though sometimes trying, haha) member! That's about all for this month, be safe and have fun!

Your SPMRC President!

Paul Rono

Ellie Pflager sent me some photos that she took at the freeze fly so I could put them in this edition of the Pulse, but I'm not going to even try to do it.

I just want out of here!  
Your grass cutter,  
Bob LaBrash

P.S. Stan, Please get better soon!