

# Plane Talk

January 2009



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## ***Next Meeting***

Wednesday January 14, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
at the Deere Wiman Carriage House  
817 11th Avenue  
Moline, Illinois



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## Minutes of the December 10th, 2008 meeting

President Rockne Brosman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

10 Members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

### Announcements and Business:

1. Rockne looked into renewing our internet domain name. It looks like we don't need to do anything unless we make any changes.
2. A board meeting has been scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. To help remind people of the meeting dates, it was discussed, voted on, and approved to add the meeting dates to the subject line of the monthly newsletter email.
4. Wayne reported back about having our annual club banquet at the Windmill Restaurant in East Moline. He said they told him there is no charge for the room, they just ask that everyone order something. The banquet will be held on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. At the Windmill Restaurant.
5. Flying in the dome will be every Friday night in December from 9-11PM. Stay tuned for the January dates.
6. We are now able to accept dues payments through PayPal.
7. Officer elections were held. Rick Haney accepted the nomination for Club Secretary and was voted in. All other current Officers were voted in for another year.
8. A paper airplane contest was held, everyone had a great time designing and flying their new creations.

### Show and Tell

Rick Haney brought a LazyBee that he purchased at an estate sale. The craftsmanship is very impressive.

### Program

Rick Haney gave an excellent program on foam cutting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Bryant - Secretary

## Calendar of Events

Jan 1	DRCS Chili Fly, 10am - ? at Kroeger Field, Dav. IA
Jan 9	Dome Fly 8:30 – 10:30 \$10 and valid AMA card
Jan 14	QCSR Club Meeting Deere Wiman 7:00 PM
Jan 16	QCSR Club Banquet @ the Windmill Restaurant 7pm
Jan 23	Dome Fly 8:30 – 10:30 \$10 and valid AMA card
Feb 11	QCSR Club meeting Deere Wiman 7:00 PM



The Quad-City Skyraiders R/C Flying Club will be holding our annual banquet this season at:  
The Windmill Family Restaurant  
1190 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
East Moline IL 61244  
796-0030

Date/Time: Friday January 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Ordering will be done off their regular menu. We will be using their back room and they would like to have an idea of how many to expect. So please contact Les Schjelderup, [les.schjelderup@mchsi.com](mailto:les.schjelderup@mchsi.com) or 799-5678 with the member name and the number of people in your party attending. Remember this is for members and their families. The Windmill will not be charging any room rental but they ask only that everyone order something. Put this event on your calendar. It does make it easier for us to know in advance so please respond by January 10, 2009 so we can reserve the spaces. However, if you do learn later that you can attend, let me know or even just show up at the door.

The 2008 year was a rather slow flying year for me and I blame that partially on the fact that our flying field was under water much of the year. I just got out of the habit of flying. Some of you may have experienced the same thing. Let's try to start 2009 with renewed enthusiasm and hope the Rock River will be kinder to our flying field this year.

*Les Schjelderup*

### How I See It – by Rick



Hope everyone had an enjoyable holidays. Now that the holidays are over and hopefully the weather will calm down and just maybe we will be able to get out and fly. I've been a bit wimpy with this ice cold weather lately. I think it's an old people thing! Flying in the dome has been all I've done.

Dome flying has been fun as usual but our numbers have been down. I think once the holidays are over the numbers will pick back up. We have been flying combat as usual and having a ball as usual. We had some wild rounds with some wild midairs. The nice thing about the Slow Sticks

One thing with the Slow Stick planes is that the repair doesn't amount to too much (usually) and the cost of repair isn't much of a factor either. So far I have only had to replace one prop and use my glue gun to add a little personality to the plane. I know that some pilots have had to replace a servo and maybe solder a piece of antenna back on but all in all that's not bad for the abuse that we give the planes. As I finish this article for the news letter I will add one more thing about the combat. Last night we flew our last time for 2008 in the dome. 15 signed in to fly and we only flew one round of combat. What a combat session we had!! Seven of us took to the air and you would not believe the amount of trash on the floor when we got done. It was the most intense flying you could ever see. What a blast! Like I said earlier the planes looked trashed but repair was not that bad. I think all the planes could be back in the air with not more than an hour or so of work.

At our next club meeting Kelly will show us how to build a wing for the Slow Stick made from insulation foam. This will give the Slow Stick better flying characteristics. We will also have elections for club officers.

I went to the Freeport swap meet and only spent the fee to get in and \$1.00. It wasn't that they didn't have good stuff, I just didn't need anything. I've been thinning my hanger down a little. I have way too many planes and hopefully after the DRCS swap meet I will have a few more out of my inventory.

Don't forget the DRCS swap meet coming up February 15, 2009. Can you believe it will be 2009? Another year almost gone and I'm really looking forward to this spring.

Speaking of forgetting. Hopefully you didn't forget to go to the DRCS's Chilly Fly New Years Day. I think I have only missed one time in all the years that I have been involved in R/C. It's always enjoyable even when it's cold, windy, snowy or even major fog one year. You just have to dress appropriately to have a good time.

*Rick Haney*

At the December meeting, there was a paper airplane contest held. Congratulations to Gary Lovested 1<sup>st</sup> place and Wayne Youngberg 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

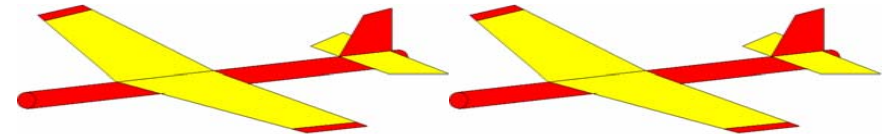
At the January meeting we will have another contest. The contest will consist of building and flying a plane using a soda straw for the fuselage.

Rules:

Fuselage must be made from any plastic or paper soda straw.

Wings and tail section can be made using any material.

The plane will be a non-powered glider. The contest will be judged by the longest distance flown in a straight line. There will be three rounds of flying. Each participant may enter up to three aircraft. Good luck to all!!



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DeCap's Corner



## Tips and Tricks

*From the San Diego Orbiters Free Flight Club, San Diego, California*

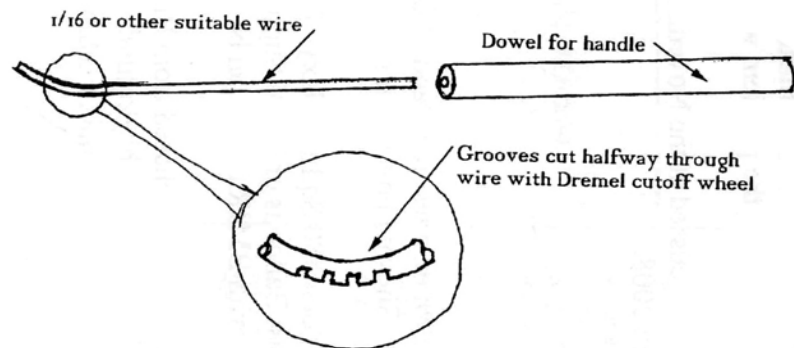
### Balsa Grooving Tool

By Jerry Sullivan

I recently wanted to cover the plain old landing gear on my Power Scale S.E.5a with balsa to gain a few more scale points. In the past I have used four pieces of balsa to make a little box around the wire. For this try I figured that two pieces of balsa with a groove in each would do the job.

I did have a miniature round wood rasp that did the trick. However, to assist other modelers who might not have such a tool, I wanted to give them a way to do it.

I took a 1/16-inch diameter wire and bent one end into a gentle curve. I drilled a hole in the end of a dowel as a handle, and CAed the wire into the handle. Using a straight edge on my work piece, a few quick strokes make a dandy groove. You will have to clean out the grooves occasionally. Repeating on the other work piece gave me a pair that could be glued around the wire. Use of CA will hold the balsa leggings to the wire. →



## For Sale Corner

MICROSOFT FLIGHT SIMULATOR X, AND FLIGHT DECK-5 ADD ON FOR WINDOWS, PRICE \$30.00 FOR BOTH, NEW COMPLETE! i thought i had a fast computer! but it does not like these games. paid 80.00 for both new, call scott,-355-1087, or email at arfsbad2@netzero.com

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