

# *Plane Talk*

December 2007



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## ***Next Meeting***

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
at the Deere Wiman Carriage House  
817 11th Avenue  
Moline, Illinois

***Election of Officers***



## 2007 Officers

President Les Schjelderup 799-5678

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## Minutes of the November 14th, 2007 meeting

President Les Schjelderup called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

1. 10 Members were present.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
3. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

### Announcements and Business:

4. Mike Cobert gave a report on the winter dome flying. It looks like the schedule is fluctuating, be sure to check the latest schedule on their web site at <http://ossportscomplex.com>

Mike is also investigating having a big all day indoor flying event at the dome. If you would like to help, or have any ideas contact Mike Cobert.

5. Rick Haney cleaned and waxed the lawn mower before it was put into storage. It is being kept at Rockne's house for the winter.

6. The annual flying events have been scheduled. The Fly-in will be August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and the Float fly will be August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

7. New Officer elections will be held at the December meeting. So far Rockne Brosman has been nominated for the President seat, and Mike Cobert has been nominated for the Newsletter Editor.

8. The annual club dinner will be held at The Old Country Buffet in Moline on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

9. Rick Haney suggested designating one night per week during the summer as an "Evening Club Fly Night".

10. Winter presentations are needed. If you would like to present, or have ideas of what presentations you would like to see, please let a club officer know.

11. Rick Haney has opened up his basement workshop this winter for a weekly build/repair night. If you have something you need help building, something in need of repair, or would just like to see how it's done, come by Rick's house on Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM starting November 27th. His schedule may not allow every Tuesday so it would be best to call ahead.

12. Next years club dues can be paid at any time.

## Show and Tell

Larry McWorthy showed his new Northeast Aerodynamics Sport Air 45. It is an ARF he just put together that is powered by an OS 50sx. He can't wait for the weather to cooperate so he can maiden it.

Rick Haney showed a very nice thank you card he received for putting on an RC airplane demo for a group of 3-5 year olds.

## Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

*Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Bryant - Secretary*

### Calendar of Events

Dec 7	Dome Flying - check at <a href="http://www.ossportscomplex.com">www.ossportscomplex.com</a>
Dec 12	Club Meeting Deere Wiman 7:00 PM – Election of Officers
Dec 21	Dome Flying - check at <a href="http://www.ossportscomplex.com">www.ossportscomplex.com</a>
Dec 25	Christmas
Jan 1	DRCS Chilly Fly – 10am – 4pm – Kroeger Field



### Hanger Talk – *From the Prez*

For those of us fair weather fliers, the R/C flying season is drawing to a close. For the hardy ones it is just a matter of shifting gears (mentally and landing gears). In either case this can be considered building season. Hope you are well on your way to getting a new aircraft ready for the 2008 flying season. I have a few unfinished projects to get working on myself.

The December meeting means the election of club officers. There is still time to throw your hat in the ring for the 2008 year. But at least attend the December meeting and participate in the election process and consider a position for the next year.

At the November meeting it was decided to have a building night this winter and have a club flying evening next summer. See more details in the minutes. These activities are intended to gather several people together for a specific purpose. What other activities would you like to have? For example, those interested in combat could set aside a specific night of the week for that activity. The club meetings or newsletter could be used to put interested parties in contact.

A number of years ago the Kewanee club had an AARP flying day where all the retired guys could get together and fly. That many years ago I could never remember the acronym so I just affectionately called it “Old Farts Day”. Now being retired myself puts a different light on it but the point still remains that of letting people know when they could expect others to be out at the field. When I was still a new flyer, I liked being out at the field alone so I could concentrate on my flying. Besides being a very poor

practice for safety reasons, it did not permit other aspects of the hobby. It is nice to be able to fly for a while then sit down and do some hanger flying with others. Please voice your thoughts on getting any of these kinds of activities started.

Soon I expect to send out by e-mail a request for suggestions for club meeting programs. I have a list of possible programs but would like to know which of these or others that you would like to see at the monthly meetings. If you do not have e-mail, please contact me with your suggestions or if you could give a program.

*Les*



### **How I See It – by Rick**

Dome flying is alive and well! I was able to make it to dome Friday November 2. I left home with three perfectly good airplanes and came home with one perfectly good plane. I flew one plane too close to the wall. The wall reached out and broke the wing on one plane and combat took care of the Slow Stick. As you can tell I do like the combat. We had five brave combat participants so the air was quit full of planes going in a carefree manner. Sometimes when you are going after one streamer you don't see a plane that will cross your flight path and in a heart beat it's *munch time!* That is what happened to Kelly, Dirk and myself. It all happens so fast! Kelly and I ran into each other and Kelly's motor and prop (not broken) penetrated completely through my wing and mine through his and at the same time Dirk ran into the both of us. All three of us hit the dirt. Dirk was able to continue but Kelly and I were carried off the field stuck together. Both Kelly and I flew our planes later in the evening. Thanks to packing tape and in my case with a plane that had only one working aileron and only half of the working one. These Slow Sticks are one tough plane. I will also say that we were not the only ones to have a mid air but ours was the most notable.

As much as I'm not a "chopper" fan, I have small one. Orvil told me that after I ran through 30 battery charges I might be able to fly the thing. I have gone through two charges and I haven't crashed it yet! Came close a couple of times.

Considering the nice weather we have had I'm getting quite a bit of flying in. I have burned more fuel this fall than I had all summer. I'm sure the weather will change for the worse shortly.

I went past the old flying site a couple of weeks ago and it looks like, after thinking that nothing would ever be built on the site, they are moving dirt and getting started on the building project.

At the last meeting the members talked about having a club flying day, afternoon, or evening. What ever you call it, we hoped this would get more members out to fly, knowing that you will not be flying by yourself. Several weeks ago Mark Chronister sent out an e-mail for an impromptu afternoon of flying. Quite a few members showed up to enjoy the day. I prefer not flying by myself. *Safer that way also.*

Keep in mind that the DRCS Chili Fly will be New Years Day. To participate you need to have your new AMA card. It is 2008. Where does the time go? I hope winter goes as quick as the summer did.

One more quick thing. I didn't get to go to Freeport's Swap Meet because a big tree limb fell on my house and the neighbor's car Saturday night. It could have been much worse. Looks like some firewood for someone!

Have a good one!

PS - The only good thing I like about winter is there are no mosquitoes!!!

*Rick Haney*





### **For Sale Corner**

AT6 – 55” wingspan, covering, hardware 90% built and covered. \$160 obo, contact Nick Ziegler – [top-gun-hobbies@hotmail.com](mailto:top-gun-hobbies@hotmail.com)

Anyone having anything that they would like to place for sale in this area, send an e-mail to – [mcobert@omc-copiers.com](mailto:mcobert@omc-copiers.com)



### **Tips and Tricks**

**COVERING TRICK** Ever had trouble peeling the backing from Mylar covering material? I certainly have, especially with the lower temp coverings. The easiest way to prevent a nervous breakdown trying to peel this stuff is to use two pieces of masking tape. At a corner of the Mylar, stick a piece of masking tape on the front and back of the covering, with about half hanging over the edge so that the pieces of tape stick together past the edge of the covering material. Then peel the two pieces of tape apart, and presto! The backing peels right off.

*Courtesy of Jim's RC.com*

### **FOR NEW PILOTS!! *Here's a flying tip for new pilots:***

Something to pay attention to when learning to fly is control reversal. Control reversal is when the inputs on the transmitter sticks must be reversed when your plane is flying toward you, rather than away from you. When flying away from you, there is no problem, just move the stick in the direction you want to turn. Many new pilots become disoriented when their plane is approaching them. To help with this, move the stick in towards the low wingtip. This will level the wing when your plane is coming toward you, avoiding a sharp bank, and possibly a crash. Example: Say your plane is coming toward you, and the right wingtip is low, as if banked to the left. Move the stick to your right, toward the low wingtip. This will bring the plane's right wingtip up, and level the wing. I also recommend getting [Real Flight G2](#) if you do not have it. Practice on that before you fly an airplane or helicopter for the first time or if you have been away for an extended period of time. It WILL save you money and heartaches in the future!!

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