

# *Plane Talk*

March 2008



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## ***Next Meeting***

Wednesday March 12, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.  
at the Deere Wiman Carriage House  
817 11th Avenue  
Moline, Illinois



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## Minutes of the February 13th, 2008 meeting

President Rockne Brosman called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

1. 16 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:

1. The DRCS swap meet will be held in Mt. Joy on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. The dome fly schedule for March has changed. We will be flying on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 8-10PM and Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-11PM.
3. Tim Arp attended the E-Fest in Champagne. He reported that he had a good time, it was well organized, and definitely worth the trip.
4. Mark Chronister received information about a new AMA park flyer program. For more information contact the AMA or look on-line at <http://www.modelaircraft.org>
5. Mike Cobert is looking into setting up another 6 hour flight night at the dome.
6. It's time to get your fuel orders in. Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting or contact Les Schjelderup.
7. Flying etiquette at the dome was discussed. There will be a pilots meeting at the dome right before the next flying session. We don't want to alienate anyone, if you have any concerns please come to the meeting and let your voice be heard.

### Program

All members who attended had the chance to build a Delta Blue foam airplane. It looks like

quite a few were built, we will certainly be seeing them at the dome soon.

### Show and Tell

Mark Chronister showed some pictures he had taken at an Airplane museum in Sault Saint

Marie.

Meeting adjourned at about 9:00 PM

*Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Bryant – Secretary*

## Calendar of Events

|          |                                   |
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| March 12 | QCSR meeting 7:00pm Deere Wiman   |
| March 14 | Dome flying 9pm – 11pm call first |
| March 15 | DRCS Mall Show NorthPark Mall     |
| April 4  | Dome Flying check for time        |
| April 9  | QCSR meeting 7:00 pm Deere Wiman  |

### How I See It – *by Rick*

## Dome Report



Due to the change from Friday to Saturday night to fly, the number of pilots was down. We were to have a meeting prior to the start of the nights flying to discuss some issues that have come up.

We (When I say we I am talking about all the clubs that are participating in the flying.) want to make the evening fun for all. We talked about setting up time periods to fly 3D, slow small planes, open flying and combat. Flying a small plane that is twenty times slower than a Delta Blue plane in the same area can be a hair-raising adventure. These two planes just don't mix.

Feb. 1st the combat took way too long. I take a bunch of the heat for the incident that happened. Due to not having my act together they waited for me. That was a mistake and will not happen again.

If anyone has a suggestion on these or any other issues give a call to Rocknie, Kelly or Mark.

Other happenings:

Can you believe this winter? I admit it has given be the time to clean my work shop and give me time to build again. Speaking of time to do things, this would be a good time to go over your planes and check for loose nuts and bolts and any repairs that need to be done. Your batteries will also need some tender love and care. Don't wait till you're at the field and find out that you have bad batteries.

**Swap Meet** -- Not a good day! I don't know what the weather man has against having a swap meet in Feb.. I think this is the third year in a row that has been bad. I'm not sure but it looked to be like the numbers were down. I know I didn't sell as much stuff as I would have liked. Maybe next year the good weather will not be back ordered.

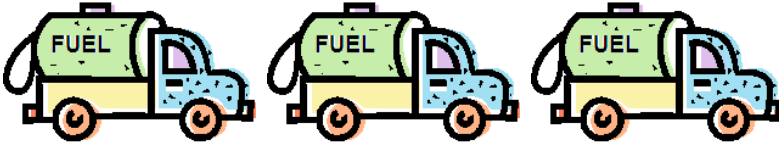
**February meeting** -- Everyone had a good time cutting out a "Delta Blue" if they so wished. Ten or so were hauled out of the meeting. To eveyones surprise the materials were complements of the club. I haven't seen this much activity at our meetings for a long time. What a pleasure.

For the program this coming meeting I will give some information on *Float Flying*.

Check out the For Sale section of this letter. I still have some of John Shay's planes, ARFs new in box and other good stuff. I have some built planes as well. I will bring, what I have left to the next meeting.

Have a good one.

- Rick Haney



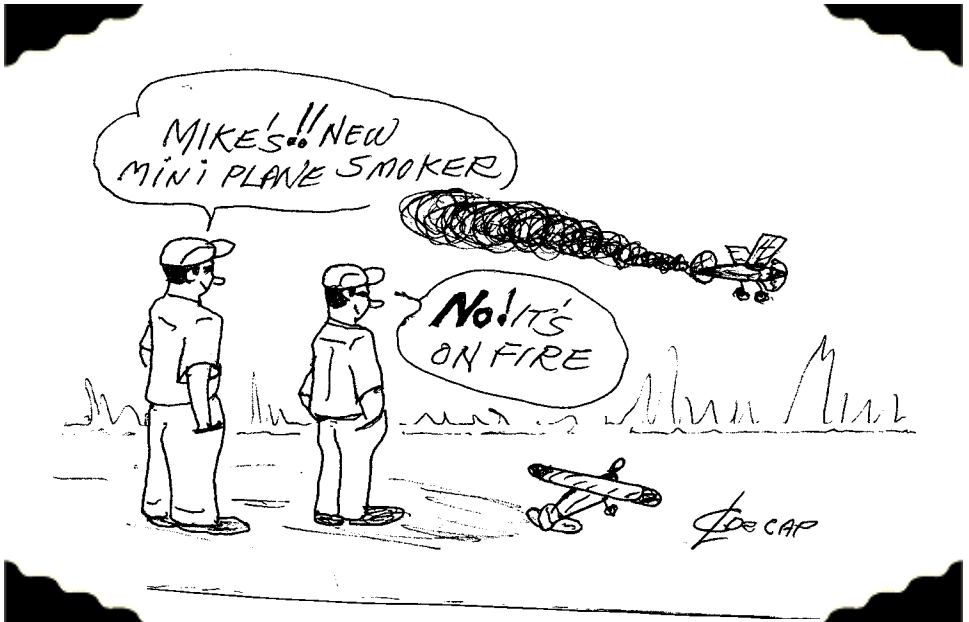
### FUEL ORDER



As in past years the Skyraiders and the Davenport R/C club will combine orders for glow fuel. The order will be placed sometime after the March meetings. The clubs will not be purchasing fuel for stock so each flyer should assess their fuel needs for the year if they wish to get in on these lower prices. The clubs must place full case orders, which in most cases is 4 gallons. If ordering a partial case of one of the common fuels such as 10 or 15% Omega or Sig, we may be able to combine your order with others to complete a full case quantity. With less common fuels we are less likely to be able to combine your order with others, so you may be asked to increase or decrease your order to form a full case. When the fuel arrives in late March/early April each person should pick up their fuel from Mark Chronister within a few days and pay him at that time. Orders may be placed on the sign up sheet at the March meeting or by e-mail to Les Schjelderup at [Stearman5@juno.com](mailto:Stearman5@juno.com). Each e-mail order will be acknowledged so if you have not received a reply in a couple days, make additional contact.

Sig:

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| 10% 4 Stroke          | \$10.00 |
| 10%                   | \$10.00 |
| 15%                   | \$11.50 |
| 15% 4 Stroke Synth    | \$12.25 |
| Omega 10%             | \$11.50 |
| Omega 15%             | \$12.80 |
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| Cool Power 30%        | \$19.20 |
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| Wildcat 15% 2 & 4 Stk | \$12.50 |
| Wildcat 30% heli      | \$18.35 |
| PowerMaster YS 20/20  | \$18.25 |



**For Sale Corner**

**Three built power gliders** - one electric complete w/radio - \$80.00  
one glow powered complete w/ radio - \$80.00  
one electric w/servos no receiver - \$45.00

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|------------|------------------|-----|---------|
| <u>NIB</u> | Sopwith Pup      | ARF | \$30.00 |
| <u>NIB</u> | Cessna 180       | ARF | \$30.00 |
| <u>NIB</u> | GWS BN2          | ARF | \$45.00 |
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Anyone having planes or equipment for sale, give Mike a call or drop an e-mail to [mcobert@mchsi.com](mailto:mcobert@mchsi.com).

## Tips and Tricks

### Keep Your Pilot in Your Plane

Have you ever seen someone's pilot-figure rolling around in the canopy? Not very cool especially if the pilot is an F-15 figure. Try this idea to make sure your pilot doesn't eject too soon.

Since most pilot figures are hollow, enlarge the rubber hole in the bottom of your figure. Make it about 1/4-inch to 3/8-inch wide. Go down to your favorite hardware store and purchase some drywall hole-hanger screws.

Get the 1/2-inch or 3/4-inch thick size. The size to use will depend on your cockpit size and the thickness of your pilot's rubber base.

Now drill a hole into the cockpit floor (where your pilot will sit). The cockpit hole needs to line up with the hole in the bottom of your figure.

Now glue your pilot down and take the drywall screw and push it up through the bottom of the cockpit floor.

Put the base of your figure on top of the drywall screw and tighten the screw. As the screw is tightened, the casing's external fingers will collapse or spread out inside your figure securely attaching your pilot to the cockpit floor.

Now if your airplane crashes, at least you know your pilot will still be securely attached! —*Hangar Talk, Edinburgh, Indiana*

### Cleaning Pushrod Tubes

The oily residue of model fuel sometimes makes its way into the pushrod tubes, which also captures small particles of grit. The oily residue also makes some of the flexible plastic pushrods and tubes swell and soften slightly, which makes operation in curves almost impossible.

A simple cure is to apply a solution of powdered graphite, mixed with mentholated spirits or rubbing alcohol. Holding the model in an appropriate position (thus having one end of the errant tube in an upright position), apply the solution with a syringe onto the rod (or it can be applied to the mouth of the tube while moving the rod in a back and forth motion) to encourage the solution to circulate.

The mentholated spirits, or alcohol, washes away the oily residue and grit, leaving the graphite behind providing a good lubrication to the pushrod.

—*From San Gabriel Valley Radio Control League, South El Monte, California*

*Have a tip or trick you would like to share? Drop an e-mail to Mike at [mcobert@mchsi.com](mailto:mcobert@mchsi.com).*

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If you cannot attend the meeting you can fill out the following application and send it, your check, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Treasurer to receive your access instructions, membership card and a copy of the by-laws.

### **Application for Membership Quad-City SkyRaiders**

Name .....  
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### **Make check payable to:**

Quad-City SkyRaiders  
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