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WHAT'S COMING !

Next IVRC meeting March 3rd, 7:00 PM at the Eureka Bank in LaSalle.

Swap meet Sat. Feb. 27th at the Kane Co. fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Fox Valley Aero Club

Swap meet Sat. Mar. 6th at the Rockford Christian School. Sponsored by the Rock Valley Flyers. Details in Model Aviation Magazine

WHAT'S HAPPENED !

We messed up again !! The fun-fly date was originally set for July 17th & 18th. Was a conflict with other clubs activities. At the Dec. meeting June 26th & 27th was decided on. No good !! Streater has their's that weekend on top of which the RC Duster fun-fly is the 27th. Scratch your heads guys, show up at the meeting. We have to come up with a date quick and stick to it !! The weekend of June 19th & 20th is Fathers Day, not good.

The annual banquet is history! Had a good turn out. The weather was cold, but not too bad. Those who didn't show up missed a good dinner and BS session with some mighty good folks !!

Here is a few of the happy folks just waiting to go hit the feed bunk. The Maples is a good place to have it. With the buffet you can pick and choose what you want. Chicken, fish, ham, beef ? Can make a meal just off the salad bar.



The handsome gentleman at the end of the table is our new vice president and his gorgeous wife!!

The New Years Day fly went off OK! Andy tried a electric but the cold had got to the batteries. He had his Tango up and of all things, lost a elevator! Is hard to control that way. Ended up in a "boink !" Jim tried his 1/4 scale Cub with the flag, but left wheel kept falling off. He said he missed his Pic when it was on my web page so I promised I'd put it in here.



The solution was to put the skis on it off Andy's Tango. They were a bit small but the snow was hard enough to hold it up !

Was a bit windy for a Cub but he was doing OK until the trusty old Saito said "I give up, it's too darn cold!" The wind was straight out of the west. After some almost 3D gyrations, it looked like it was all over for the Cub, he pulled off a "harrier" landing almost straight down and into the wind! And he did all that with the flag on top! Luck or skill ?? We'll never know which!

Wow!! Is our website a busy place. When I went on last Sun. to update my page there was "16" guests on line. I feel like a celebrity, from Sun. the 14th to Sun. the 21st there was 160 "hits" on my page. If you haven't checked out Steve Stohr's article on the Radian glider, do it Good job Steve! Better get to the Feb. minutes.

IVRC meeting Feb. 3-10 at the Eureka Bank. Meeting called to order at 7:15 by president Mike Fiorentini.

50-50 won by Bill Kierczynski.

All officers were present.

Old business called for.

The fun-fly date was brought up. Was set for July 17th & 18th. It was noted that there was several conflicts with other clubs activities that week end. Was suggested to move it back into June. Several dates were discussed. Was thought Streater's fun-fly was June 20th. The next week end of June 26th and 27th suggested. Was a motion made by Bob Schmidt to that effect. Second - Don Hartshorn. Voted on and passed.

Was question if we ever have or should have our fun-fly sanctioned by the AMA. Was noted that it has never been done. It would classified as "open" since it is not restricted to any type or size of plane.

Don Hartshorn noted that he has some Sig rubber power kits that kids can build.. Maybe could arrange with some Boy Scouts. They can put them together and then fly them. Is something to work on after the fun-fly.

The combination on the hanger door was changed Jan. 1st. (It can't be published in here, a call to Mike, Dave, or Lance will get it.)

Jim will contact the city of DePue to see if it's still possible to have a float-fly there since there has been concerns on pollution. Brian noted that since it would not be at our field, we would have to get one day event insurance with the AMA. Is not very expensive.

Treasurer report by treasurer Lance Korter. Motion to accept - Tom Hartman. Second - Jerry Wolfe.

Mike noted that Bob Schmidt had come by the field one day and the walk door to the hanger was wide open. Was no tracks in the snow and all inside seemed to be in order. Anyone leaving the hanger should double check to see if the door is latched and locked. Also the refrigerator wasn't ever emptied and is a mess from frozen soda cans and water bottles.

Mike suggested that through the summer we have a designated "club fly night!" The RC Dusters have Wed night. Is members in both clubs. Tuesday night each week was decided on. We have the grill so could bring some brats, dogs, or whatever.

Was no more business brought up.

Motion to adjourn - Don Hartshorn. Second - John Alleman.

Show&tells!! Lance had a model of a WWII German Comet he had picked up at a auction. Was a rocket powered fighter capable of 600mph+ speeds! The idea really never panned out very good. Brian had one of the new Eflite 4-Site foam biplanes. Is a good indoor electric flyer. Is very aerobatic, but a bit touchy for a novice. He also had a Park-Zone foam J3 Cub. Is also a excellent indoor flyer.

Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand !! Chinese proverb!