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## WHATS COMING !

Annual IVRC dinner **Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** At the Maples on Shooting Park Rd. in Peru. Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:00. Have you contacted Jim yet if you are coming and how many ????

Next IVRC meeting at the Eureka Bank in LaSalle at **7:00 PM**, NOT 7:30 !!! Was voted on last meeting to start a 7:00 in the winter months !

### SWAPS COMING UP !!

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Waukeshaw Wisc. Airport.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at the DuPage Co fairgrounds, Wheaton.

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at the Kane Co. fairgrounds, St. Charles.

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Rockford Christian School, Rockford  
Is complete info on these in Model Aviation!

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## WHAT'S HAPPENED !

That's what I keep asking myself. I'm ready for the chirping birds of spring. I think somebody ticked off mother nature !!! Ice took my electric wires down! (Didn't lose power though.) A good thing because then it thawed and I could float-fly in my basement ! The old sump pump got it out and stayed ahead of it !!!

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Hey look, that dumb acorn is gone !! My old buddy Jim Gassen from Princeton showed me how to do it. John L. got me on track how to convert this rag to a PDF file so I could email it. I'll just get these computer things figured out after all some day .

OK , on the subject of emailing the newsletter. Thanks to all of you who came through with getting the update form back to me. Still some I haven't got yet. Is another form with their letter this month mostly filled out for them. PLEEEEZ complete the highlighted areas and get back to me. Will be 2010 roster go out with the Feb. newsletter.

I know, most of you saw this thing on my web page, but some don't have computers and I have to fill this with something!



It's a Carl Goldberg "Comet" free flight built in 1948. Has been in a attic for the last 50+ years. Was covered with dirt and bug Doo ! It cleaned up pretty good. Had to be very careful, that old dope and silkspan is delicate. Had a McCoy 19 on it that dates to the 60's. In front is 1947 Drone diesel that came with. I'm betting it was the original. I put the Drone back on !!! Was dirt on the left wing tip and top of the fin. Some splits in the wing, all indications of a smack and cartwheel. They had a 11X6 prop on that little McCoy. No way it could pull it !!

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That little 19 would only run a 8X6, a 9X4 at best ! Probably part of why it boinked in. Seems to be built fairly straight, but “ FAIRLY “ doesn’t get it with a free flight. The little guy came with too. Is 1/2A version of the Comet ! Has a Cox ..049 on it Is NO WAY it would ever fly!! You wouldn’t believe the twist built into the wing and stab !!



Yup, got the diesel back on the big one. It has a 68in wing span. The little guy has a 29in span. Moe verified the year of the diesel, is a 1947 for sure. Better get to the Dec. meeting minutes.

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Meeting Dec.2<sup>nd</sup> at the Eureka Bank.  
50-50 won by Wayne Washkowiak.  
Meeting called to order at 7:35 by president Mike Fiorentinni. The names of those nominated for 2010 officers were read. Was open for anymore nominations. Was none. Was a motion made to vote on all at once since there was only one name for each office. Motion - Bill Janz. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Don Hartshorn. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. They are as follows --- President - Mike Fiorentinni. Vice President - Robert Schmidt. Secretary - Dave Erlenbach. Treasurer - Lance Korter. Editor - Dave Erlenbach. Field Marshal - Tom Hartman. Activities Director - Andy Gaylord. Will need to vote for sportsman of the year to be announced at the dinner. Ballots were passed out. Was noted that the dues are due by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Are “ late ‘ after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. With a \$5.00 late fee !!

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Mike noted that there was a roster update form sent out with the Nov. newsletter. Please get them filled out and back to Dave.

Annual dinner Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at the Maples in Peru. Let Jim or Mike know if you are coming and how many.

We need to start working on a date for the fun-fly and float-fly if we intend to sponsor it. Jim noted that there may not be any boat races at Depue due to pollution. It may or may not affect a float-fly. Jim will check into it. Also would need a pickup boat. Tom Hartman said he has one.

The date was discussed for the fun-fly. Was suggested to keep it about the same every year. The weekend of July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> was suggested. Was the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> last year. Was a motion made to tentatively set for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Will be checked into for any major conflicts with other clubs. The Depue float-fly was usually the first part of August which would put it close to the fun-fly. Was suggested if we have it to move it to later August or even early Sept. Which should be no problem.

Tom suggested contacting some of the giant scale flyers at Rockford to demo at the fun fly. Can be looked into. He also suggested getting a jet or two in as a attraction. Don Hartshorn will talk to Steve Grey and see if he can come up with any.

Lance noted a member of a Club at Peoria had stopped by to check our runway. They contemplating putting one in and wondered what our members thought of it. Opinions were all positive.

Mike suggested moving the start time for winter meeting from 7:30 back to 7:00. Those with a long travel distance could be on their way home earlier. Jerry Wolfe made the motion to move the start time back. Second - Wayne Washkowiak. Voted on and passed. Will revert back to 7:30 when the meetings are moved back to the field.

The New Years Day fly is still on. Was no more business brought up. Motion to adjourn - John Alleman. Second - Wayne Washkowiak

*The handwriting on the wall just may be a forgery!*

>Ralph Hodgson<