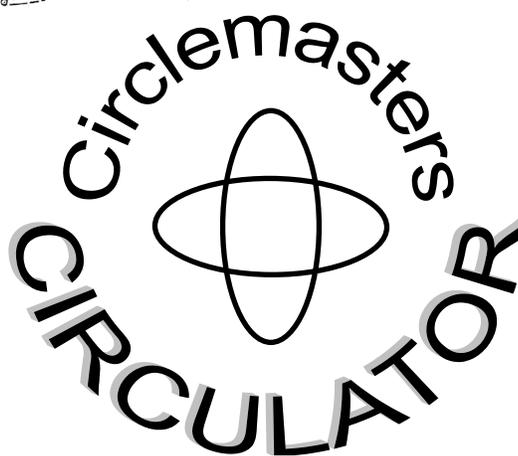
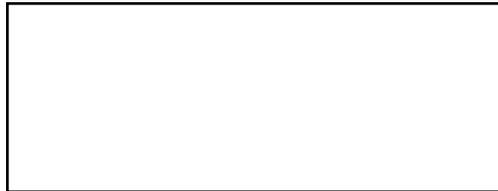


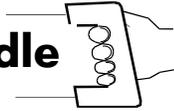
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At The Handle



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Ramblings from your editor

First Off, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Ok we got that out of the way. Some winter has finally arrived in Circlemasters land. As I write this issue, I am up in the old Circlemasters outpost North in Wisconsin Rapids. It is brutally cold with a thirty mile per hour breeze outside. That's enough to make a control line guy long for the balmy days of summer, you know the ones where mosquitoes are singing their tune around your head and the sweat is working its way where the sun don't shine as you fight with your Fox .35 that you swear to replace with a different engine for next time. AHHH! now that's fun. If you don't want to miss out, get to building, it's not too late to start a winter project.

It's hard to believe, but 2012 marks the tenth anniversary for your buddy Big How at the helm of our club newsletter. The Circulator was created to keep you informed and entertained, so I hope it does a little of both. It's other purpose is to make sure everybody knows when something embarrassing happens to you that is in any modeling related. Not to mention, all of those mean, hurtful little commentaries about anything in the hobby field that rubs my fur the wrong way. All I can say is, it has been fun most of the time. At other times, computer glitches have prevented people from receiving it and half of the copies sent out have occasionally been shredded in the mail, then theirs the incessant begging like a thirsty wino jonesing for a bottle of Blue Nun for people to send stuff, (which has improved lately). I must love this because I just keep doing it.

If you didn't attend the Christmas party, you really missed out. That doesn't leave many of you because it seems like lots of people did show. Looking around the joint it appeared as though everyone was having a good time visiting and jamming more food than the entire UN yearly quota for North Korea into their yaps. Several wives came along for the fun, looking good in their holiday outfits I might add. Even some guys who don't often have the opportunity to join us were there. It was good to see Buzz and his camera again. Overall, events like this one serve to remind us of what a good group of people we have. I work with guys who are either current or former members of local R/C clubs who speak of endless infighting and skullduggery in their organizations that has soured them to the point of getting out of model aviation all together. I cannot recall a single one who doesn't think that conflict has diminished their club! And us? We just keep spinning around in little circles oblivious to all of this kind of bull. Yeah we might have occasional incidents where somebody gets upset, but it doesn't seem to last out the day or divide us up into warring factions. Like, for instance, guys who think electric motors are the way of the future versus those who are certain they are just another one of the devil's many tools for man's demise. That my friends is really something that we as a club can be proud of. Well, that and our excellent newsletter.

Dave Siegler sent us some informative articles this month. I have included one of them for your reading pleasure. I had some problems with converting the format to insert it into the newsletter, but other than looking a little weird, it's still good information. Just a note here: Dave's brother is a member of the 2012 USA FAI control line combat team. Also, John Schram sent me approximately 5864 pictures from various events last summer. I used a couple in this issue. You know who you are.

On a sad note. Jerry Bobb's father, Gerald passed away earlier in December. I think I speak for all in offering Jerry and his family our sympathy in this troubling time.

See you at the meeting and wishing everyone the best in 2012.

Howard

CIRCLE MASTERS FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2011

The monthly meeting of the Circle Masters Flying Club was held at the Sussex Public Library. The meeting was held on Saturday December 3rd, 2011. The meeting was preceded by the annual Holiday Party as well as a movie. It was a busy time but enjoyed by all including wives and members.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Adriano, Wayne Schmidt, John Schram, Howard Olson, Dennis Bogie, Ralph Kohn, Jerry Bobb, Len Dopke, Melissa Olson, Sonjia Olson, Roger Beltman, Mike Strand, Buzz Paricka, Pete Mick, Jason Nettesheim and Dave Siegler.

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The meeting was brought to order at 1:10 PM by President Jason N. He began by asking the members if all had received the latest newsletter and had read the minutes of that meeting. All members present said that they had received the newsletter and had read the minutes. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved as published.

The treasurers report was given by Club Treasurer Ralph. He reported on the current financial status of the club along with the most recent transactions. A motion to accept this report was made by Mike and was seconded by Melissa.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jason reported on a recent meeting he had with Amy Jeske of the Village Park Board. He asked if it could be arranged that we could use both the old flying site and the proposed new location if needed. She said that should not be a problem. Further discussions on needs at either site are pending.

Wayne passed on the work sheets for the new club roster so members could check for accuracy and make changes if needed. Wayne indicated that completed 2012 rosters will be e-mailed to those who have e-mail addresses listed and mailed to the remaining members.

Wayne also reported on the proposed new club logo design and the cost to have one printed. Wayne will mount it to plexiglass as was done with the flying rules. Total cost is estimated at \$60.00. The use of club funds was approved for this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections of club officers produced the following results: Jason will remain as President, Melissa was voted in as the new Vice President. Ralph will remain as Treasurer and Wayne will remain as Secretary. All officers were un-opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

John asked if there was any interest by any members to participate in an "All Season Flying" attempt. If you are interested please contact John Schram.

SHOW AND TELL:

There was no Show & Tell.

Since there was no further business Jason called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Gene and was seconded by Buzz. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Submitted by: Wayne M. Schmidt
Secretary

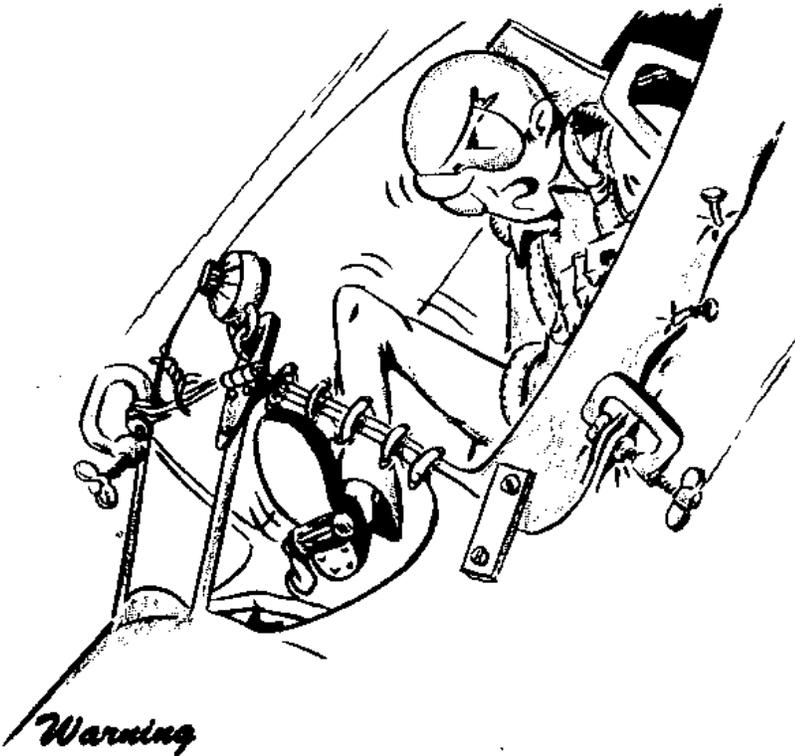
UPCOMING EVENTS

Come to the meeting early and watch a cool flick!

Monthly Meeting : Saturday January 7th –Sussex Pauline Haasse Public Library Movie At noon.
Meeting follows at 1:00 PM

Milwaukee R/C Association Swap Meet and Auction Sunday January 8th, Waukesha Expo Center.
Doors open at 9 AM. Contact Scott Jones 414-453-3210

Monthly Meeting: Saturday February 4th Sussex Pauline Haasse Public Library. Meeting begins at
1:00 PM There will be a movie before the meeting beginning at noon.



Warning

If excessive force was used to secure canopy before take-off, it may be necessary to crank canopy back to relieve pressure against windshield before emergency release is effective.

Circlemasters 2011

Hall of Shame

Photos compliments of John Schram.



Ever have one of those days? Well, apparently some of us do. Here we have a few examples of why gravity is not your friend. I know there were a others, but unfortunately, they escaped the lens of our roving spy's camera. I am seeing some trends here. Two of these once proud machines belong to the same guy. Maybe red is an unlucky color. Missing from the hall of shame are: Roger Beltmann and his Fokker D VII, (curiously also red) Erik Olson with MY Albatross 1B (maybe it's biplanes that have more bad mojo than the Bermuda triangle). I seem to remember Wayne dealing the death blow to a couple also. Whatever the cause, the results are the same... DOOM!



Builders Weights:

Dave Siegler AMA 720731

I have been reading about builders weights to use instead of pins. Tom Morris sells a box of 36 for about \$20 plus shipping. They are weights and the "Brown Santa" (UPS) would charge an arm and a leg to ship them here. The weights are steel sticks 1/2" square and 3" long. That size is just the right weight to hold down sheeting and pile them up for real heavy duty weights.

I decided to make my own, but not having any steel or a power hack saw was problematic. The alternative of 36 cuts with a hack saw makes my arm hurt just thinking about it. Speedy metals to the rescue! They list 1/2 x 1/2 hot rolled steel @ 13 cents per inch. No cutting charge on small orders. Check out <http://www.speedymetals.com/> They sell small quantities of plate sheet and rod. Order on line and pick up at the counter or ship. Speedy Metals is located in the industrial park in New Berlin. There is a processing charge on everything over 10 pieces. To beat the processing charge (\$11), I ordered 10 pieces in 3", 3.5" and 4" for a total of 30 pieces. In retrospect, 3", 3.25" and 3.5" would have been better sizes. The total damage was \$15.05 picked up at the window. I cleaned the parts up on the belt sander, to get rid of the wire edge, and shot some left over black rustoleum so they would not rust. So far I really like them. It sure beats the hammers and wrenches I used to hold the sheeting down on my last build. Now that I have the weights, I won't use pins too often. If Great Planes/ Tower knew how useful the weights were they would be sold for \$39.00 machined out of special alignment alloy.

Dave