Happy New Year to everyone in the Circle masters family. Welcome to year fourteen of the Circulator. Well, as we all know, it’s January so the control line thrills are not coming in rapid fire fashion like they do in the summer. You should be building something for the upcoming flying season by now. There are a few things going on. The annual swap meet at the Waukesha Expo is on Sunday. The Circle Masters are generally well represented at this event. Go and help out or just browse the aisles. Every time that I have the opportunity to attend the swap meet, I run into someone I know and do not expect to see there. So, even if you don’t buy or sell anything, it is a good place to visit with others from the model aircraft community. The hearty members of the Lafayette Escadrille club down in Saint Louis have a contest coming up in February. The event is called the Ice-O-Lated stunt contest and it is held at the fantastic control line facility at Buder Park just outside of St. Louis. Competition flying takes place on Sunday the 26th. However, this is sort of a two day event with practice and fun flying on the 25th. I don't usually promote other contests other than mentioning them in the upcoming events section. I make an exception here for a couple of reasons. First: The Buder Park flying field is a gem of a facility. There are several flying circles, ranging from fully paved to grass and also including a speed cage. Every club should be so fortunate. Second: The members of the Lafayette Escadrille club have always been super folks to deal with when we were flying speed regularly and ventured down to fly with these guys. I put the flyer into the newsletter. It takes around five hours to travel from brewtown to Saint Louis, otherwise known as wanna be brewtown, since they continue to insist that Budweiser is beer. It’s a nice drive and a great bunch of people.

Last Friday, I was having dinner at the Main Street Diner in beautiful downtown Tigerton. They had one of the network news channels on the TV. Much to my surprise, there was a news story being run on those lovely drones. I was not able to hear the story very clearly with all of the people etc. making noise in the place, but what I heard was troubling. All of the various negatives surrounding the whole drone phenomenon were laid out right on the television. Airport incursions were one of the major topics along with security and privacy issues that come up wherever irresponsible operators fly these things. To be fair, the upside to drones such as search and rescue type things and other helpful uses were mentioned. The Amazon drone delivery thing was also looked at. However, the majority of info presented dealt with all of the very concerns I have raised in these pages previously. This is troubling. To the non modeling public, there is little or no difference between a drone purchased at a major retailer and loaded up with a go pro camera and a legitimate model aircraft flown by a hobbyist. A few more news programs like this one and the public will demand that “something” be done. This has the potential to get ugly and I sure hope the AMA is working to preserve our ability to fly model airplanes.

All of the guilt trips I lay on you fellas at meetings must finally be paying off. I received no fewer than three submissions this month! All of them are in here. Thank you to the members who sent something for inclusion in the Circulator. Wayne even put together another installment in his Trailing Edge series for us. Thanks again.

I see that John S. has been sending out info about an event at the EAA that could be a good thing for us to get involved with. Also, the Makers Fair has been brought up a couple of times and we have a member keeping us in the mix with those folks. 2017 could be an exciting time for the club. We added new members in 2016 so we can look forward to those enthusiasts adding to the fun. There will be some additional do-it-yourself articles coming along also, always with a theme of being a project any one of our members can accomplish without a bunch of specialized tools or exotic components. Looks pretty good from here.

Unfortunately, I have to work this weekend. No meeting for me. The boss doesn’t get her work schedule for the weekend until Wednesday, so no telling if she can be there. You on the other hand, should be there. Check out Name that Plane. Only one answer last month.

Until next time,

BigHow
It has been awhile since I have written this column for the newsletter. Sorry Howard. It is harder than a night in jail to come up with stuff to write. It would be worse if there were only two members in the Circle Masters Flying Club because then the burden would fall on just the two of us. But guess what, there are twenty six (26) other members, really. So, based on that fact, there would be or could be or should be many other contributors. While it is true that not all of us possess the intuitive writing skills of, say, Howard Olson. It is not really necessary to be so gifted. We as readers are interested in story content not literary genius. Somewhere in your modeling career you must have encountered something worthy of repeating as a contribution to this newsletter. As club members we are all in this together and therefore must all help to keep the Circulator flying.

Before those of you who have contributed articles in the past begin throwing those feeble McCoy .29’s and .35’s at me at the next meeting (actually a great way to get them in the air) I am sure Howard thanks you. I am hoping that he thanks me for this one. So think about something that we all might like to read about, like what you are building this winter, or the time you flew into a tree, pictures, etc. What ever you contribute will be read and appreciated by all of us, especially our editor.

See you at the meeting.

Wayne
The December meeting of the Circle Masters Flying Club was held at on the first Saturday of December at the Sussex Public Library. The annual club Christmas Party was held prior to the meeting, featuring various delicacies designed to tempt the palate of even the most discriminating of club members and guests.

The meeting was brought to order by President Greg @ 1:10 PM. All members (17) had received the November newsletter and had reviewed and approved the minutes from that month's meeting.

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The treasurer’s report was presented by club Secretary/Treasurer Wayne. He outlined the financial activity for the club during the past month. His report was approved.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wayne reported that this meeting room has been secured for club meetings thru April of 2017. Also, while taking in some fresh air prior to the meeting he saw a sign offering paving bricks that can be purchased to help fund library operations and thought it would be a good way for the club to help out. This was voted on and approved. Don reported that the Armed Forces Weekend will be held in 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: Pete, our CD confirmed that the club contest is all set as is the flying site. Greg began a discussion on the Maker Faire and Wayne explained that the R/C Association was seeking participation at the 2017 event. Since our club is a member of that association we will work with them.

NEW BUSINESS: Club elections were held and all officers remained as the previous year with the exception of Wayne who took over the additional duties of treasurer.

WEB BUSINESS: None

All business having been discussed, Greg asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 PM.

SHOW AND TELL: None

Submitted by: Wayne M. Schmidt, Secretary 12/29/2016

ATTENTION: 2017 CLUB DUES SHOULD BE PAID THIS MONTH!
Upcoming Events

January Meeting: Saturday January 7th, Pauline Haass Public Library, Main Street in Sussex. Meeting at 1:00 PM Social hour begins at Noon with movies etc.

Swap meet: Sunday January 8th at the Waukesha Expo Center. See flyer in this issue.

February Meeting: Saturday February 4th, Pauline Haass Public Library, Main Street in Sussex. Meeting at 1:00 PM Social hour begins at Noon with movies etc.

Name That Plane

Get a load of this beaut. Good luck figuring this out. I think I have outdone myself this time. If you are at the meeting e-mail your answer to me and I will randomly select the winner from correct entries. A single prize will be awarded for the year from correct entries received from members.
Kite Reels for control Lines

Dave Siegler- AMA 720731
This is off stunthanger, not an original idea.
These reels are available off Ebay for under $3 each shipped from China. They are ball bearing units and fold old out handle to wind them up. They are a little bit larger than the Pylon brand reels, about 6 inches in diameter but a lot tougher plastic. They have a winding eye that most have cut off. They have to be modified a little for our use. The modifications include cutting access hole, a adding a hook to hang the lines on and a removal of the winding eye, a wood boc to wedge free end of the line.

I will have a few at the January meeting. I ordered 3 and they took about 4 weeks to get here. Shipping was free. I will be buying a bunch more.

All Season Flyer Award
Happy New Year! One of my pet projects that I have pursued over the years is the All Season Flyer Award. This award is a patch that is purchased from the AMA after one completes its requirements. The present requirements are to fly at least once a month for the year outside and mail in a copy of the following declaration signed by the club secretary or another AMA member, “I hereby certify that while a duly enrolled AMA member, I have personally caused a model aircraft to become airborne outside at least on one occasion during each month of the applicable calendar year”.
I have the main patch and the second year patch, (all done by control-line flying in order to make it challenging), and have been trying unsuccessfully for two years to get the three year patch. With the new concept of global warming, I’m trying to think positive for the New Year. If anyone is interested, feel free to join me and maybe we can go for pizza afterwards.

John Schram
ICE-O-LATED

STUNT CONTEST
Sunday February 26, 2017
(practice / fun-fly day Saturday February 25th)
Sponsored by Lafayette Esquadille
AMA Sanction applied for

Registration at 8:30am, Pilots meeting at 9:00am,
Flying starts at 9:30am
Don’t forget to bring your 2016 AMA card!

Contest Director: Fred Coosewet
316-880-1515
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EVENTS

Basic Flight (JS): Easy pattern for beginning flyers
Fox 35 Speed: 14 laps fast as you can go with a Fox 35
Any model can be used, club rules (see club website)

PAMPA Stunt: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Expert (JSO)
Rulebook events 323, 324, 325, 326 (2015 AMA rulebook)

Profile Stunt (JSO): Profile fuselage, side mounted engine,
10 point bonus for non-flapped airplanes.
Electric power is allowed, but with a 10 point deduction
AMA rules for safety, engine/motor sizes, pull test and line sizes.
AMA stunt pattern, No appearance points

Perky Olde Tyme Speed: 2000 postal rules. Current AMA rules for line size (.014 solids)

Entry Fees (O): $10 1st event, $5 each additional event. Juniors and Seniors free.
Awards will be presented thru 3rd place in each event.

Buder Park is in Valley Park, Missouri. North east corner of I-44 at Hwy 141 (St Louis)
From I-270 take I-44 west to the Valley Park exit (#272). The park is to the right (north side) of I-44.
GPS location: 200 Valley Park Road, Valley Park, MO 63088

NOTE: Buder Park floods in extremely wet weather. If there has been a lot of rain,
call the contest director before driving to St. Louis due to Snow or Rain

Club Website for Fox 35 Rules, other fun stuff and maps to the flying site: http://lafayettesquadrilized.wordpress.com

Suggested Hotel:
Pear Tree Inn
1100 S. Highway Drive
Fenton, Missouri 63026
From I-44 take the
Bowles Ave exit (274)
Phone: 800-325-6720
39th ANNUAL
R/C AUCTION
& SWAP SHOP
SUNDAY
JANUARY 8th, 2017
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

ADMISSION: $5.00 ADULTS
(UNDER 16 FREE)
SWAP SHOP: 9:00-2:00
NO SELLING before 9:00 A.M. no exceptions

AUCTION
Every 30 minutes in 15 minute segments

TABLE FEES
All tables are $20.00 each
Admission $5.00 per person.
During Vendor setup time - Only Vendors will be allowed entry
Table Admission Regulations: 1 table is allowed up to 2 admissions (but not required). Each additional table is allowed 1 additional admission (but not required). There will be no admission exceptions, please plan accordingly.

Contact event Coordinator Laurie for table reservations and questions at 414-461-6013 or email onehobby@happyhobby.com

FOOD – BEVERAGES – AMPLE PARKING

RAFFLE immediately after auction

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