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If you would like to contribute material, send it to Dave, I quit!





Merry Christmas control line fans, welcome to the final issue of the Circulator. That's right, someone finally got sick of me after sixteen years and took over newsletter writing/ editing for the club. This is truly the gift that keeps on giving. No more up half the night putting it all together, no more trying to dig up interesting stuff to include no more nuthin'. I sure hope Dave knows what he is getting himself into.

Since I am aware of very little model airplane activity happening in December, this month's rant will focus more on the history of the Circulator. It all started in 1998 when our clan officially joined the club. Don was the editor and did a great job putting the newsletter, then called Circle Masters Airlines if I remember correctly, together. Man he did it the hard way. Typing stuff out, manually cutting and pasting pictures and other items, like with a scissors and rubber cement! That was some old timey stuff. Well, Don had enough after a few years, I don't know how long he was editor as his tenure went back to the pre Olson era in the club. After the Airlines ended, a kid and his dad took over compiling the newsletter. I cannot remember their names. Whew the newsletter entered some dark days when they were running it. I don't want to be mean... ok maybe I kind of do but the club newsletter was a complete piece of crap. No foolin'. Most of the time it just plain old didn't come out which was probably for the best anyway. Remember this was when most if not all members received the newsletter by U. S. Mail. The newsletter was vital to the club, not everyone had email and I would guess most Circle Masters didn't have a computer yet. After a few months of this mess, president Pete looked over at me at a meeting and declared me the new newsletter guy. I said ok and that was it.

The first couple of years for the Circulator were sometimes rocky. We had constant problems with format compatibility with Mike's daughter Krista printing and still mailing the issues out. Sometimes I would slave over the blasted thing for nights only to find that nobody received it because it didn't arrive at Mike's business on time, or when I began emailing it to Krista, my Microsoft Publisher files wouldn't open. Things took a dramatic turn for the better when the club bought a retail copy of Adobe Acrobat and handed it over to me, as I recall, it wasn't cheap. After this things usually went off without a hitch. I do not recall when we started emailing most of the newsletters out instead of sending out hard copies but it really greased the wheels for distributing it to the members. On a sad note, every issue of the Circulator was generated completely as a computer file with no paper copy. In 2008 the zip disk that all issues up to that point were on, crashed and the early Circulators were lost. I looked into have a data recovery outfit attempt to recover the files. Would have been nice since I had a half dozen original design plans on that disk also. The problem was they wanted over a cool thousand dollars to attempt recovering my files. That was not going to happen. Somewhere along the line we were able to go to a much more visual format since there was no cost for duplication as it was being emailed out to all but a couple of hold out members. That brings us to the current style.

I hope you folks have been pleased with the newsletter for the past sixteen years. I put a lot of effort into generating articles and content more like that found in magazines than a traditional club newsletter. I have seen material taken from the Circulator show up in other newsletters around the country so I know it was respected by others.

What now? Well, I'm looking forward to being more of a regular Circle Master for a while. I also have some other writing opportunities available that I have not been pursuing due mostly to a lack of time. We will have to wait and see. Maybe I'll start talking nice to people! Nahh.

So here I go, officially signing off from Circle Masters Outpost North for the final time. Merry Christmas I hope Santa brings you all of the ukie goodies you asked for. I'm usually on the naughty list.

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CIRCLE MASTERS FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES for November 2019

The November meeting of the Circle Masters Flying Club was held at the Sussex Public Library on Saturday the 7th. The meeting began at 1:00 PM when Pres. Chris hammered the meeting to a start. He asked if the members (14) had received the Circulator and had read the minutes contained therein. The members present acknowledged that they all received the newsletter and read the minutes, wherein no errors were detected. The minutes stood as published. The Treasurers Report was presented by Wayne. His report was approved as presented.

<u>REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Wayne reported that the Spring meeting dates have been submitted to the Library. He than gave a brief report on the R/C Assoc. meeting held that morning. In addition, the meetings to be held at the flying field were discussed. The only conflicting date was July 4^{th} , so it was voted to move that meeting to the 11^{th} .

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> Following a short discussion it was decided to accept Mikes invitation to have the December meeting/Christmas Party at GearTec Inc. A map and directions will be sent to all. Elections were not necessary as the officers from last year were voted into office for 2020.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> Howard, who makes the contest awards, reported that his plotting/cutting machine will probably not be in operation in time to do the contest awards for the 2020 contest and the club should think about an alternative. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. Mike has secured the Mukwonago H.S. site for June 7th as well as for the contest on August 2nd. The club might plan a fun fly for the June date. Dave has accepted the new position of Newsletter editor replacing a burned-out Howard who, in his long tenure, took the club newsletter to be the envy of many other newsletter editors. Many members have said that they looked forward to Howard's wit and wisdom contained in his editorials. Howard did say that he just might send in more whit and wisdom in a contributing article now and again.

<u>WEB SITE BUSINESS:</u> Dave reported that he has begun to overhaul parts of the website. Stay tuned, same Bat Time, same Bat Channel.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business Chris as for a motion to adjourn and this was quickly moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Submitted by Wayne M. Schmidt Secretary/Treasurer

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Upcoming Events

December meeting and Christmas Party: Saturday December 7th. Party held at GearTek Inc. Mikes place of business. 600 W North Shore Drive, Hartland, WI 53029 Party begins at 1:00 PM

January Meeting: Saturday January 4th at Pauline Haass Public Library N64W23820 Main Street, Sussex, WI 53089 meeting at 1:00 PM. Social hour begins at noon.

R/C Association Swap Meet: Sunday January 26th at the Washington County Fairgrounds. See flyer in this issue.





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: 2 admissions per table allowed, 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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