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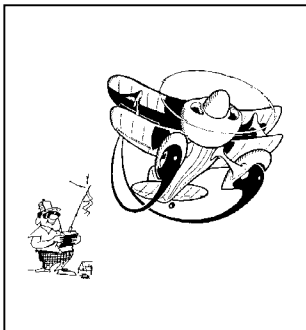
## From the President

The deadline for the membership renewal grace period has expired. For those of you who have renewed already, congratulations, you have saved yourself \$10. For those of you have not, probably the same people who file their taxes at midnight on April 15 and do Christmas shopping on December 24, don't forget to include the extra \$10 with your renewal application form for a total of \$70. Before complaining about the price I'll remind you of a story I heard from a long time member of the person who complained the loudest about the cost of membership going up 12 dollars years ago and then brought in his new \$1200 airplane to the next meeting.

Someone asked about the road today. I suspect that today (March 25) it is snow covered. I can't say for sure but it's probably a good guess. At the printing of this Newsletter things could be very different. Temperatures have been in the 50's and plenty of wind has been knocking down the snow pretty good. Last year the road dried up quickly and we were able to access the field early. As always, please use good judgment in the spring. One bad decision to "try it" too soon could result in costly road repairs that the club treasury just can't afford. As I sit here thinking about it, it would be entirely appropriate to have the entire cost of repairs paid by the person(s) making the damage, wouldn't it? Enough Said?

Remember the little helicopter Ray brought to a meeting and later Bruce brought in to fly in the meeting hall? Well, I have been thinking about it since then and finally decided to stop by the hobby shop and get one. What a whole bunch of fun those things are. I got the Blade CX2 and have flown it several times now. So far I have only had to put a couple new rotor blades on it. If you think parts are expensive, guess again. A package of 4 blades (two sets) are less than 5 bucks. Oh, yea, I also had to replace the lower rotor head, yikes? Nope, less than 6 bucks. Not bad for never having flown a heli before except for about five minutes of simulator time on a computer and I don't have the training stabilizer. To be honest, all the damage I have had so far has come from my showing off or being much too aggressive with my self-training. I broke the rotor head by hitting a pallet in my basement trying to fly circles when I should have been practicing tail in hover. The broken blades came from my doing spot landings on the table at work in the lunch-room (showing off). The smooth table surface allowed the Blade CX2 to slip off the edge and it hit the floor before I could get the throttle to the off position. If **It** survives **me** until the next meeting, I may remember to bring it in.

Don't forget to bring in a plane (for plane of the month) and or something to show-n-tell. It's a good time to do some pre-season maintenance too. Check those planes for hanger damage over the winter and give the transmitter and receiver batteries a cycle a couple times between now and May(if you haven't flown this winter)  
See you at the meeting,  
Nelson Frost



## Minutes from the last meeting.

The March 2007 meeting of Sky Streakers was called to order by President Nelson Frost, at 7 p.m. with 16 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

There was a board meeting before the regular club meeting and results of the meeting were presented to the membership present.

Nelson talked about Club expenses and the possibility of a dues increase. It was decided by the Board not to ask for one this year. The mowing takes the largest amount of our cash, but is dependant on much rain we get as to how expensive the year is.

The new training program final draft was presented to the board and only one change was made before accepting it.

Changes were made to the bylaws as required to bring them up to date concerning the new training program etc.

Changes were accepted as presented.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### SHOW & TELL

Bruce Morse showed the members a couple of items he has discovered to be of use by modelers. The first was of a nice little hand sander and the second a can of refrigeration coil cleaner in a spray can to really clean those glow engines.

### FUEL RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners were John Leeman and Kurt Lewis.

### PLANE OF THE MONTH

Don Rawnsley brought in an Aeronca Champ that he picked up at a swap meet. He had made floats for it. He took the honors for plane of the month.

Bruce Morse brought in a small Biplane model that he had rebuilt after it had been attacked by a tree.

There was also a Sky Raider II model on skis, but didn't get the name of the builder.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mac McLaughlin, Secretary



## Winter Flying

Well as you can see this winter was a lot of fun I would like to thank all the people who join us out on the ice. As a rookie pilot I found that flying off the snow can be a lot of fun, but make sure you have lots of xtra landing gear. (right Charlie) As always we have many stories to tell. So now it is time to get ready for the spring flying back at the field so as we get our planes out of storage make sure you give them a good going over so they don't look like this.



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