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From the president:

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and you haven't received one in the mail for quite a while, You need to go to the website and update your e-mail address. If you don't know how, just ask. I got a half dozen e-mails kicked back to me last week as undeliverable. So please keep your information updated on the site. It is our official club roster so it is important. Thank you for your assistance.

The latest version of the membership application is on the website. Please print it out and use it for all new and renewal memberships. It has the correct mailing address and fee schedule for the current year. Also please note that if you are a new member this year or are a member renewing from last year and you require training for the purpose of obtaining your wings, the \$20 training fee will apply to you. Please remit it with your initial or renewal application or if you have already paid for 2007, please remit the training fee to the club secretary, Mac McLaughlin.

I am pleased and excited about the changes the club has made to our training program. I believe we are headed in a direction that will both benefit trainees and the club in the years ahead. I hope to develop a "frequently asked questions" page soon to help clear up any uncertainties.

I am calling a directors meeting for Thursday night before the regular club meeting. All directors/officers please make every effort to be at the AmVets hall for a prompt 6:30 pm start. The topics of the meeting will be review of dues structure, club treasury, and By-laws change to reflect new training program if needed. If you can't make it and have some input either way, call or e-mail me and I will bring your input to the meeting. The directors meeting will adjourn at 7pm for the start of the regular monthly meeting.

Happy flying,

Nelson Frost

2007 EVENTS

June 17 Cub/High wing fly in
August 25 &26 Scale Shoot Out

July ?? IMAC

The February 2007 meeting of Skystreakers R/C was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Nelson Frost, with 22 members present.

The Treasurers report was given by Dave Edwards and was accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

None discussed

NEW BUSINESS

Dates for upcoming events for the year were requested by Peter Flannagan. Father's Day, June 17th for the annual High Wing Fun Fly, and August 25 and 26 for the Scale Shootout, which will be hosted by Peter and Bill Lairsey this year. The above dates were accepted for both events.

Dave Martin had a list of events for the year, but decided to wait until the IMAC contest date was scheduled to see what dates would be available. We usually only have one field closing event per month, so the field is open for regular flying at least 3 weekends per month.

Much of the meeting involved discussion of the new Paid Instructor Program to be implemented this year. Dave Martin passed out handouts outlining the parameters, requirements, and suggestions for initiating the new program. This new program is being proposed to assure there will be adequate instructors at the field on trainer night to accommodate new pilots/members. To qualify for payment in the form of free club membership for the year, each instructor would have to attend a specific number of trainer nights.

Discussion of the specifics of : how many instructors, changing the number of pilot stations, pilot time for each student, etc., were discussed. President Nelson, after much member discussion, requested that Dave put the requirements as agreed to in written form to present at the next meeting for the possibility that they may be written into the club by-laws.

Ray Labonte requested that the Intro Pilot Program be continued. There had been discussion about dropping it. It was decided to keep the program with Ray and Mac as Intro Pilots.

FUEL RAFFLE

The winners were Charlie Comeau and Ted McKibben

PLANE OF THE MONTH

Dan Flynn brought in a nice Edge 540 to take the \$25. gift certificate.

Forest Sumner brought in a Combat Corsair War bird.

Respectfully submitted
Mac McLaughlin, Secretary



February 25, 2007 Little Sebago Fun Fly.....

Thank you for showing up. It was a last minute fly. Flying off the snow is a bit different especially if you take off with three skies and leave the two back ones on the snow. With a little repair I was back in the air. This was one of many winter fun flies, Every Sunday weather and wind will let me, I'll try to find a good place to fly off the snow, everyone is invited. My email is johnleeman@aol.com