



Club Information

President: Don Bourdon
Vice President: Brett Springall
Secretary/Treasurer: Seth Nagy
Safety Officer: Chuck Byrd
Field Marshall: Ron Miller
Assistant Field Marshall: Tony Triplett
Intro Pilots: Seth Nagy, Vic Welland,
& William Bradshaw

A Note From The President

Happy New Year Everyone. I hope you all had a merry and joyous holiday season. Thank you to all who brought goodies to our Christmas Party. If you missed it, you missed a good time and a good feed.

At our meeting we will address upcoming club activities and prioritizing the field improvements that were passed out at our November meeting. If you have any ideas you want to share with us but can't attend the meeting, just email them to or call a club officer and we will make sure they are presented at the meeting.

Our club continues to grow in membership. At the November meeting we inducted two new members, David Groom and Scott Allen. If you see Dave or Scott at the field be sure to introduce yourself and say HEY.

Thanks to all who braved the cold and the wind to help out with the December field work day. Several tree magnets and fabric gashes were eliminated. We even got in a flight or two before the fingers went numb.

Remember, our 2009 club dues need to be paid this month if you have not already done so. Also, your AMA dues should be renewed by now.

Don B

Next Meeting

The next club meeting is
Tuesday, January 20 7:00 pm
at the Library.

December meeting minutes

The meeting was basically a wide variety of chit chat and introductions to family members and friends mixed with munching noises.

From the Editor

As Don mentioned it's dues time again. Please take the opportunity to get that taken care of right now.... You can come back to reading the newsletter after writing the check.

Now that we have that out of the way, back to what keeps our club great. Many of you have given me your channel numbers and I will have a spreadsheet generated soon. Thanks

We will be holding our pylon race in two weeks. I have gotten word that we will have at least ten racers coming from all around including the Raleigh area and South Carolina. This will mark the first race of the newly formed Southern Pylon Racing Association. For more information on this go to <http://pylonracing.org> Seth has done a nice job of making a calendar of upcoming events of interest. I know I will need as many volunteers as possible. Please send me an email or call me if you can help.

Don also has come up with an idea to hold a Skimmer/sailplane event. I'm sure he will want to discuss it at the meeting. It sounds like a fun idea.

Since we are enduring a cold snap and most likely spending a little more time in the shop, a safety announcement might be appropriate. I got a sharp reminder of how well an exacto blade can go thru a fingertip recently. I didn't feel a thing till I saw a little piece of finger twitching on the cutting mat. The reminder came pretty quickly after that.

I'll spare you the gory details but thought we might all benefit from a little reminder of how a simple operation in our shop can lead to a complicated one in the ER.

The field has been busy with flying even with the cold weather. It won't be long till the winds of spring come calling again. Even though our fingers get a little slow it's a great time to enjoy bright skies and calm winds. Try to get out when you can, we have been having a great time.

I haven't heard from anyone lately about build projects so I'll share mine. Most of you guys know I spend a lot of time building racers, but I took a little venture away from my normal activity while waiting for some glue to dry and other parts to arrive. Control line planes are a key element in many of our members' early model flying experience, but not mine. I am one who showed up in time to enjoy the benefits of quality radio equipment and reliable engines and went straight to RC. On occasion, someone would bring a CL plane to one of the events I visited. They always looked pretty neat. At one such event, a kind soul brought a Goldberg Wizard for the kids to fly. If you have never seen a group of kids fly little circles and fall down dizzy, you are missing out on a great show. My son, Spencer, was one who really had a good time with it and did a fine job without ditching the plane before running out of fuel. The previously mentioned kind soul told me to take the plane home and copy it so I could build one for Spence. Here are some pictures of the result. It was a special moment to see the look of satisfaction on his face when we put the engine together from a box of parts and got it running the first time. We are looking forward to flying it. What a great hobby we have!

Enjoy building and flying. Share it with someone soon.

Vic

Meeting Agenda

Welcome Everyone Approve Meeting Agenda
 New Member Applications

Reports

Secretary/Treasurer Reports Minutes
 Financial
 Membership Safety Report
 Field Report Intro Pilot Report



Old Business

Club Election Results Field/runway Improvements
 Pylon Race

New Business

Club and AMA Dues
 Field/runway Improvement Prioritizations
 Ideas to increase club participation
 Activity calendar for 2009

Event Announcements

BARKS Swap Meet - Burlington, NC - Jan 24, Cam Quickie 25 race Jan, 31, Joe Nall Fly-In - Woodruff, SC - May 13-16, 2009

T-Shirts - **one size L left**

Adjourn Business Session Auction & Show-N-Tell