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MEETING NOTICE
March 10, 2015
7:00 PM
Wausau Municipal
Airport

Coming Events

- Mar. 10, 2015 Monthly Meeting**
Wausau Municipal Airport
7:00 PM
- April 14, 2015 Monthly Meeting**
Wausau Municipal Airport
7:00 PM
- April 18, 2015 Field Set –up for 2015**
Flying season
- May 5, 2015 Monthly Meeting**
Wausau Municipal Airport
7:00 PM



WINTER FUN FLY

Letter From the President

Hello All

It seems like the grip of winter is finally giving up a little bit. Now on to another great season of flying.

The Winter Fun Fly was a great day, our participation was way down from previous events, I guess it was just too warm out. It was a gorgeous day to be out flying, the sky was clear and there was very little wind, we had about six people flying total. I had my first opportunity to fly off of floats and it was fantastic. I love to bring it in gently and let it slide across the snow for the length of the field and then take off again. I flew as much as my batteries would allow.

As the busy season approaches, it is time for us to think about funding our club raffles for 2015. The last few years we were fortunate to have many donations and we bought a big stock of prize items from Popes closing sale. That supply is now exhausted and we must start from scratch to get a full stock of prizes. I have one major prize donated that will go on our table for the Fun Fly. If anyone has any new in the box planes or other related items to donate we will start collecting them soon. The board will solicit some of the vendors that have supplied prizes in the past.

Congratulations to everyone on receiving notification that our club has once again received Leader Club status for 2015.

As the snow starts to melt and the weather gets nicer for flying remember that the Rib River usually floods in the spring and can completely cover the field. If you are out at the field and see the water starting to rise getting close to covering the road, get out of there as soon as possible. I have seen the water level rise very quickly and block the exit in a matter of minutes.

If you have built a new plane over the winter, be sure to check over all the connections. A popular mistake is going through the set up of a new plane and leaving the screw out of the

servo shaft until you are all done with set up, and then forgetting to put it in.

Our next event will be Spring set up on April 18th, we could use a good crew there get the road into shape, fill pot holes in the field and whatever else needs to be done.

Happy Spring we made it through another winter.

Louie

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WAUSAU R/C SPORTSMEN CLUB INC.
February 10, 2015

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Louie Stark at the Wausau Municipal Airport at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was started with a round of introductions. Thirteen members were present.

Minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Parker Merrill and seconded by Ron Erhardt.

Completed/In Progress Events and Program Reviews

- a. Mall Show: The event went well with a good variety of airplanes and helicopters and quadcopters on display. Thanks went out to Sears for providing a 70" TV set for the flight simulator. This drew the attention of many visitors and encouraged folks to inquire about RC flying and the club in general. We hope we can get the large screen TV again next year.
- b. Parker mentioned that Caleb Cox from TV-9 and his wife took

their hand at the simulator and very much enjoyed the experience. It was mentioned that, perhaps we could get a TV crew to do an interest story on the club, and get some positive press on our hobby.

- c. John reported that eight people signed up for summer pilot training. Of those, at least three are very interested. A foot note: Emails went out to these people thanking them for their interest and directing them to the WRCS web site for more information.
- d. Ron gave a special thanks to all those who came early Friday evening to help with the event setup.

Coming Events

- A. Winter Fun Fly
 - a. The Winter Fun Fly will be Saturday, February 21st.
 - b. Russ Putman, Ron Earnhardt, Rich Eastwood and Louie Stark volunteered to bring chili.
 - c. Ron will pick up the hotdogs, buns and other items on Friday.
 - d. Joe Osimitz will bring the generator, and salamander heater.
 - e. Shad has already taken care of the sand and gravel to prevent slip and fall. Sand is already out there. He said there's rock at the shelter, to fill in any holes.
 - f. Setup is at 9:00 with event flying hours 10:00 to 2:00.
 - g. Members are asked to bring a snow shovel.
This is a social event for the club and our neighboring clubs

to have fun, and no need to have any media coverage.

- h. John emailed the invitation flyer to the surrounding club leaders
- i. Louie will bring an ATV for recovering downed planes, should that need arise.

B Shawano Swap Meet:

Shawano will be having their annual swap meet on Sunday February 22nd. Ron and several members plan on going. Parker said he has room in his vehicle of a few passengers. Please contact him if interested.

Positions Needed

A John and Andrew Vehlow have volunteered to chair the food committee.

B Ron Ernhardt has volunteered to be the assistant to Dave Jaecks for site operator.

Awards

The clubs annual awards were presented at this meeting by Louie

The Hall of Fame Award went to founding member Jack Ritchie, who passed away in 2013. This award will be presented formally to Jack's widow, the day of the Summer Fun Fly. She has also given a \$500 gift to the club in memory of Jack's name. Ideas for this gift will be discussed at the BOD meeting in March.

President's Citation went to Dennis Lewandowski in appreciation for his 34 years of dedication on the Board of Directors and as club treasurer.

Member of the Year Award: Chosen by board members, this award went to Shad Steppert. Shad spends much of his time working around the field, helping with club events, training and setup.

Open discussion

Ron Ernhardt spoke on a special battery requirement in his 60 size gas powered airplane that has little room inside for space and weight concern. The battery must power both the ignition coil and receiver, but be small, light and powerful. His solution is a dual 7.4v 3200 mAh, Flightpower, Lipo battery, available from Tower Hobby. The Lipo is basically two batteries in one pack. It has two power leads coming off the battery with only one charge lead. The battery comes with a three year warrantee and also a 50% crash three years warrantee. According to the manufacture's tech rep, this solution should work. Ron will let us know if it does.

Louie asked if there would be any interest in ordering club patches for shirts, hats etc. This can be discussed at a later date.

Safety Tips

Ron mentioned be careful driving home tonight due to slippery road conditions and remember that Saturday the 14th is Valentines' Day. Appreciating your Honey is always a good safety tip.

Good of the Club / Product and Airplane Reviews

Shad brought up the idea of purchasing wind up airplanes to give the young student pilots an activity before training begins. They could put together these planes and fly them behind the shelter as a teaching tool, introducing them to the basics of flying. The wind up planes cost between \$8 & \$13.

Louie talked about Airport Manager John Chmiel's plan of putting a program together for young people to get them interested in full scale aviation. He wants to use R/C models as a stepping stone in that program. He's looking for plans for a small foamy that can be used as a trainer. He has an assistant that can laser cut the foam. He would also like donations of equipment to aid him in this program. The club would be willing to lend assistance toward this program. The program would either begin this year or next.

Ron mentioned that Tower Hobby now carries Sig Products.

Shad inquired about the changes to the summer intro pilot program; these changes will be addressed at the BOD meeting in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM on a motion by Ron Ernhardt seconded by Parker Merrill.

After the meeting, members socialized and looked over club memorabilia brought in by Louie.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gosz, Secretary

Date: 02/15/2015

Dues Reminder

Just a reminder that the club dues are due. These dues are used to keep the club running smoothly by paying for property rent, grass cutting, portable toilet, training program, Flypaper, Winter Fun Fly, Maintenance updates to keep the site in good order. Thank You for your prompt attention to this task.

Congratulations to:



Dennis Lewandowski

Thank you for 34 years on the board of directors It is this level of dedication that makes our club Operate at such a high level. You are an inspiration to the rest of us.



Shad Steppert

Congratulations for Member of the year you deserve it! Thanks for all you do



FUN FLY



FOR SALE

SIG LT-25 New with servos installed. Needs a .25 engine, receiver and battery. Price \$125.00
Contact: Dennis Lewandowski

This aircraft was sold originally by Warren Pope. The aircraft has never been started or flown. The listing is on craigslist and can be seen at the below address.

<http://wausau.craigslist.org/tag/4900159859.html>





www.sharksrc.com

8th Annual All R/C Swap Meet

Kettles
Area
Flyers



Saturday, April 18, 2015

8:00 AM until Noon

at the



Sheboygan County Airport
Highway O & TT Just North of Hwy 23

Featuring all types of Radio Control Hobby items!

Airplanes - Cars - Boats - Helicopters - Trucks
Kits - Radios - Motors - Parts - Accessories



Raffles!

*** Drawings at NOON ***



No Table Fee!

Admission: \$5 12 and under: FREE

A pancake breakfast will be available for a nominal cost
served by the EAA Chapter 766!



WAUSAU R/C SPORTSMEN

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

INVOICE
PAYMENT DUE 1/31/2015

Please Print

Name: _____

Please fill in completely for us to keep records updated. Thanks

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

AMA # _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(please print)

Check Type of Membership:

- Regular.....\$50.00
- Junior(Under 18 & parent not a member) \$20.00
- Family \$50.00 (list other names & AMA #)
 - 1. _____ AMA # _____
 - 2. _____ AMA # _____

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

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AMA and Club membership is required to fly at Sunnyvale RC Park.

THANKS..... Wausau RC Board of Directors



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