

RC DUSTER'S TAILSPIN

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From the Offices of the *RIC DUSTERS*

December

Now that the hustle and bustle of the Holidays is over, it gave me time to think about R.C. Dusters and the past year. The first thing I realized is that our past President, Fred Mangold, is going to be a hard act to follow. During his term the club built a new entrance, acquired and installed a frequency board and ran 2 successful Fun Flies. Even if he was not always there, his leadership was. Thanks Fred, from everyone in R. C. Dusters.

The Board for 2006 has only one change – Steve Baker as Vice President. For those of you no familiar with Steve, he is a great modeler and flyer. He has great ideas to better the club and is always willing to do the work. He will be great for R.C. Dusters.

In 2006 I guess I have also started my wish list:

1. Since the swap season is coming up quickly, I would like the club to purchase a club trainer or trainer cords so that new members and people interested in the hobby use the Buddy Box to get the feel of R.C. flying. I'd like to vote on this at the January meeting. One of our members purchased one last year for under \$150.
2. I would like to see the club get back to a "one night a week" club fly and student night. Some of our members travel a good distance to get to our field only to find no one there. If we could decide on a weekday that you could count on flyers to be there, I feel more would show up.

See you Jan 11th at the meeting, which is held at the Park District.

Minutes from December

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with 19 members present. The minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Lee is still checking on restaurant, as they have not opened yet. There will be a report at the January meeting. The dinner will be late January or early February. Forms to be sent out and pre-paid.

Adopt-A-Highway forms have been sent in. We have not received a reply to date. The State will furnish vests and bags. We will do the section of Rt. 34 from Leland cut-off west to Leland Road. We will do this the Saturday after our monthly meeting. It will amount to 4 times per year.

Steve Baker picked up the frequency board and is storing it. The landlord was given a gift certificate for \$300.00 for Pheasant Run Inn. He also is aware we are going to do the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Lee explained how this year's raffle would work. Each member will get 5 coupons and will get two prizes. Next year there will be fewer prizes, but better ones. You will get coupons based on attendance and "show and tell."

The new board was elected as follows:

Lee Ernest, President
Steve Baker, Vice President
Bill Brubaker, Treasurer
Chuck Brieschke, Secretary
Marty Covert, Field Marshall

We currently have 32 members. It was voted to change the bylaws from 35 members to 40-member limit.

Go to http://home.comcast.net/~heli_fool/

PRESIDENT CONT.

The club dinner is still active, so Chuck B. and I will have a report at the January Meeting.

Club hats are ordered, with 12 summer gray and 12 tan. They will be coming soon. The price will be the same as the last time.

January 1, 2006 was ushered in with Lee E., John L., and Chuck B. flying at the field. Despite the wind and cold weather they had a great time.

Remember attending meetings and bringing show and tell earns you points for the end of the year raffle. We will have fewer prizes, but better ones!

Respectfully, Lee Ernest, President

REMINDER:

Don't forget to renew your AMA so when we get nice weather you will be ready to fly!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CLUB MEETING

SANDWICH PARK DISTRICT

JANUARY 11TH 7:00 P.M.

Don't be late!!!

SEE YOUR MODEL AVIATION FOR MORE DETAILS

UPCOMING SWAP MEETS

1/15/06 TRI COUNTY RC CLUB ANNUAL SWAP MEET
CROSS COUNTY MALL- MATTOON, IL

2/04/06 TRI VILLAGE RCERS SWAP SHOP DUPAGE
COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS - WHEATON, IL

2/25/06 FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB KANE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS- ST CHARLES, IL

3/04/06 ROCK VALLEY RC FLYERS CLUB
ROCKFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GYM- ROCKFORD, IL

Minutes Cont.

Show and Tell:

Chuck B. brought a 4 Star 120 with an O.S. 108 for power. Smiley brought a large-scale balancer he built from plans. John L. brought a small P40 "foamie" electric 3-D plane and a large-scale balancer he bought at a swap.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Brieschke, Secretary

Computer Radios

Computer radios have become more popular in the last few years. Below are some affordable computer radios that are offered.

The Hitec Optic 6 has an 8 model memory and dual rates, along with sliding switches on the side. It is also available in a PCM version. The standard fm radio and 4 standard servos is \$209 and the PCM is \$245. You can also get a spectra module that lets you fly on any channel for \$180 with no servos.

Airtronics VG6000 has a 4 model memory and dual rates that are on separate switches for the ailerons and elevator. It is simple to program and even my Dad learned how to use it. The radio is \$170, which includes 4 standard servos.

Futaba 6EXAS is a 6 model memory with 4 character model naming and dual rates. It is a great deal at \$180 and the PCM version runs \$230. I like it better than the 4EXA because it has dual rates for about \$30 more.

For more info on the radios, go to
<http://www.towerhobbies.com>

See you at the swaps,

Marty Jr.