

# RC DUSTER'S TAILSPIN

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## From the Offices of the **RIC DUSTERS**

February

### WORDS FROM THE PREZ!!!

I know that for some of you making the meetings are hard after a day of work or having to travel a great distance, but I would tell you that coming to the meetings and sharing your input and ideas on items up for discussion is important. At the January meeting, 13 members were present. I proposed a club trainer be purchased, and during the discussion, many reasons were given to show that it was not a good idea. I really appreciated the reasons they gave thru past experiences. This is YOUR club, so if you have any ideas to better the club, come share your ideas at the meetings.

Good news/bad news – The good news is that the restaurant I was waiting to open has now opened. The bad news is, after further discussion, it does not have a separate room. All is not lost; Steve Baker and Chuck B. have been busy finding alternative places. It is my hope that a date, place, and cost can all be finalized at the February meeting.

Respectfully,  
Lee Ernest  
President RC Dusters

### Special Note

The meeting is at *The Park District Office*

On Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, so see you there.

## Minutes from January

The meeting of January 11, 2006 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with 13 members present. Minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. If you are not getting the club newsletter, please let one of the officers know. We are also putting IVRC on our mailing list so that they will begin receiving our newsletter.

Steve gave out a discount program for Al's Hobby Shop. If any are interested, call Cindy for internet prices, just ask, and if she can match the price she will. She will mail the products directly to you. Be thinking about a mass fuel purchase.

Highway program - no concerns until March. Then they will respond. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. We are in the black!

The restaurant is now open and we will check it out. Also, we will check out other options and will finalize the dinner at the next meeting.

Talk of club trainer it was vetoed. The club instructors are as followed: Gary, Mark, Steve, and Marty. Trainees are responsible to set up time and date.

Club Fly Night will be held Wednesdays, weather permitting. Also meeting nights we will fly. We will try to get gravel for the driveway. Fun Fly is June 10th and a rain date will be Sunday, June 11th. Should we invite other clubs? Fall Fun Fly will be just for the Dusters and invite clubs for Spring only. Should the Fall Fun Fly be picnic style? You bring your own food, or should we sell hot dogs, etc. What about a club table at swaps? More information will be discussed at a later meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Chuck Brieschke, Secretary

Go to [http://home.comcast.net/~heli\\_fool/](http://home.comcast.net/~heli_fool/)

### RC DUSTER'S TAILSPIN 1

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CLUB MEETING

#### SANDWICH PARK DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 8TH 7:00 P.M.

Don't be late!!!

### SEE YOUR MODEL AVIATION FOR MORE DETAILS

#### 2006 R/C DUSTER CALENDAR

### UPCOMING SWAP MEETS

**2/04/06** TRI Village RCers Swap Shop Dupage  
County Fair Grounds - Wheaton, IL

**FEB 11 & 12, 2006** E-FEST Indoor electric festival  
hosted by Great Planes University of Illinois  
Urbana-Champaign Armory Track and Field  
Facility 505 E. Armory Champaign, Illinois  
<http://www.gpe-fest.com/>

**2/25/06** Fox Valley Aero CLUB KANE County  
Fairgrounds- St Charles, IL

**2/26/06** - 26th Annual Swap Meet and Auction  
Peterson park- Mattoon, IL  
<http://www.stoneflyers.com>

**3/04/06** ROCK VALLEY RC FLYERS CLUB  
Rockford Christian School Gym- Rockford, IL

**June 22-25, 2006** USRA Air Races -Rantoul, IL  
<http://www.usrainfo.org/main.htm>

## New Engine from O.S.

This 1.20AX two stroke will fit anywhere a .91 will. The cool thing about this engine is its muffler, with an adapter you can turn it 90 degrees, makes a pitts style muffler!! This engine puts out 3.1 h.p. The recommended props are 14x10 or a 15x6. The cost to own this engine is about \$280 from Tower.

See you at the Swaps,

*Marty Covert JR*

## Larry's Safety Tip

Do not procrastinate on maintenance. Jan 21st, I went up to fly off the snow with Terry King in Belvedere. It was foggy and while we waited he noticed a crack in my plastic spinner on my reliable 60 Stik. He asked if I wanted to replace it while we waited for the fog. I replied that it had been that way for over a year and that I'd wait until it exploded in my face. Stupid, very, very stupid. After the fog lifted a bit, we opened his garage door and got ready to go. First spin with the starter, something popped and the next thing I remember was getting hit in the corner of my right eye and staggering around his driveway (cursing of course). After a minute or two, I was almost afraid to open my eye expecting the worst. There were black splotches in my vision of that eye and a cut right on the eyelid and redness in the corner. Apparently, the spinner was brittle and shattered. It blew shards of plastic forward, backward, everywhere. 20 minutes later, the vision was clearer and the redness was going away. I was very, very lucky. Besides not putting off maintenance, I will be wearing safety glasses from now on to start these models.

Further wanting to try out my new found luck, I continued with 2 flights in pretty thick fog. It was thick enough that it would disappear at the top of a loop (100ft) and then reappear on the downside. It was almost like CL flying, but not. I also accumulated ice on the leading edges of the wings/stab/rudder.

Keep current on your pre-maintenance and always use safety precautions around them demons.

Larry

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